



Front row left to right: Leroy Garcia, Dylan Duarte, Kason Perez, Adrian Mata and Matthew Garcia, Wayne Kelly, Crystal Ramirez-Garcia, & Jesse Ortega

Front row left to right: Back row left to right: David Barrera, Evan Longoria, Evangeline Rosas, Xander Vela, D' Shawn Arevalo, Orlando Castillo and Devin Martinez. Not pictured Khody Perez, Evalyn Cuellar, Jordan Zuniga

## **Brooks County Junior High Students Excel at Craft Training Center of the Coastal Bend Summer Camp**

Crystal Ramirez-Garcia, Executive Director of Los Mesteños Career Academy (LMCA), recently heaped praise upon the 13 junior high participants who chose to dedicate two weeks of their summer break to learning new career skills. She also thanked Brooks County I.S.D. (BCISD) and Superintendent, Maria Casas, Ed. D. for providing transportation and meals for the students.

“I couldn’t be more proud of our students”, said Ms. Ramirez-Garcia, citing their initiative and abilities. She also thanked the Craft Training Center of the Coastal Bend for providing the training and scholarships for the students.

During the two-week camp, the students learned an array of industrial and construction skills and then competed in teams in the final two days. All of the BCISD teams placed in the top three in every discipline, the very cleverly named “Welder Beasts” taking 1st place in welding. The students were rewarded for their efforts and 100 percent attendance with stipends from both LMCA and BCISD.

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