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PEMBROKE PINES STUDENTS WIN \$20,000 IN U.S. ARMY'S eCYBERMISSION COMPETITION

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Three eighth-grade teams from Walter C. Young Middle School in Pembroke Pines, Fla., have won \$20,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds by taking regional awards in this year's national eCYBERMISSION competition.

eCYBERMISSION is a U.S. Army-sponsored, free, web-based science, math and technology competition that allows students in grades six through nine to compete for regional and national awards while working to solve problems in their communities.

The "AAE" team, comprised of students Tatiana Garcia, Leah Hines and Vivian Cortes, received an Application of Science, Math and Technology criteria award, which includes a \$2,000 U.S. EE Savings Bond per student. The team was recognized by judges for both educating the students in its school on asthma, eczema and allergies and for determining what soap would be best for treating eczema. The students learned in their experimentation that a body wash with a slightly acidic pH was more effective in treating eczema, compared to a neutral or alkaline pH.

The "Cardio Crisis" team, comprised of students Sina Nejad, Zachary Issenberg, Casey Torres and Jacob Lasley, received a Benefit to the Community criteria award, which includes a \$2,000 U.S. EE Savings Bond per student. The team was recognized by judges for its creation and implementation of a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training course for students. The students gave a survey before and after the training to evaluate its effectiveness. They concluded that the students who participated in the training learned important life saving skills and they hope CPR education will continue to be promoted.

The "Heart-Helpers" team, comprised of students Ana-Lucia Pedraza, Juanita Pedraza and Johanna Lugo, received a Team Collaboration and Communication criteria award, which includes a \$2,000 U.S. EE Savings Bond per student. The team was recognized by judges for determining that a large portion of the adult population in its community was unaware that commonly consumed foods can be high in cholesterol. The team hopes to use its studies to produce a diet and exercise plan to naturally lower cholesterol levels, without using prescription medication.

All three teams were led by Team Advisor Patricia Bernard-Mark. In the past seven years, Walter C. Young Middle School has won \$90,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds by students competing in eCYBERMISSION.

"We are extremely proud of these Walter C. Young Middle School winners for their use of outstanding research, experimentation and analysis during this year's eCYBERMISSION competition," said Mike Doyle, U.S. Army eCYBERMISSION program manager. "These students were selected out of thousands

of their peers, not only for their potential as future leaders in science, math and technology, but for their work to make their communities a better place to live.”

This year, more than 12,000 students registered for eCYBERMISSION and 2,005 teams submitted their research for scoring. Now in its seventh year, eCYBERMISSION has awarded more than \$6.8 million in U.S. EE Savings Bonds in support of the science, math and technology leaders of tomorrow. Since its inception, more than 58,000 students from across the country, in U.S. territories and Department of Defense Education Activity schools worldwide have participated in the competition.

Registration for next year’s competition opens Aug. 1. For a complete listing of the 2008-2009 winners or for more information, please visit www.ecybermission.com.

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