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Gov. Hutchinson Recognizes Schools for Computer Science Enrollment

LITTLE ROCK — Gov. Asa Hutchinson announced the winners of the #ARKidsCanCode Enrollment Contest today, recognizing schools for their efforts to encourage students to enroll in high school computer science courses.

Schools recognized were Greenwood Freshman Academy in Greenwood, Ark., Forrest City High School in Forrest City, Ark., and Bryant High School in Bryant, Ark. Each school received a certificate from the governor and virtual reality kits valued at \$2,200, each. Gravette High School in Gravette, Ark. won the drawing for a \$20,000 computer science grant.

“These leaders represent the three schools that won the computer coding enrollment competition,” Gov. Hutchinson said. “They are doing a terrific job providing their students the opportunity to learn to code. We have earned the bragging rights as the first state to require high schools to teach coding. Now we can brag about how many bright Arkansans we are training for the workforce of the future, which ensures Arkansas will be prepared for the opportunities ahead.”

The Arkansas Department of Education announced the contest in August 2016 to honor schools for their outstanding effort to promote computer science education. All public schools with students enrolled in computer science courses were eligible. Schools with fewer than 1,000 students were ranked separately from schools with 1,000 or more students.

The schools were recognized in the following categories:

Schools with fewer than 1,000 students

- Greenwood Freshman Academy was recognized for having the highest number and highest percentage of students enrolled in computer science courses.

Schools with 1,000 or more students

- Forrest City High School was recognized for having the highest percentage of students enrolled in computer science courses.

- Bryant High School was recognized for having the highest number of students enrolled in computer science classes.

Drawing for Computer Science Grant

- A total of 21 schools entered a drawing for a \$20,000 computer science grant, provided as part of Gov. Hutchinson's Computer Science Initiative Grant, by submitting information regarding how they encouraged students to enroll in computer science courses this past school year. Gravette High School's name was drawn. The school can use the grant to support future growth in computer science classes.

To learn more about computer science education, visit the ADE website at <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/computer-science>.

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