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The *Impressions Awards Student Decorating Competition* honors the next generation of our industry's entrepreneurs.

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As the industry's premiere decorating competition, the *Impressions Awards* have long honored the best of the best in all kinds of apparel embellishment. We're continually amazed at the level of talent from both seasoned veterans as well as new entrepreneurs who push the envelope a little more each year. We're equally impressed by the increasing talent shown by our market's future leaders; high school students who participate in a separate competition designed to recognize individual excellence as well as their schools' graphics arts programs.

This year, ISS Long Beach was again the showcase for the third-annual *Impressions Awards Student Decorating Competition*. An extension of the *Impressions Awards* contest for industry professionals, the student version is tailored for future screen printers and digital decorators and consists of five categories created to celebrate these young people's achievements. This year's entries were another indication that ours is an industry of limitless creativity and potential, and the judges were impressed by the skills exemplified by the students' work. Thank you to our judges: Charlie Taublieb, Taublieb Consulting, James Ortolani, Hix Corp. and Dane Clement, Great Dane Graphics and SPSI.



BROTHER INTL. CORP.'S Peter Holland, senior director and general manager (left), presented the grand champion donation of a refurbished GT-541 direct-to-garment printer to Woodbridge High School instructor Dieter Kutz at ISS Long Beach in January.

Impressions and ISS also would like to thank the industry suppliers who sponsored this year's competition. Their generous donations will enable these high school programs to continue to grow the future of our industry. With a record number of sponsors this year, we were able to award various prizes to several students and their schools, with the Grand Champion winner's school receiving a refurbished GT-541 garment printer from **Brother Intl. Corp.**

"We are extremely gratified to be able

to contribute to the 2010 *Impressions Awards Student Competition* and congratulate the grand champion student Christian Hericks and Woodbridge High School on this achievement," says Peter Holland, senior director and general manager, Brother Intl. Corp.

"The Brother GT-541 direct-to-garment printer will be a huge addition to our program," adds Woodbridge High School instructor Dieter Kutz. "This is an essential piece of equipment for my class that I



THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

CONGRATULATIONS to this year's Grand Champion winner, Christian Hericks from Woodbridge High School, Irvine, Calif. Under direction from his instructor Dieter Kutz, Hericks took top honors for his design, "Fate," which was a detailed, futuristic image that the student hand drew and created for T-shirt printing using Photoshop.

BEST SCREEN PRINTED DESIGN: AN ARTIST'S AWARD



FIRST PLACE: "Fate" by Christian Hericks, Woodbridge High School, Irvine, Calif., Dieter Kutz, Instructor

SECOND PLACE: "Amazing World" by Peter Cho, Diamond Bar High School/ESGVRP, Diamond Bar, Calif., Jon Haprov, Instructor



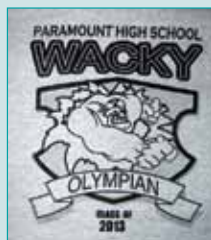
THIRD PLACE: "No More Rose" by Peter Cho, Diamond Bar High School/ESGVRP, Diamond Bar, Calif., Jon Haprov, Instructor

BEST ONE- OR TWO-COLOR SCREEN PRINTED DESIGN:



FIRST PLACE: "Pirates" by Gloria Higareta, Paramount High School, Paramount, Calif., David Yakubovsky, Instructor

SECOND PLACE: "Wacky Olympian" by Kremlin Y. Perez, Paramount High School, Paramount, Calif., David Yakubovsky, Instructor



THIRD PLACE: "The Crush" by Yasmin Vega, Paramount High School, Paramount, Calif., David Yakubovsky, Instructor



would not have been able to purchase on my own."

Thanks as well to the following suppliers for their generous sponsorship and donations: **Delta Apparel**, 288 T-shirts; **Digital Art Solutions**, a MEGA Collection including CorelDraw X4; Smart Designer X4; and 20 DAS Template and ClipArt Collections -- a \$9K value; **Franmar Chemical**, 15 Textile Trial Kits incl. six safe and enviro-friendly screen printing cleaning chemicals; accessories; and instructional DVD and printed

tip sheets for each step in the cleaning process; **Gildan**, 800 T-shirts; **McLogan Supply**, a screen printing package that includes one 1-color bench T-shirt printer; one 120V 16" x 16" flash cure unit; one spot cleaning gun kit; and one 6-quart set of plastisol inks in various colors; **Murakami Screen**, a package that includes one gallon of HV photo-polymer emulsion with an 8-gram diazo; two 23/31 pre-stretched aluminum frames with 150/48 S-thread; two 23/31 pre-stretched aluminum frames with 180/48 S-thread;

two 23/31 pre-stretched aluminum frames with 225/40 S-thread; and two hours of free consulting -- a \$215 value; **Ryonet Corp.**, a one 4-color, 1-station press with automated UV exposure unit -- a \$900 value; **Wilcom**, two DecoStudio licenses; and **Kornit**.

In addition to the winners presented here, the school with the most winning placements was Paramount High School, and the individual with the most winning placements was Peter Cho, Diamond Bar High School. ▲

BEST MULTICOLOR SCREEN PRINTED DESIGN



FIRST PLACE:
 "Once a Pirate" by Gloria Higareda, Paramount High School, Paramount, Calif., David Yakubovsky, Instructor

SECOND PLACE:

"Fate" by Christian Hericks, Woodbridge High School, Irvine, Calif. Dieter Kutz, Instructor



THIRD PLACE:

"Yes, I am a Pirate" by Cassandra Montenegro, Paramount High School, Paramount, Calif., David Yakubovsky, Instructor

BEST SPECIAL EFFECTS SCREEN PRINTED DESIGN



FIRST PLACE:
 "Class of 2010" by Ivette Rodriguez, Paramount High School, Paramount, Calif., David Yakubovsky, Instructor

SECOND PLACE: "Lets Go Shopping" by Jennie Matthews, Venice High School/Super Shop 9, Los Angeles, Art Lindauer, Instructor



THIRD PLACE: "No More Rose" by Peter Cho, Diamond Bar High School/ESGVROP, Diamond Bar, Calif., Jon Haprov, Instructor

BEST DIGITAL GARMENT DECORATION



FIRST PLACE:
 "Angel" by Angelica Casiano, Venice High School/Super Shop 9, Los Angeles, Art Lindauer, Instructor

SECOND PLACE:

"Love" by Hanan Ahmed, Venice High School/Super Shop 9, Los Angeles, Art Lindauer, Instructor



THIRD PLACE: "Pirates of Printing" by the After School Graphics Club, Venice High School/Super Shop 9, Los Angeles, Art Lindauer, Instructor

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