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Academic Magnet students shine at state technology competition

North Charleston, SC — Academic Magnet High School's Technology Student Association (TSA) students won multiple events at the state's TSA conference a few weeks ago. TSA conferences offer an array of approximately 40 events, catering to diverse interests and skills, from long-term projects to impromptu challenges.

First place awards went to the following students in their respective events:

Biotechnology Design - Leah Bagg and Keerthana Samuel
Children's Stories - Leah Bagg, Elaine Chen, and Keerthana Samuel
Coding - Jacob Beuk and Zack Francisco
Data Science and Analytics - Leah Bagg
Drone Challenge - Noah Houfek, Zavier Nutting, Yamil Perez, and Luke Williams
Essays on Technology - Keerthana Samuel
Video Game Design - Jacob Beuk, Graham Gregory, Maddy Jolly, and Victoria Haber
Webmaster - Leah Bagg and Graham Gregory

Second place awards went to the following students in their respective events:

Computer Aided Design Architecture - Maddy Jolly
Data Science and Analytics - Zach Butler and Conner Li
Prepared Presentation - Keerthana Samuel
Extemporaneous Speech - Adam Leon

A third place award went to Maddy Jolly and Graham Gregory for Debating Technological Issues.

"Our students excelled in their first year with TSA, showcasing their impressive skills and dedication," said Academic Magnet's Computer Science and Aerospace Engineering teacher. "At the conference, they not only competed fiercely but also fostered invaluable team bonds, exemplifying the spirit of collaboration and excellence in STEM."

All of the Academic Magnet students who placed (first, second, and third) qualified for at least one event at the National TSA Conference in Orlando, FL June 26-30, 2024.

TSA is a national, non-profit career and technical student organization of students engaged in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Students are given the chance to pursue academic challenges among friends with similar goals and interests.

“STEM education is vital, and TSA provides the perfect platform for our students to shine,” added Beuk. “I eagerly anticipate the growth of our TSA program at Academic Magnet, alongside the expansion of TSA chapters across our school district."

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.