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17 Student Teams Advancing to Seventh Annual All-State Coding Competition

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to announce the 17 student teams advancing to the Seventh Annual All-State Coding Competition in April at the University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock, AR.

More than 160 teams participated in the All-Region Coding Competition held digitally earlier this month. The top 16 teams were selected for the state event, along with a team from the winning 2022 school — the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts.

“The department is proud of these young scholars for applying their technology skills in a competitive environment,” ADE Secretary Jacob Oliva said. “We wish them the best of luck in the next round of competition.”

Teams advancing to the state competition:

- **Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts:** Robert Boerwinkle, Vicky Zhu, and Brent Orlina; Sponsor: Nicholas Seward
- **Bentonville High School:** John Hayward, Jack Morris, and Ethan Nguyen; Sponsor: William Oliver
- **Bentonville West High School:** Ryder Johnson, Tobias Bessler, and Miles Higman; Sponsor: Steven Ward
- **Conway High School:** Ellie Feng, Thomas Coolidge, and Hudson Ledbetter; Sponsor: Kimberly Raup
- **Don Tyson School of Innovation:** Eli Wetzel, Jackson Wallace, and Daniel Paxton; Sponsors: Monica Minor and Burl Sniff
- **eStem High School:** Jackie South, Sydney Massey, and Vin Zimmerman; Sponsor: Phillip Blake
- **Farmington High School:** Heath Daughtrey, Miles Batson, and Warren Petty; Sponsor: Alex Long
- **Haas Hall Academy – Bentonville:** Veera Sai Joshik Unnam, Rithvik Srivenkata Vannemreddy, and Rishab Gaddam; Sponsor: Adrienne Ingram
- **Haas Hall Academy – Fayetteville:** Queenie Lin, June Simmons, and Dylan Gray; Sponsor: Margaret Cotton

- **Haas Hall Academy – Rogers:** Ivan Freeman, Kate Whitacre, and Ethan Lising; Sponsor: Amy Schwartz
- **Lisa West High School:** Evan Cole Stice and Madeline Claire Ramsey; Sponsor: Clarissa Harpool
- **Little Rock Central High School:** Joshua Yustana, Ethan Dunn, and Aaron Liu; Sponsor: Stephany Alhajjaj
- **North Little Rock Center of Excellence:** Tyler Green, Tan Dao, and Sawyer Bivens; Sponsor: Ayana Johnson
- **Northside High School:** Angel Duron, Jared Aleman, and Chris Martinez; Sponsor: Zachary Coats
- **Rogers High School:** Adrian Salazar, Nicholas Robinson, and Matthew Wilkinson; Sponsor: Jeffery Anderson
- **Star City High School:** JT West, Tony Chen, and Madilynn Bolen; Sponsor: Amy Dreher
- **Valley View High School:** Jackson Carl Wilson, Kaydan Tran, and Dalton Lee Morphis; Sponsor: Bryan Creech

The state competition is scheduled for April 29, 2023. Each member of the first-place team will receive a \$2,000 award that will be deposited into a 529 College Savings Plan. Each member of the second-place team will receive a \$1,000 award deposited into a 529 College Savings Plan, with each member of the third-place team receiving a \$500 award deposited into a 529 College Savings Plan. In addition, the schools that register/sponsor the winning teams will receive \$10,000, \$6,000, and \$4,000, respectively by placement, to support their computer science programs. The prizes and competition expenses are provided by a grant from ARCodeKids.

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