Winners of RI High School Cyber Competition to be Honored

Regional Career Center student, Joseph Millette of Coventry is among the winners.

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Some of the state's finest high-tech high school students will be recognized today at 6:30 p.m. at the New England Institute of Technology, where winners of the Rhode Island Cyber Foundations Competition will receive their awards.

Congressman Jim Langevin (D-RI), who brought together local education and technology organizations to start the competition as part of his effort to train a workforce that can maintain our security against dangerous cyberspace threats, will congratulate the winners and speak about the importance of the cybersecurity field as well as the opportunities for young people with computer skills to be a great asset to our national security.

"With the increasing realization of the economic damage being done to the government and private sector because of weak network security, the cyber industry is poised for tremendous growth, resulting in abundant new job opportunities," said Langevin, who co-founded the Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus. "Engaging our students through initiatives like this contest will help us build a workforce in Rhode Island capable of meeting these demands and make our state a magnet for this quickly expanding industry."

More than 200 students signed up for Rhode Island's second edition of the contest, more than doubling the participation from the initial competition. They competed in timed quizzes to test their aptitude in the three most important foundational skills of effective cyber security: networking, operating systems, and system administration. The event will honor the top three overall finishers, as well as high scorers from individual school contests (winners listed below).

The state's top three finishers, as well as the top finisher at each high school will receive engraved awards, with the state champion also given a $250 gift card.

Individual School Contest Winners:

The Regional Career Center at Coventry High School- Joseph Millette

Exeter West Greenwich High School- Adam Sowden (1st place overall)

Cranston High School East- Jeffrey Tipton (2nd place overall)

Cranston Area Career and Technical Center- Tajah Mccain

East Providence High School- Jessica Cook

Warwick Area Career and Technical Center- Timothy Gelinas (3rd place overall)

Smithfield High School- Anthony Dyer

Woonsocket Area Career and Technical Center- Ryan Nason

Rocky Hill High School- Tingying Su

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