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Congrats to MVTHS 3D Design students

Students in the Mt. Vernon Township High School 3D Design and Animation program have constructed a level of success dominant at the state level. The program, which has been in existence only six years, recently had a first-place showing at the state competition for the fourth consecutive year.

The computer-aided drawing program was started by instructor Gary Hatfield, and the class has more than doubled in size since its inception. Hatfield employs the 3D Studio Max software program in the class and uses deadlines to push the creative juices of his students in a real-world environment.

The team of Kolten McCaulley and Austan Skidmore won first place at this spring's state competition, having successfully constructed a 3D commercial with the theme "100 years of celebration of a city." Teams were given three hours to complete the project for judges.

That MVTHS has such a program is a boon to students at the school who wish to explore such technology as part of their future. Winning at the state level for four consecutive years is a feather in the cap of not only the school, but the county as well.