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Governor Wolf's STEM Competition Honors Student Teams

Harrisburg, PA – With expanding science and technology education a top priority of the Wolf administration, the Department of Education (PDE) today proudly announced the winners of the fifth annual Governor's STEM Competition held at the Dixon University Center.

"Pennsylvania is a leader in STEM education and this competition demonstrates how students studying science, technology, engineering and math are using those skills to create solutions to improve the lives of all commonwealth residents," said Governor Tom Wolf. "This competition inspires students and every year we see teams who have accepted the challenge and shown us the remarkable work happening in our schools.

"We must continue to grow our supply of skilled workers to keep up with the constantly changing economy and emerging industries," he added. "That's why we launched the [PAsmart initiative](#), which is helping to expand STEM and computer science education, increase apprenticeships and improve collaboration with job training."

The Governor's STEM Competition included 26 student teams that qualified by winning regional competitions from among 95 teams. The students have been designing and building their projects during the school year and could make improvements after the regional competition.

"Through this competition, students are showing us how they can take the STEM skills they've learned in the classroom and put them to use on real-world projects," said PDE Executive Deputy Secretary David Volkman. "We applaud all the students and schools who participated in this year's competition and look forward to them sharing their innovative ideas with fellow students and educators."

The winners of the 2019 Governor's STEM competition include:

- First place winner, Bishop Shanahan High School (Archdiocese of Philadelphia)
- Second place winner, Conrad Weiser High School (Conrad Weiser Area School District)
- Third place winner, South Park High School (South Park School District)

Regional contestants who participated in the 2019 Governor's STEM Competition included:

- Bethlehem Center High School (Bethlehem Center School District)
- Cedar Cliff High School (West Shore School District)
- Central Catholic High School (Diocese of Pittsburgh)
- Chestnut Ridge Senior High School (Chestnut Ridge School District)
- Delaware Valley High School (Delaware Valley School District)
- Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center (Greater Latrobe, Derry Area and Ligonier Valley school districts)
- Fairview High School (Fairview School District)
- Forest City Regional High School (Forest City Regional School District)
- Garnet Valley High School (Garnet Valley School District)
- Lower Moreland High School (Lower Moreland School District)
- Mid-West High School (Mid-West School District)
- North Schuylkill Junior Senior High School (North Schuylkill School District)
- Oil City High School (Oil City Area School District)
- Parkland High School (Parkland School District)
- Pennridge High School (Pennridge School District)
- Philadelphia Academy Charter High School
- Red Lion Area High School (Red Lion Area School District)
- Shenango High School (Shenango Area School District)
- Solanco High School (Solanco School District)
- Southern Huntingdon County High School (Southern Huntingdon School District)
- State College Area High School (State College Area School District)
- Tunkhannock Area High School (Tunkhannock Area School District)
- Williamsport Area High School (Williamsport Area School District)

Through PAsmart grants, the administration has awarded nearly \$20 million to bolster STEM and computer science in schools and nearly \$10 million to expand apprenticeships and job training.

This year, the governor is proposing an additional \$10 million for PAsmart to expand career and technical education for adults as well as job training programs at companies to enhance the skills of Pennsylvania workers.

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NOTE: Video, audio, and photos from the event will be available for download in an email from the Pennsylvania Internet News Service (PINS). To register for PINS emails contact cms@pacast.com

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