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Borderplex Students “Got STEAMED” and Won Big at 2018 STEAMx Competitions

(El Paso, TX) May 1, 2018 – Workforce Solutions Borderplex, in partnership with the STTE (Success Through Technology Education) Foundation, is proud to announce the winners of the 2018 STEAMx (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) Competitions.

On Tuesday, April 24, 2018, ten dynamic borderland student teams were recognized at an inspirational awards ceremony to celebrate the winners of the STEAMx Competitions. The STEAMx Competitions challenged Borderplex students in a series of stimulating STEAM-oriented projects ranging from Smart Tiny House development to Coding to Traveling on Mars.

STEAMx is a vibrant, high-impact 2-day event, specially developed to captivate and engage the Borderplex region’s youth, to increase their awareness of the opportunities that exist in STEAM-oriented education and careers. With this year’s theme of “Get STEAMED”, the goal was to capture Generation Y’s zeitgeist in this all-encompassing event that challenges students to take STEAM applications and apply them to innovative, real-world project-based competitions.

In conjunction with the 2018 STEAMx corporate sponsors, Workforce Solutions Borderplex and the STTE Foundation are pleased to announce the following scholarships and competition winners:

STEAMx SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (\$1,000)

1. JOSE A. FLORES GOMEZ – Mission Early College HS
2. JOE R. FLORES – Presidio HS
3. MIGUEL GARCIA – Mission Early College HS
4. BIANCA ALONDRA PAYAN – El Paso HS
5. RICARDO RAMIREZ – Eastwood HS
6. IVYE BLYTHE ARIOJA DOLINO – Presidio HS
7. ALEJANDRA LOPEZ – Mission Early College HS
8. CRYSTAL LICON – Eastwood HS
9. JULIAHNA HAYES – Pebble Hills HS
10. DANIEL CARRILLO – Presidio HS
11. CHRISTOPHER YANEZ – Valle Verde Early College HS
12. DIEGO G. MALDONADO – Valle Verde Early College HS

The STEAMx scholarships were most generously sponsored by El Paso Electric with a \$10,000 donation, and by El Paso Community College, with a \$2,000 donation.

Smart Tiny House sponsored by AT&T

- First Place \$4000 - Riverside and Eastlake High Schools
- Second Place \$1000 - Team Woods El Paso High and Burges High

App Design sponsored by Workforce Solutions Borderplex

- First Place \$1,500- Harmony Student Assistant App
- Second Place \$500 - Brown Bag

Applied Tech sponsored by UTEP Academic Technologies

- First Place \$1250 – Eastwood HS
- Second Place \$750 -Presidio HS

Architecture Traveling on Mars sponsored by Texas Tech College of Architecture

- First Place \$1500 -The Orcus
- Second Place \$500 -Northwest Early College HS

3D sponsored by Hunt Family Foundation

- First Place \$1500 -Northwest Early College HS
- Second Place \$500 - AEA El Dorado

Makerspace sponsored by FabLab El Paso

- First Place \$1250 - STEAM Fabens HS
- Second Place \$750 - Harmony Science Academy

Business sponsored by CoWork Oasis

- First Place \$2,000 -Geo Prizm Valle Verde High
- Second Place \$500 -Del Valle High MBA

Java Coding sponsored by Sigma Pivot

- First Place, \$1500 -Northwest Early College HS
- Second Place \$500- Eastwood HS

Robotics sponsored by VEX \$2,000

- Tournament Champions -Canutillo, Hanks and Socorro HS's
- Eastwood HS - Excellence
- Hanks HS – Skills

The Prudential Foundation - Math Challenge

Middle School Math Counts

- First Place \$2000 -Mathletes from Marfa Middle School
- Second Place \$1000 -Team-Team from St. Marks School

High School Math Challenge

- First Place \$2500 - Pebble Hills High School (PMC003)
- Second Place \$1000 - Pebble Hills High School (PMC002)

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Workforce Solutions Borderplex (WSB) is a non-profit organization that provides skilled workers for employers by advancing education, employment, entrepreneurship and economic development opportunities. The service region encompasses Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties. The goal of WSB is to empower the most dynamic workforce to achieve global competitiveness and regional prosperity. The organization consists of a 27-member Board of Directors responsible for strategic guidance and policy governance to achieve goals focusing on employment, education and economic development. Funding is sourced from the Department of Labor, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture. For more information about WSB, please contact Romie Ruiz at (915) 887-2221 or visit www.borderplexjobs.com.

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