

# Meet Two Web Design Students

Elli Petersen became interested in web design when she wanted to make a custom template for her forum. Rico Montoya signed up for a web design class because he was interested in learning a skill that he would have fun doing, and would make for a good career. "I think a really big factor that has made me pursue web development as a career is the relaxed environment that the industry portrays. The more laid-back attitude means a less stressful work environment, and really helps to make working easier," said Rico.

At the beginning of the school year, **Elli Petersen and Rico Montoya** partnered to design a website for the Canyons Technical Education Center (CTEC) Auto Collision Repair teacher, Mr. Wootton. They not only designed each web page, but filmed and edited the auto class video featured on the home page. Elli and Rico worked exceptionally well as a team, and their partnership continued as they competed in numerous SkillsUSA competitions throughout the year.

In March, Elli and Rico competed in the SkillsUSA regional Web Design competition and took first place. They then advanced to the state competition. Elli said, "State was a bit more intense; there were kids from other counties, some as far as Davis, as well as another team from our school." Elli and Rico wowed the judges with their Web page and took first place.



In June, they competed at the National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. At the national competition, each team was required to complete a series of challenges, with a focus on website usability and accessibility with at least one challenge related to scripting. Elli and Rico competed against 31 other teams and took second place.

During their senior year they interned with Oozle Media a local Web Development company. Upon graduation they were both hired by Oozle Media as full-time employees. "Eli and Rico are doing an incredible job, and the company is extremely pleased with their new employees."

While in high school, Elli earned the IC3 and the CIW Site Development Foundation Certification. Rico earned the IC3, the CIW Site Development Foundation, and the Internet Business Foundation Certifications. Both are achieving their goals and are making a mark in the Web Design industry.

*"Mr. Kidd [Web Development instructor at the Canyons Technical Education Center] inspired me to work hard by his personal attitude and outlook about Web design. He was always showing us cool new technologies and was always very excited about our projects."*

*Rico Montoya*

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