

Florida Student Team Wins National First-Place Award and \$32,000 in eCYBERMISSION Competition (WASHINGTON, D.C.)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Army's eCYBERMISSION competition awarded four students from Stone Middle School in Melbourne, Fla. the national first-place award for seventh grade on Thursday, July 2. Winners were announced at the eCYBERMISSION awards banquet at the National Judging and Educational Event in Washington, D.C.

eCYBERMISSION is a free, web-based, science, math and technology competition that allows students in grades six through nine to compete for regional and national awards, by using the scientific method to solve problems in their communities.

Each member of a national first-place winning team receives \$5,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds, in addition to the \$3,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds that each team member won for selection as a regional winner.

The "BabyBots" team was selected as a national winner after competing against three other seventh grade national finalist teams at the eCYBERMISSION National Judging and Educational Event. The team is led by Team Advisor Richard Regan and is comprised of students Conway Bolt, Ryan Regan, Judith Reese and Taylor Snyder.

The team was recognized by judges for its investigation into the problem of flood water contamination in its area. The students conducted experiments on three living organisms to see if they were effected by the following common flood water contaminates: copper, fertilizer, unused motor oil and E. coli. After studying their results, the students found that diluted amounts of toxins can have a negative affect on living things. In the future, the "BabyBots" team plans to use this information to conduct outreach to its community about the dangers of contaminated floodwater and created an inexpensive home floodwater test kit.

"We are excited to congratulate the 'BabyBots' team," said Dr. Michael Doyle, U.S. Army eCYBERMISSION Program Manager. "It is vital to our nation's future that we place emphasis on the importance of science, technology, math and engineering (STEM) education for our youth."

This year, more than 12,000 students registered for eCYBERMISSION and 2,005 teams submitted their research for scoring. Now in its seventh year, eCYBERMISSION has awarded more than \$6.7 million in U.S. EE Savings Bonds in support of the science, math and technology

leaders of tomorrow. Since its inception, more than 58,000 students from across the country, in U.S. territories and Department of Defense Education Activity schools worldwide have participated in the competition.

Registration for the 2009-2010 eCYBERMISSION competition opens on Aug. 1, 2009. For a complete listing of the 2008-2009 regional and national winners or for more information, please visit www.ecybermission.com.

About eCYBERMISSION

eCYBERMISSION is a free, web-based, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) competition for students in grades six through nine. Sponsored by the U.S. Army and managed by RDECOM, eCYBERMISSION is designed to share the importance of STEM education with the leaders of tomorrow and encourage them to understand the real-life applications of these subjects. Students compete for state and national awards by working in teams to identify a problem in their community and using scientific inquiry to propose a solution. eCYBERMISSION is an Army Educational Outreach Program (www.usaeop.com).

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