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VICA Day Special Program

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Dr. Schmitt was trained as a geologist and received his Doctorate in Geology from Harvard University. Before joining NASA, he was with the U.S. Geological Survey's Astrogeology Center, Flagstaff, Arizona. In June 1965, Dr. Schmitt was selected as a scientist-astronaut by NASA. In addition to training for future manned space flights, he helped provide Apollo crews with instruction in lunar navigation, geology and feature recognition. He was backup lunar module pilot for Apollo 15.

In 1972, Dr. Schmitt was lunar module pilot for Apollo 17, the last scheduled manned Apollo mission to the moon for the United States. Dr. Schmitt logged 301 hours and 51 minutes in space. He spent over 22 hours on the moon's surface.

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FREDERICK D. HILL of Canterbury, Kent, England, is Great Britain's representative to the Organizing Committee of the International Apprenticeship Competitions. Hill was responsible for Britain's involvement in the competition in 1956. His

interest began when his son Douglas, a joiner,

wished to compete and Hill found Britain had no team to enter. He accompanied Douglas—who won a silver medal for excellence for a loom he built—to the 1953 international apprentice competition. He went to work organizing British involvement upon his return to England. In 1964, Hill was awarded one of Britain's highest honors, the M.B.E., for his work. He has been awarded the Knight Commander of the Order of Cisneros by the Chief of State for Spain in recognition of his work for the youth of Europe.

Hill founded the Canterbury Cathedral Craft Centre in 1951. He has been actively involved at home and internationally with the Scout movement.

VICA—WHAT IT IS WHAT IT DOES

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America is the national organization serving trade, industrial, technical and health occupations students with leadership, citizenship and character development programs and activities. Members in high school and post-secondary programs join VICA clubs and take part in civic, educational, professional and social activities which develop their social and leadership abilities. VICA programs emphasize respect for the dignity of work, high standards in trade ethics, workmanship, scholarship and safety.

There are 43 state and territorial associations with 200,000 members.

VICA began at a Constitutional Convention in Nashville, Tennessee as an organization for high school students. At the Fifth National meeting, the Post-Secondary Division of VICA was chartered. An Alumni Association was organized in June 1973 at the Ninth National Leadership Conference.

A National Vocational Initiative and Club Achievement program encourages each individual member to achieve in both vocational skills and personal development. The program offers recognition to all members for various levels of attainment.

Leadership training is offered through a National Leadership Conference and a Washington Youth Leadership Conference for National and State Officers. Leadership development workshops are duplicated at the state and local levels, giving all members

National recognition is given for achievement in competitive activities in both general and occupational abilities through the VICA United States Skill Olympics. To date, students compete in—Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Architectural Drafting, Auto Body, Auto Mechanics, Bricklaying, Carpentry, Commercial Art, Commercial Food Trades, Cosmetology, Dental Assistant, Diesel Mechanics, Electrical Trades, Industrial Electronics, Machine Drafting, Machine Shop, Medical Assistant, Medical Laboratory Assistant, Nurse Aide and Orderly, Offset Printing, Practical Nurse, Radio and TV Repair, Sheet Metal, Welding (Metal Arc), Welding (Mig and Tig), Club Business

Procedure, Display Contest, Extemporaneous Speaking, Job Interview, Opening and Closing Ceremonies Demonstration, Outstanding Club, Prepared Speech and Safety.

Other national programs include the Dress Up VICA Campaign encouraging a common identification and a more attractive image for industrial youth; and National VICA Week, an annual event giving members a sense of common purpose and unity, an occasion for recognition of achievement and involvement of those outside the club program.

Involving others in the community, especially spokesmen from labor and management, is important to success of the VICA program. Clubs may visit industrial firms and talk with management and union representatives or invite them as speakers. A relationship with industry is vital in helping members prepare for the working world.

VICA's programs are aimed at the involvement of all industrial youth in the development of themselves as skilled human beings and responsible citizens.



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