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Serrano Intermediate Students Compete In UC Davis C-STEM Competition



Mission Viejo, Calif. (May 29, 2017)—The Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) is proud to announce that Serrano Intermediate students competed and excelled in the seventh annual Integrated Computing in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (C-STEM) Day and RoboPlay competition held on May 20, 2017 in Irvine, California.

The competition included 48 teams in Orange County who took part in the RoboPlay Challenge Competition, using their programming skills to solve problems using robots. The C-STEM program integrates coding and robotics into math education for hands-on learning, and the competition caps a year of working with computing, robotics and math curricula developed by the UC Davis C-STEM Center.

Serrano Intermediate teams received the following recognitions:

Serrano A Team, Division 1—3rd place Regional, 4th place State

Bryan Gong Mathew Hsieh Ryan Le Matthew Ramstead

Serrano C Team, Division 1—5th place Regional, 6th place State

Corey Elggren Sarah Murray Melise Naragon Taryn Sanders

Serrano 7 Team, Division 1—17th place Regional, 38th place State

Nicholas Clancy Michael Murphy Ryan Murphy Robert Steigerwald

Serrano B Team, Division 1–20th place Regional, 51st place State

Elias Alvarez Madison Ball Nathan Collie Ethan Hall Alex Stepanian

Serrano Alumni, Division 2–2nd place Regional and State

Simon Barkenhanai Sebastian Clancy Will Done Alex Pyryemybida William Steigerwald

The mission of the C-STEM program is to help students develop 21st century problem-solving skills. Serrano Intermediate School Principal Robert Sherlock said, "This was an event where students were actively engaged to solve real world problems. They used their critical thinking skills to complete each task, and by working as a team, performed extraordinarily well!"

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