



Congressman John Rutherford with Sarah Park and Tyler Hodges

Park Wins Congressional App Challenge

U.S. Congressman John Rutherford visited the Bolles Upper School San Jose Campus Dec. 8 to surprise junior Sarah Park and recognize her as the first-place winner of

the Congressional App Challenge for District 5. The Congressional App Challenge is a nationwide computer science and coding competition in which participants create an application or “app” for mobile, tablet or computer devices. Park’s soon-to-be-published app, Spark Care+, is a music therapy app that provides mental wellness services to users by allowing them to select a personalized music piece based on their activity.

“[The app] takes into account your activity that you’ve been doing, your current mood and so much more to present you some music that may help you with relaxation, concentration, meditation and more,” she said.

As a challenge winner, Park is invited to Capitol Hill in the spring for #HouseOfCode, a celebration where winners from around the country will demo their apps to their Representatives. Winning apps may be put on display in the U.S. Capitol building for one year.