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College Teams Battle at 6th Annual NAPTA Troubleshooting Skills Competition in Pasadena, TX

Pasadena, Texas, April 24, 2023 — Teams of college process technology students from across the country competed in the Championship Rounds of the 6th Annual NAPTA Troubleshooting Skills Competition at the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy, & Technology on the campus of San Jacinto College on April 21st and 22nd.

Thirty-two teams from fourteen colleges participated in the Qualifying Rounds of TSC VI in March, and the twelve highest-scoring three-member teams from eight colleges were selected to participate in the Championship Competition. San Jacinto College team **Ravens 2** won the honor of Top Troubleshooting Team, and San Jacinto College team **Ravens 1** and College of the Mainland team **Shakers** took second and third place respectively.

The four-round Championship Competition tested the teams' troubleshooting skills on recognizing and resolving problems with various industry-related scenarios, and while using computer-based simulation and virtual plant environment software.

On Friday, team members participated in process-related activities and mock interviews. Students interacted with attending industry representatives during the mock interview process and while visiting sponsor's booths. Speakers throughout the weekend included Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor of San Jacinto College, Christina Jones, Shell VP HR, Diversity, Inclusion and Employee Relations, Rob Perrotta, Shell Deer Park Chemicals Production Manager, Kalaan Vander Hamm, bp Learning Delivery Manager, Dr. Allatia Harris, vice chancellor for Strategic Initiatives at San Jacinto College, Jim Griffin, associate vice chancellor/senior vice president for the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy, & Technology, Dr. Sarah (Sallie Kay) Janes, associate vice chancellor for Continuing and Professional Development, and Shawn Wehmeyer, Formosa Plastics Training and Development Manager.

The attending colleges were:

- College of the Mainland (Texas)
 - Houston Community College (Texas)
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- ITI Technical College (Louisiana)
- Lamar Institute of Technology (Texas)
- Lamar State College – Port Arthur (Texas)
- Northern Oklahoma College (Oklahoma)
- San Jacinto College (Texas)
- Victoria College (Texas)