

U.S. Army recognizes student excellence in STEM education at national awards ceremony

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June 25, 2012 – Aberdeen, Md. – U.S. Army officials are excited to announce the four national winning teams in grades six through nine in the 10th Anniversary eCYBERMISSION competition. Judges chose these students out of thousands across the nation and in Department of Defense Education Activity schools for their exemplary application of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to help solve a community problem.

Sixteen student teams and their team advisors traveled to the National Conference Center in Leesburg, Va., to compete for the national title in their grade at the 2012 National Judging and Educational Event. Each team presented its eCYBERMISSION project to a panel of national judges. The Army announced winning teams at an awards luncheon June 22.

The 2011-2012 national winners are:

Sixth Grade: Sun Sensors, George J. Mitchell Elementary School, Little Egg Harbor, N.J., students Dylan Breese, Jayden Craft, Brianna Hoegler and Jessie Rising, led by team advisor Patricia Naples

Seventh Grade: Dust Bunnies, Science Rocks U, Whiteface, Texas, students Alison DeBusk, Robin Hicks and Haley Roberts, led by team advisor Laura Wilbanks

Eighth Grade: Innovation in Autism, Mirman School for Gifted Children, Los Angeles, Calif., students Jonathan Berman, Maya Flannery and Arjun Mahajan, led by team advisor Arnold Lesin

Ninth Grade: Wound Warriors, Science Rocks U, Whiteface, Texas, students Jessica Lawson, Marcus Ruff and Madison Wilbanks, led by team advisor Laura Wilbanks

“On behalf of the U.S. Army, I congratulate the students of the National Winning Teams in standing out among thousands of participants for their exceptional eCYBERMISSION projects,” said Dale Ormond, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command director. “These students represent the best of the best, and we encourage them to continue to study and excel in the STEM disciplines. We feel honored that the Army has played a role in their STEM education and we could not be more proud of their accomplishments.”

Registration for the 2012-2013 eCYBERMISSION Competition opens on July 9, 2012, at www.ecybermission.com.

For more information about the National Winners please contact Deborah Elliott at 1-866-GO-CYBER (462-9237) or at deb.elliott@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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