Over 100 Projects Demonstrate Student Success
at BTC's Second Annual Celebration of Learning

St. Clairsville, OH (June 4, 2010) — Belmont Technical College is transformed into an oasis of creativity and academic achievement each year as students and faculty members display their innovative educational projects.

The ``Celebration of Learning'' exhibit happens only once a year, but it provides a long-lasting impact on participants who work individually, in teams or as part of their classes to produce a variety of projects that are on display for two days. This year's event featured 111 projects ranging from an attention-grabbing chair constructed of scrap metal to three-dimensional objects, videos, photographs, web pages, written works and displays.

The project has special significance for Karen Taylor, BTC's Transitional Studies Coordinator, and Stacey Cannon, Learning and Student Success Coordinator, who helped organize the first celebration in 2008. They believe the novel exhibit is a one-of-a-kind event, which puts BTC in the enviable position of providing not only its students, but also its faculty members, with an opportunity to go beyond what they would normally experience in the classroom.

``I don't believe learning gets any better than hands-on projects where students can demonstrate their creativity and brain power,'' said Taylor.

``Students learn best when they must think at a higher level. The best feedback we got this year from observers and the judges was that they were impressed with the high quality of the projects,'' Cannon added.

Awards were presented to individuals whose projects best conveyed the college's Core Learning Outcomes, which are to communicate effectively, learn actively, and to think critically and creatively.

Almost $4,000 in prize money was awarded to students who placed first, second or third. The winners were:

General Education:

1st Place: Charity Rogers – Animal Testing: Unfair & Unjust
2nd Place: Rebekha Thorne – Love Lingers
3rd Place: Kate Grimes – My Success in Student Success

- Health Services:

1st Place: Nellie Perkins, Michele Munjas, Crystal Schafer, Monica Harris – What is a Medical Assistant

2nd Place: Melissa Cramblett – The Effects of Radiation on Human Development
3rd Place: Michael Connors – Alcoholism Effects

- Engineering:

1st Place: Leanne Sliva – Mapping Accuracy
2nd Place: Leanne Sliva – Building a Retreat

- Safety and Public Services:

1st Place: Gregory Binger, Jessica Lucas – Prison Overcrowding

- Business:

1st Place: Melinda Oliver – The World of Business

- Building Preservation/Restoration:

1st Place: Lin Whipkey – Room Screen
2nd Place: Hilarie Manion – Limited Palette; Nicholas Bogosian – Creation of Neoclassical Bracket
3rd Place: Lin Whipkey – Memorial Park

- Mental Health/Child Development:

1st Place: Jennifer Childress – Where Has Play Gone?
2nd Place: Nicole Stewart – Juvenile Diabetes
3rd Place: Kristina Williams – Post Partum Depressiom

- Multi-disciplinary category for Cultural Diversity:

1st Place: Erin Fisher- Crossing the Line: Gender & Human Development
2nd Place: Melissa Black – Perception of Death
3rd Place: Shelly Jennings – Organ Donations

- Life-Long Learning/Portfolios:

1st Place: Russell Booze – Origami Through Time
2nd Place: Brittany Clemens – Soul Provider
3rd Place: Amanda Tomplait, Susan Dunfee, Connie Miller – The Genealogy of Us

- Information Technology/Information Services:

1st Place: Andy Mathias, Brian Parsons, David Forsythe – Nemo's Network
2nd Place: Pam Crank – E Portfolio
3rd Place: Pam Crank – Power Point on Quilting

- Faculty:

1st. Place: Jennifer Redrup, Laura Doty – Creating a Sustainable Building Plan for Campus Facilities

- People's Choice:

1st. Place: Russell Booze – Origami Through Time

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