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Agriscience Student takes 1st Place in Floral Expo

JACKSON, Mich. – Elizabeth Couling, a Concord High School and Jackson Area Career Center agriscience student, finished in first place while competing against 36 other students at the Great Lakes Floral Design Expo in Grand Rapids on March 1.

“We are very proud of Elizabeth; we haven’t had a student place in this competition in several years,” said Liz Tomac, Jackson Area Career Center agriscience instructor. “Our students also worked side by side with professionals who were holding workshops at the competition.”

Couling’s unique design of an endless circle of flowers in eight vases won the judges over.

“I was shocked when I found out I won,” said Couling. “This was my first competition and this will look good on my resume!”

Couling hopes to open her own floral shop in the future and plans on attending Eastern Kentucky University in the fall to major in floraculture.

The Career Center’s Agriscience class covers the study of plants and animals. Students choose classes as an elective to their high school schedule through their local school counselor. The first year provides exploration of all facets of agriculture. Second-year students begin to refine their choices in either the plant or animal field.

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Photo and Caption: Jackson Area Career Center’s Agriscience student Elizabeth Couling, a senior from Concord, proudly displays her 1st-place floral design at the Great Lakes Floral Expo in Grand Rapids.

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