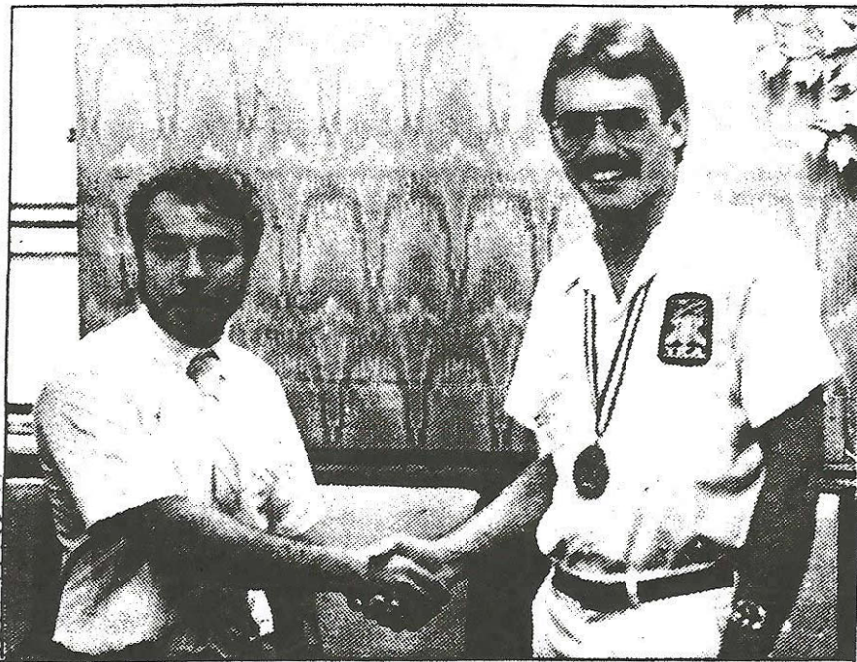


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Lee Kyle Cummins congratulates Ricky Dye who won a gold medal in Phoenix in National competition in Air Conditioning in June.

Vo-Tech Student Ricky Dye Wins Medal In Competition

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Ricky Dye, a student at the Hazard State Vocational-Technical School won first place in the United States Skill Olympics held in Phoenix, Arizona June 24-27, 1986. Mr. Dye is a student in the Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Class and is the fifth State Champion produced by instructor Lee Kyle Cummins. Students from all fifty states and the territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands competed for the Coveted Award. Mr. Dye is the first Heating and Air Conditioning and Refrigeration student from Kentucky to win the gold medal.

Ricky is a native of Floyd County and is one of eight children. His father, Woodrow, is a retired coal miner who worked 31 years, 10 months and never missed a pay day.

Ricky began competing in Feb. in local competition moving on to the Regional level in March, the State in May and winning the National Competition in June in Phoenix.

Ricky not only won a gold

medal but \$500.00 in tools and a \$250 Savings Bond. He also received a very substantial job offer from the Carrier Corporation. Had he accepted the job he would have been working in

Anaheim, California. Ricky turned down the job offer planning to go into business for himself in his native Floyd County.

Shafter Bailey State Vocational School Director was on hand to congratulate Ricky on his outstanding accomplishment in the National Competition.

Finley Begley of Hazard Vo-Tech School recognized the support of local businessman, John Reedy of Reedy Wholesale, Mr. Reedy and his company have contributed greatly to the vocational school programs for many years. Kentucky Power has also been a strong booster of Vocational Education.

Director Walter Prater said that a quality Vocational educational program relied on the support and involvement of the community.

Wednesday Ricky was in for

additional honors from the State Board of Education in Frankfort.

Ricky thanked everyone, modestly saying he didn't win the gold medal by himself, but because of the good instruction he had received at the Hazard Vo-Tech School.

Katherine McAllister, on behalf of Mayor Bill Gorman, presented Ricky with a key to the city and commissioned him a Duke of Hazard.