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20-year-old wins $50,000 art job

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Ashley Scott needn't worry about finding a job when she graduates. The 20-year-old edged out hundreds of job seekers to be a graphic designer for SpinSix Strategic Marketing Design in Scottsdale. The firm chose Scott as the winner in its $50,000 "Best Job in AZ" contest, in which entrants had to create Web sites for fictional companies.

Scott, who graduates from the Art Institute of Phoenix this December, will spearhead projects for clients such as CVS Caremark and DriveTime.

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- Beth Duckett, The Republic/azcentral.com

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"I first heard about the contest from my grandpa. He actually saw an article in the newspaper and he cut it out and saved it for me. I thought I would be a good candidate because I've been through a lot of contests before. I really try to push myself to be better. I figured I'd challenge myself."

ON TRAINING:

"I know I'll be working on Web site designs and things like that. I've been doing graphic design work at the Art Institute of Phoenix in their marketing department. I've just stuck with that and tried to focus on school. I'd planned on definitely looking for a job when it came time for portfolio review."

ON ART:

"I've always loved art. I was always doing drawings and things like that in high school and then I started taking graphic design. It really captured my attention. I stuck with it. All this attention, getting my name out there as a designer, is really one of the biggest perks I think I could get."

ON SCHOLARSHIPS:

"Back in high school, I would try and enter as many art competitions and things like that, which lead to a few smaller scholarships. After that, I decided to do some college scholarships. The art institute offered some really great scholarship opportunities. I ended up winning a $30,000 scholarship."

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I'd like to see her design/mock up that won the contest.

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