

Anthony Dahle Receives 2006 Cisco Networking Academy 3R Award for Rigor

*Award Honors Excellence in Academic Pursuits, Professional Development
and Relationship Building*

Watertown, SD Sept. 28, 2006 – Lake Area Technical Institute today announced that the Cisco Networking Academy® Program has honored Anthony Dahle in the 2006 3R Awards in the category of Rigor. This prestigious award recognizes students, instructors and Cisco Networking Academies that demonstrate excellence in the areas of Rigor, Relevance and Relationships.

Anthony completed three AAS degrees within four years of school. While he was in high school, Anthony completed CCNA 1 and 2. While attending Lake Area Technical Institute, he completed the Robotics Program, the Computer Information Services program specializing in networking with an emphasis on Cisco and the Electronics Servicing Technology program.

Anthony was elected president of the Tech Club, a local organization that has members from both the electronics and computer departments. The club organizes events that include guest speakers, field trips to local business and industries and a LAN party each semester.

As a member of SkillsUSA, Anthony won first place in the statewide internetworking competition. This win provided him the opportunity to attend the national SkillsUSA competition where he took home the Bronze medal.

Anthony graduated from Lake Area Technical Institute May 12, 2006 as an Honor Student with a cumulative grade point average of 3.96. Anthony has taken a job in the computer department at Daktronics in Brookings SD and plans on continuing his education at SDSU while working full time. His future educational goals include earning a four-year degree in electrical engineering.

Rigor, Relevance and Relationships are the three Rs that lead to the success of the Cisco Networking Academy program and its participants.

- *Rigor* recognizes students who take advantage of their Networking Academy program experience in pursuit of postsecondary degrees, instructors who encourage them to do so, and Networking Academy programs that create bridges to support this objective.



- *Relevance* demonstrates how participants apply what they have learned or taught through the Networking Academy program by participating in career development opportunities such as internship programs and job shadowing events.
- *Relationships* recognizes participants who have built strategic relationships with businesses and other organizations that extend the reach of the Networking Academy program and create new opportunities for success.

“The Cisco Networking Academy Program’s recognition of Anthony Dahle underscores his dedication to excellence in the classroom and commitment to the community,” said Luann Strait, Director of Institutional Relations. “We are very proud of Anthony Dahle’s achievement and look forward to the continued success of our Networking Academy program.”

The Cisco Networking Academy Program is a global training program that provides students with networking technical skills. Committed to delivering the highest standard of information technology education to students of all nationalities, genders and economic brackets, the program is designed to offer students real-world skills that will position them for employment and career growth.

“The Cisco Networking Academy 3R Award Program is designed to stimulate and support excellence in Rigor, Relevance and Relationships,” said Gene Longo, senior manager of the Cisco Networking Academy Program, United States. “We believe this year’s recipients represent the best and most talented students, instructors and academies in the U.S.”

For more information about the Cisco Networking Academy Program, visit www.cisco.com/go/netacad

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Lake Area Technical Institute is a public institution that serves approximately 1300 full-time and part-time students in 24 programs of study and 2500 students through the Business and Industry Training program each year. Students who enroll at Lake Area Tech come mainly from South Dakota, the borders of North Dakota and Minnesota as well as other areas of the United States. The placement rate of graduates in a training related field is consistently over ninety percent. The institute, established in 1965, is located in Watertown, SD and lies on a beautiful 30 acre campus. Lake Area Tech students are trained on state-of-the-art equipment in a state-of-the-art facility.

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