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ADE Announces Winners of State's Middle School Coding Competition

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education’s Office of Computer Science is pleased to announce the winners of the third annual Great Arkansas History Video Game Coding Competition. The competition was open to middle school students, with competitors creating a game around a theme: “My Favorite Arkansas Town.”

The winners are listed below, with each member of the first-place team receiving \$1,000, each, placed in an Arkansas Brighter Futures 529 Plan.

- First Place: Arkansas Arts Academy in Rogers
 - Students: Corissa Arnold, Frankie Barber, and Grant Lovatt-Sutton
 - Sponsor: Mai Le
- Second Place: Lonoke Middle School in Lonoke
 - Students: Graham Biles, Kylee Bell, Mason Hambrick, Estrella Lopez, Blake Rudder, and Eli Quintanilla
 - Sponsor: Cathy Flenor
- Third Place: Holt Middle School in Fayetteville
 - Student: Josephine Doss
 - Sponsors: Luke Schafer and Tayla Terral

“The CSforAR team was highly impressed by the quantity and quality of the submissions,” John Hart, a statewide computer science specialist, said. “More students from around the state competed this year, with multiple schools holding local competitions to determine their entries for the state competition. We are excited to start the fourth year of the competition this fall.”

Honorable Mentions (in no particular order) are listed below.

- Conway Junior High School in Conway
 - Students: Brody Mercer, Bowen Cathcart, and Ethan Brock
 - Sponsor: Jennifer Abels
- Holt Middle School in Fayetteville
 - Students: Cedar Bowling and Anders Mooney
 - Sponsors: Luke Schafer and Tayla Terral
- Lake Hamilton Junior High School in Percy

- Students: Alayna Kincannon and Emily Goodman
- Sponsor: Ashley Kincannon
- The Anthony School in Little Rock
 - Students: Haley Ragland, Keira Blanchet, Reese Henry, Campbell Beazley, Claire Steliga, and Edie Ward
 - Sponsor: Jeremy Teeter
- Arkansas Arts Academy in Rogers
 - Students: Wyatt Bowerman, Colton Watson, Waylon Frank, Maddox Kimball, and Trevyr Woods
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Additional information about the contest can be found at <http://bit.ly/ARCSHistComp>. Submitted games will be linked on that webpage within the next few weeks.

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