

## **TVCC Students Bring Home Awards at TJCAA Convention** **2017**

Several TVCC Agriculture and Ranch Management Students competed at the 2017 Texas Junior College Agriculture Association (TJCAA) Convention. This year's convention was held on April 12-13 at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. The students at the event represented different junior college Ag departments from around the state.

TVCC agriculture students who attended this year's convention were Madison Carney, Jonathon Hairgrove, Mikenna Martin, and Joshua Mills. Students were accompanied by their faculty advisor Marc Robinson.



Photo from left to right: Madison Carney, Joshua Mills, Mikenna Martin, and Jonathon Hairgrove.

Upon arrival, students gathered at the SHSU Gibbs Ranch just north of Huntsville, Texas and were treated to a Catfish Fry. This was a mixer that allowed students from various community colleges to begin getting acquainted with one another. After the meal, students were treated to a hay ride tour of the 1500 acre Gibbs Ranch.

<http://www.shsu.edu/academics/agricultural-sciences-and-engineering-technology/gibbs/>

The competition segment of the convention was held on Thursday morning. That afternoon students were taken on tours of the new Fred Pirkle Engineering and Technology Building that houses the Department of Agriculture and Industrial Sciences. TVCC made an excellent showing this year. With 3 students placing in individual quiz events, Joshua Mills placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Ag Economics and 4<sup>th</sup> in Agronomy, Jonathon Hairgrove placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Entomology, and Madison Carney placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Animal Science.

In the Scrapbook Competition, the TVCC Scrapbook prepared by Angelica Lippart placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and when all of the awards were tallied, TVCC placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the sweepstakes.



Photo above was taken in front of the Sam Houston State University Clock Tower located in the large courtyard area.



Photo above: TVCC Student, Madison Carney, served as a TJCAA state officer. Here she is taking part in the opening ceremony of the Awards Banquet.

TVCC agriculture and ranch management professor Marc Robinson stated, “The TVCC Ag & Ranch Management Students who attended this year’s TJCAA Convention at SHSU represented our department and TVCC extremely well. I am very proud of each of them.”