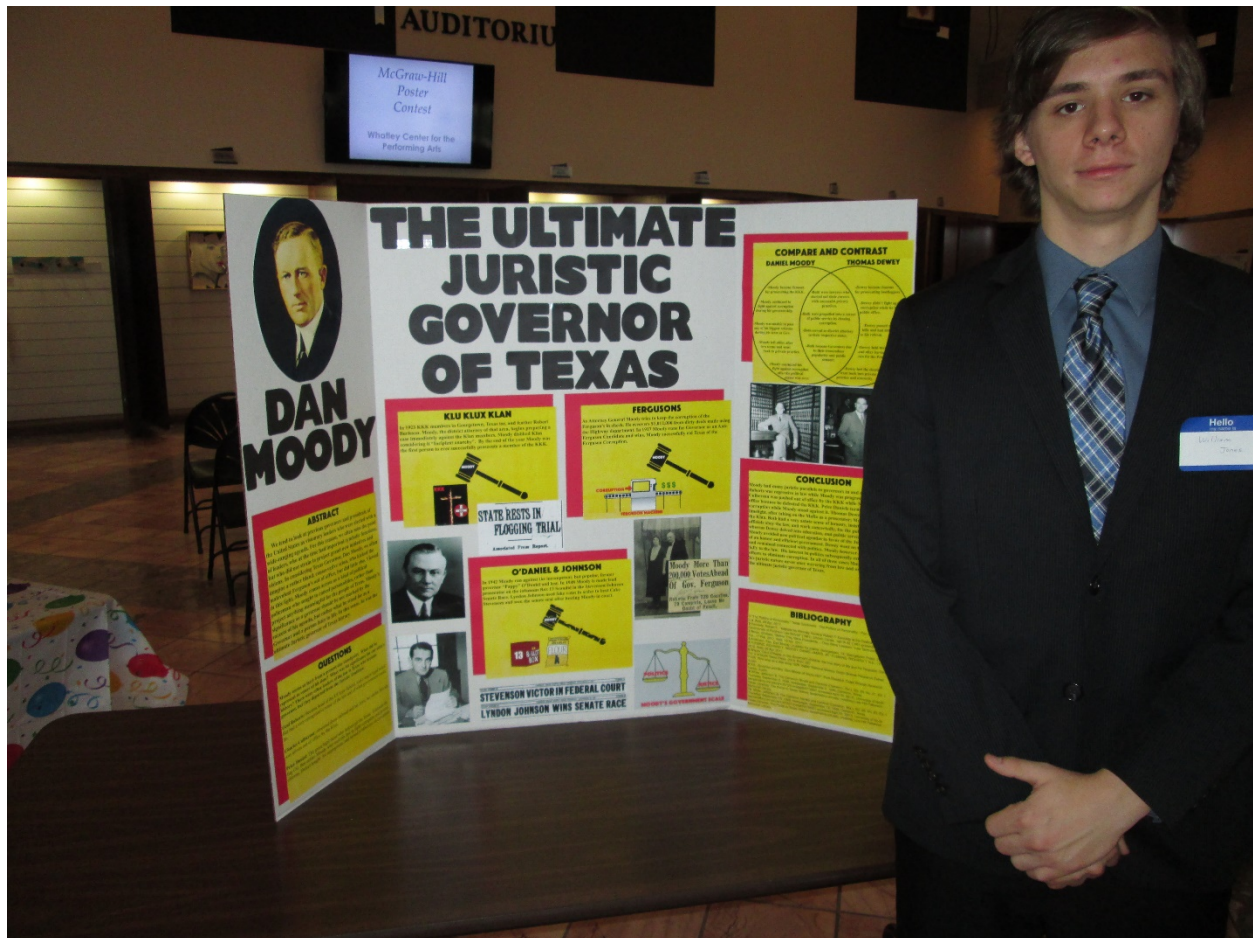


## Poster Winners in 2017: First Place, William Jones



## Second Place, Presley McClendon:



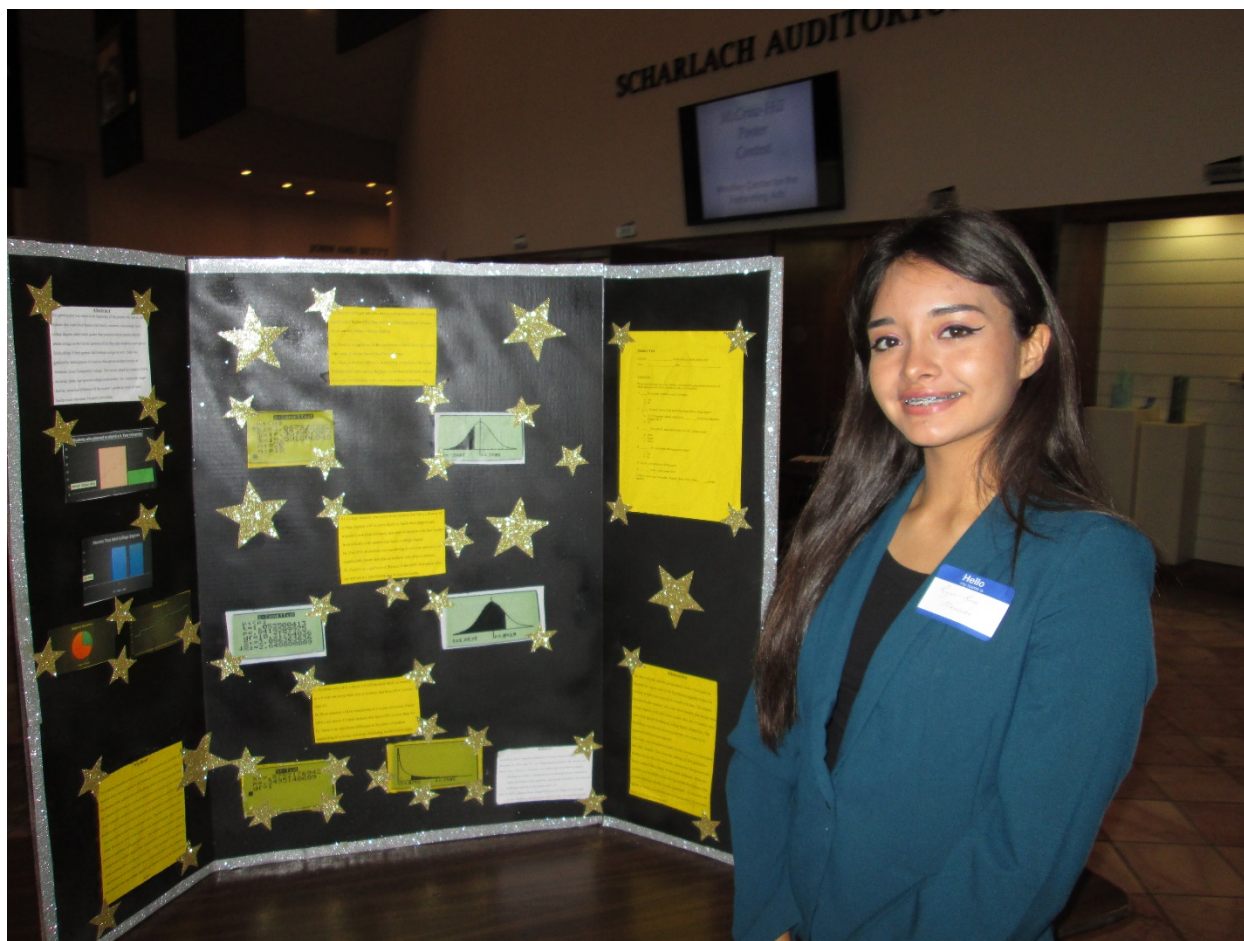
**Third Place: Kassandra Martinez**





**Fourth Place: Chesney Davis (With Andrea Reyes)**

**Jones wins Ninth Annual McGraw-Hill Poster Contest**



Above: Ryan Mendosa.

The ninth-annual McGraw-Hill Poster Contest at NTCC's Whatley Foyer on 28 April was a hotly contested event. But there could be only one winner, even if it was by a fraction. William Jordan, a sophomore NTCC Presidential Scholar won first place, \$400, and a special \$175 McGraw-Hill resource coupon for his research on Dan Moody, the 30<sup>th</sup> Governor of Texas. Jordan argued that Moody was the Ultimate Juristic Governor of Texas, one whose preoccupation with the law shaped his career, his political outlook, and his legendary victory over the Ku Klux Klan in Texas.

Presley McClendon, another sophomore Presidential Scholar from Mount Pleasant, won second place and \$300 with a poster on the "Iron Will of Dirt." Combining work in chemistry with statistics, McClendon noted the effects of varying concentrations of the element, iron, in local dirt samples.

Third- (\$200) and fourth-place (\$100) wins went to Kassandra V. Martinez of Mount Pleasant, and Chesney Davis of Pittsburg, two other members of Honors Northeast.

Martinez's work measured the effects of music, and silence on study. Davis noted the important role of Texas in World War II.

The contest received another strong impetus, and financial boost from McGraw Hill Education. Casey Slaght, a regional Learning Technology Representative in Dubuque, Iowa, coordinated the awarding of the financial gift from the front office of McGraw Hill Education in New York City.

The response of local judges to the level of student scholarship at NTCC was again very upbeat. "This contest was the best ever," noted Mary Lou Mowery, a college patron and repeat poster judge from Scroggins. Rev. Dr. Wayne Renning, the longest-term McGraw-Hill poster judge, a former engineer and pastor, added: "I am always amazed at the wide variety of topics the students pick and the amount of work they put into their project."



(Winners left to right: Chesney Davis, Kassandra Martinez, Presley McClendon, and William Jones)

Thirteen area judges insured that each contestant had at least nine visitations. Contestants with the highest average scores won. Return judges in addition to Mowery and Renning were: Glenda Brogoitti, Lisa Ellermann from Region VIII, Edward Florey of Florey Real Estate, Beverly Hinson, NTCC Trustee Chuck Johns, Jerald Mowery, Judy Hamilton, Greg Holt from American National Bank, and Dr. Jerry Wesson. Dr. Elaine Beason, a former professor and administrator from Texas A&M, judged for the first time. Andrea Reyes, a former Presidential Scholar and Valedictorian from Hughes Springs--now a mother of three--served as adjudicator, and judge.





(NTCC Trustee, and Poster Judge, Chuck Johns, and Presidential Scholar, Brenda Godoy)

Other contestants, who had to have a viable work of research to qualify, included:

Aubry Buchanan from Union Hill, Cailee Davidson from Gilmer, William Fox from Mount Pleasant, Brenda Godoy from Mount Pleasant, Samantha Hammonds from Pittsburg, Rachel Jordan from Ore City, Ryan-Rose Mendoza from Mount Pleasant, Melody Mott from Mount Pleasant, Adriana Rodriguez from Mount Pleasant, Emmalea Shaw from Omaha, Alecia Spurlin from Winnsboro, Cassidy Watkins from Daingerfield, and Leivy Zuniga from Mount Pleasant.

