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Kamiakin design team going to D.C. after win

By the Herald staff

A team from Kamiakin High School in Kennewick won the recent state Real World Design Challenge and has earned a trip to Washington, D.C.

The team of Donovan Casey, Joshua Dunham, T. Rhyker Benavidez, Chelsea Greenslitt, Senthuran Thevuthasan and Matt Gerboth used computer software to design an airplane wing. The goal was to create a more fuel-efficient aircraft.

They've earned a trip to the national competition in March.

"They were excited (to win). They worked very hard at it," said team coach Terrance Casey of CKJT Architects in Kennewick.

The team's adviser is Jeff Young, a math teacher at Kamiakin. The competition is put on by the U.S. Department of Energy.