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## **Coding Competition Date Set; Stipends for Teachers Announced**

**LITTLE ROCK** — During Computer Science Education Week, which was December 4-10, the Arkansas Department of Education released a computer science-related announcement each day. ADE is pleased to share the weekend's announcements made via social media and reiterate where information on the other releases can be found.

On December 9, ADE announced that the 2017-2018 Governor's All-Region and All-State Coding Competition state event will take place May 5, 2018, at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. This event will be by invitation only and will be based on the results of the All-Region Competition.

"Last year, we had the exciting opportunity to see the creativity and ingenuity of Arkansas students at the inaugural Governor's All-Region and All-State Coding Competition, the first such program in the nation," Gov. Asa Hutchinson said. "I am eager to see the skill and innovation our students will bring to this year's competition."

In addition to the student scholarship awards that were previously announced, the schools that register/sponsor the first, second and third place teams will receive the awards listed below to support their computer science programs.

- 1st Place - \$10,000
- 2nd Place - \$6,000
- 3rd Place - \$4,000

"We are excited to host this statewide competition because it is important to the governor's and ADE's goals in encouraging high school students to engage with computer science," said Arkansas State University Chancellor Dr. Kelly Dampousse. "We also want students from across the state to know they have a place to complete computing-related degrees here at Arkansas State University."

On December 10, ADE announced that the ADE Office of Computer Science will allocate \$25,000 of the Computer Science Initiative budget to provide \$100 per day stipends for computer science teachers to attend approved advanced training sessions. To receive the stipends, teachers must either have a 528 Computer Science Endorsement, 5016 Computer Science Approval Code, or a

5014 Computer Science Approval Code on their Arkansas educator's license.

The approved trainings will be posted at <https://goo.gl/Lp9A87> as they are scheduled. Listings will indicate that a particular training is approved for the \$100 stipend.

"These stipends will give our teachers who have already demonstrated content knowledge in computer science the opportunity to expand their skills and understanding at a higher level," State Director of Computer Science Anthony Owen said. "Our office is excited to support teachers as they continue to grow professionally."

Information about all of Arkansas' Computer Science Education Week announcements can be found on the ADE website at <https://goo.gl/bXnWmb>.

To learn more about the coding competition and to see the student scholarship amounts, please visit <https://goo.gl/2ogvPB>.

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