



Three Career Center students have won this year's Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) eighth annual student video challenge. The students, Khulan Erdenedalai, Emilio Tognelli and Peter Collins, all Juniors, are enrolled in Mr. O'Day's Television & Multimedia Production II class. The contest challenged high school students across Virginia to create a 30-second video around the theme "Virginia is for Learners." The top three winners, selected out of 31 submissions, were announced at the opening general session of the VSBA Annual Convention in Williamsburg, Va. The contest gives students an opportunity to create thought-provoking videos individually, in a small group, or as a class project. Videos were judged on how well they addressed the topic, the quality of the production, depth of thought and creativity.



[Click here](#) to watch the winning video.



Nineteen Swanson students volunteered during this year's APS Hour of Code Event, which took place on December 10th at Kenmore Middle School (see additional photos below). The student

volunteers taught event participants how to code using Scratch and how to make jewelry using binary code. Ms Mindy Straley is the Computer Science Teacher at Swanson.



Students taking Intro to Health and Medical Sciences and Pharmacy Technician at the Career Center

visited the in-house Pharmacy Department at the Inova Fairfax Hospital. The students were given a tour of the pharmacy services provided by the hospital, allowing them to see where pharmaceuticals are packed and stored. Additionally, students were given a first-hand look at how modern technology delivers the medications to patients within the facility. During their visit, the students also saw how the hospital uses leeches as bandages, which minimizes the risk of scarring. Ms. Kalsoom is the Health /Medical Teacher and Ms. Bonner is the Pharmacy Technician Teacher and a Registered Pharmacist.



The Robotics team at Gunston won first place for

Robot Design in the FIRST LEGO League Regional Tournament, which took place at McKinley Technology High School in Washington, D.C. More than 30 teams participated in the event.

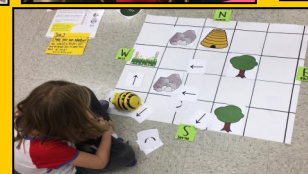
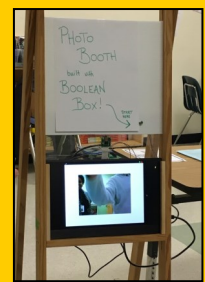


Mr. Paterno is the Technology Education Teacher at Gunston and the club's sponsor.

A Django workshop is being offered at the Career Center. The workshop, which is being organized by an Arlington Tech student, will be free of charge and lunch will be provided for participants. The one-day workshop, with a focus on website development, is scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Photos from #APSCodes @APSKenmore on 12/10/19:



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