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Lakewood Ranch student wins iPod

Lakewood Ranch High School student Chris Bessette won a video iPod for participating in the "Made in Florida Industry Tours" program.

He was selected from among students who attended a tour and went to the "MadeInFlorida.org" Web site to answer a quiz about modern manufacturing in Florida.

Chris attended a tour of New England Machinery in Sarasota with his class from Lakewood Ranch High School in November.

The tours are a partnership between Florida-Advanced Technological Education, Sarasota Manatee Area Manufacturers Association, Bay Area Manufacturers Association, the Florida High-Tech Corridor Council and local manufacturers.

After the award presentation, about 15 students from Lakewood Ranch High School's Architectural Drafting and Advanced Technology program toured Chris-



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Lakewood Ranch High School student Chris Bessette, center, with SAMA Executive Director Peter Straw and Dr. Eric Roe, director of FLATE.

Craft facilities in south Manatee County.

For more information, visit www.fl-ate.org, www.sama-fl.com and www.bama-fl.org.

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Program helps students help others

Fourth-graders in Jamie

Reagan's class at Witt Elementary are using "Gottagiv" to learn how to help their community.

The program focuses on the fact that in order to get, one must give. Students have washed windows at the school, sent shoeboxes of supplies to soldiers in Iraq and organized a "Hearts for Hannah" fundraiser to help a