

## ECBA Student Brandon Ayala Wins Scholarship for Web Site Design



ECBA Treasurer Ian Forte presents award to Brandon Ayala, with EACC Instructor Amber Kosar and ECBA officers Ryan Fountain and Maryellen Baker

Thursday, Brandon Ayala, a second year student in the Graphic Design program at the Elkhart Area Career Center won the \$1,000.00 scholarship contest for Web Site Design sponsored by the Elkhart City Bar Association. Students in two of Ms. Amber Kosar's graphic design classes at EACC submitted a total of 18 web site entries, many of which presented interesting and unique design concepts and web site functionality.

“There were several very appealing site designs to choose from, but in the end it came down to a very close call between the proposals of Brandon Ayala and Alex Sinkovics,” reported Ryan M. Fountain, President of the Elkhart City Bar Association. “The runner-up and the other entrants will have their web site designs circulated to the members of the local bar association for consideration as to other web site projects, perhaps leading to summer jobs for the students this year.”

Mr. Ayala's web site design is expected to “go live” by June 7, the 111<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Elkhart City Bar Association, as its first internet web site, [www.elkhartcitybar.com](http://www.elkhartcitybar.com). The Association's members are attorneys and judges with offices in Elkhart, and the web site offers a free, on-line referral service for persons needing the assistance of a local attorney. Previously, this free referral service was only available telephonically. The web site also provides information to local high school students about applying for the Association's annual scholarships, which are open for all fields of academic study and for all colleges, not merely those within Indiana. In addition, the web site can give free useful information, and direction to other internet links, to members of the public needing legal services or information about the Indiana Court System.