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New Jersey Student Wins National Graphic Design Contest

Alexandria, Virginia—Patricia Amaya-Quinetros, a 10th grader at Passaic County Technical Institute in Wayne, New Jersey, is the winner of a student contest to design the cover of an upcoming publication by the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). The report, to be issued in October, will focus on state policy recommendations to reform career and technical education for the new demands of the global workforce.

“On behalf of all state board members, we congratulate Ms. Amaya-Quinteros for her winning design. The award committee was especially impressed by her creativity and ability to synthesize the complex idea of transforming career technical education that is the basis of the report into a simple, yet powerful and visually appealing image,” said Karabelle Pizzigati, NASBE President and member of the Maryland State Board of Education.

“We are so proud to have a student’s work grace the cover of one of our publications. The design and its prominent placement will showcase the skills of career and technical education students and the tangible value of such learning to educational leaders across the country. The cover design exemplifies the quality of work and forward thinking vision that we want to promote in transforming career technical education,” said Brenda Welburn, NASBE Executive Director.

“Behind every great student is a great teacher,” Pizzigati added, “so we also want to commend Ms. Amaya-Quinteros’ teacher, Fernando Colón, for her impressive achievement.”

The contest was overseen by NASBE in conjunction with the New Jersey State Board of Education and with the invaluable assistance of the New Jersey Council of County Vocational-Technical Schools. Seventy-two students submitted entries from across the Garden State.

The development of the career technical education reform recommendations are being supported through a generous contribution by Crossland Construction, one of the premier construction companies in the country based in Columbus, Kansas.

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