

## EDUCATION

## MVTHS students place in top 10 at Welding Technology Contest

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INA — Four Mt. Vernon Township High School students placed in the top 10 of Rend Lake College's recent 2009 Annual Welding Technology Contest, now in its 28th year in the Applied Science and Technology Division at the college.

The quartet were among 29 seniors and other junior observers from seven area schools who showcased their skills under welding shields in RLC's welding lab to try and win a scholarship to the program in the fall. The top three finishers — Matt Thomas of Christopher, first place; and MVTHS' Bryson Owens, second-place, and Jake Sterner, third-place — were awarded scholarships, T-shirts and gloves.

The other two MVTHS students in the top 10 were Brent Daniels, fourth place, and Andrew Seagraves, ninth place.

These students also received high-quality welding gloves from ILMO.

"We appreciate everyone coming out today, especially



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**RUNNER-UP — Bryson Owens of Mt. Vernon Township High School took runner-up honors in Rend Lake College's 2009 Annual Welding Technology Contest at the school's Applied Science and Technology Division. Owens accepts congratulations from RLC welding technology Professor Dave Smith.**

the high school teachers who work with these students and took the time to bring them to our contest," RLC welding technology

Professor Dave Smith said. "You students might want to take some time to thank your teacher for their hard work."