RMC FLIGHT TEAM TOPS COMPETITION FOR OVERALL SAFETY AWARD

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BILLINGS -- The Rocky Mountain College National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) Flight Team scored impressively at the regional competition, October 12-16, 2011, in Rangley, Colo., according to Dan Hargrove, Rocky Mountain College director of aviation.

“The team won the overall safety award, which we are very proud about,” Hargrove said of the regional competition in Colorado. “We also scored third overall which earned them an invitation to Nationals.”

The RMC flight team competed against Metro State College of Denver, Colorado Northwestern Community College, Utah State University, Utah Valley State College and the United States Air Force Academy.

Jason Tobin of Billings, Mont., placed first in the Simulated Comprehensive Aircraft Navigation (SCAN) test, arguably the hardest of all events, according Mike Damrow, RMC’s team captain, of Tomah, Wis.

James Campbell, of La Jolla, Calif., placed second in the top pilot competition and Damrow placed third overall.

“Our invitation to the national competition wasn’t given to us,” said Damrow. “Everyone on the team earned this spot. It was great to see the RMC team do so well, we’re all looking forward to competing at a national level in May.”

The National Competition will be hosted by Kansas State University in May.

The 2011 RMC NIFA Flight team includes: Mike Damrow, of Tomah, Wis.; Bo Grandy, of Mapleton, Ill.; Victor Vega, of Las Vegas, Nev.; Erik Sahagun, of West Corina, Calif.; Marc Halderman, of Pierre, S.D.; James Campbell, of La Jolla, Calif.; Riley Boyd, of Chestnut, Ill.; Chris Farmer, of Billings, Mont.; Alicia Herron, of Sierra Madre, Calif.; Kim Cordova, of Corona, Calif.; Jason Tobin, of Billings, Mont.; Tyler Reed, of Lewistown, Mont.; Seth Livengood, of Carson, Iowa; Zach Witt, of Redmond, Wash.; and Kyle Irving, of Cordova, Alaska.

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