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Connecticut students give final presentations; winning teams announced

More than 115 high school freshmen will take the stage at the Connecticut Science Center on May 21 to present solutions to real-world challenges identified by four of the state's top energy and technology companies.

The students are participants in a year-long program known as Cyber-Challenge. Working in teams representing East Hartford High School, New Britain High School, and Waterbury's Wilby High School, they will address a crowd of teachers and peers and a panel of industry experts with ideas on everything from improving electric vehicle charger designs to eliminating barriers to vaccinations.

Prizes for the winning students include iPods, video cameras, and hi-fi in-ear headphones.

Cyber-Challenge Final Presentations

Monday, May 21, 2012

9 am – 12:30 pm

Connecticut Science Center
250 Columbus Boulevard
Hartford

Now in its third year, Cyber-Challenge is funded by a three-year, \$1.2 million Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) grant awarded by the National Science Foundation and administered by CBIA's Education Foundation in collaboration with the Connecticut Science Center and EASTCONN.

Throughout the school year, Cyber-Challenge students work together not only to develop answers to complex science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) problems but also to build critical thinking, teamwork, presentation, and multimedia skills. (Cyber-Challenge requires the use of advanced technology, including wikis, video, and animation.)

“This project gets young people excited about math, science, and technology and lays the groundwork for them to enroll and succeed in rigorous Advanced Placement STEM courses later in high school,” says Judy Resnick, executive director of CBIA's Education Foundation.

Cyber-Challenge corporate sponsors are Northeast Utilities, General Electric, United Technologies Corp., and Pfizer.

“As some of the largest science and technology-based employers in Connecticut, these four companies have a keen interest in developing the next generation of scientists and engineers,” Resnick adds.

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