Mote & Associates Celebrates Engineer's Week

In recognition of National Engineer's Week (February 16–23, 2014), Mayor Mike Bowers of Greenville signed a proclamation along with engineers from Mote & Associates, Inc. and the Greenville High School Engineering Tech Prep Class (a basic engineering program for juniors and seniors) taught by Mr. Christopher Sykes.

The Mote engineers mentored the students as they worked on their designs of a balsam wood 'Gantry Frame'. Then they served as judges in the annual "Engineer's Week Challenge" which consisted of the construction and breaking of the frames by 14 different teams of students in the class. The winners of the "Engineer's Week Challenge" (students Cheyann Beam, Sam Cox, Drew Elliott, and Caleb Oda) and their teacher, Mr. Sykes, were rewarded with certificates and a gift from Mote & Associates. Participants from Mote & Associates included Michael Bruns, Michael Henderson, Sean Kahlig, and Jerry McClannan.

Also in celebration of Engineer's Week, Mote & Associates, Inc. held their 11th annual complimentary seminar at the Darke County Parks Shawnee Prairie facility on February 18, 2014. This year's session was a workshop presented to local municipalities to help assist and educate them on the importance of 'Planning for their Community'. Attendees received valuable information on the steps to prepare successful planning documents. The session included an interactive session where the group began initiating a 'Five Year Plan' for each of their communities.

Mote & Associates is a Civil Engineering & Surveying Company located at 214 West Fourth Street in Greenville and consists of 15 employees. They also promote careers in engineering in other ways. They sponsor a scholarship in the spring (see <u>www.moteassociates.com</u> for details), encourage student mentorships throughout the school year, and hire engineering interns as warranted by their work load.



L to R: Chris Sykes, Jerry McClannan, Mayor Mike Bowers (signing a proclamation for National Engineer's Week), and Mike Henderson