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Kristin Davis Named SkillsUSA 1st Place Building & Grounds “ Outstanding Breaking Traditions Student For 2008”

Kristin Davis, Proctor, has been named the SkillsUSA 1st Place Building & Grounds “ Outstanding Breaking Traditions Student for 2008.”

The Breaking Traditions Awards is sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education and spotlights students who have chosen specific career and technology programs because of their interests and abilities and who have not let their gender influence their decisions to prepare for nontraditional careers.

Kristin Davis, a senior at Westville High School, enrolled in the Building and Grounds Maintenance program because she knew it would be challenging for her. She has enjoyed working in turf management, landscape and water garden construction. She has especially excelled in welding.

Davis has been very active in her SkillsUSA Chapter and enjoys competitions. “Last year I placed third in job interview and won second place in the state horticulture competition,” says Davis. “I hope to win first place in state horticulture this year.”

Davis is also involved with the Navy. “Right now I am in the Delayed Entry Program (DEP),” say Davis. “I have already passed my ASVAB and my job will be the Hall Tech (HT), which is a welding job, where I am qualified to weld ships, pipes and anything else having to do with welding. Right now I plan to make the Navy my career.”

Davis believes people should choose their career by interest and not by gender. “I believe that everyone is equal and that gender should not matter when it comes to individual goals and dreams,” says Davis. “Whether you are male or female, you should do what makes you happy and content. Just grab your dream and go with it!”