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# Avnet Announces Winners of 11th Annual Avnet Tech Games

## More than \$34,000 in scholarships and prizes awarded to Arizona STEM students and faculty advisors



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PHOENIX--(BUSINESS WIRE)--

**Avnet, Inc.** (NYSE:AVT), a leading global technology distributor, announced today the winners of the 2016 **Avnet Tech Games**. In its 11<sup>th</sup> year, this STEM-based collegiate competition awarded 27 students with \$1,000 scholarships each. Additionally, nine faculty advisors received \$2,700 in honorariums for leading the winning teams to victory. Winners have been invited to attend a special tour of Avnet's Chandler, Ariz. Global Solutions Center and will hear from Avnet executives and HR professionals about how to land a job in technology and prepare for a successful long-term career.

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"When we began the Avnet Tech Games 11 years ago, we didn't use the term STEM, but we knew that nurturing this discipline at the university and community college level was important," said **Steve Phillips**, senior vice president, Chief Information Officer, Avnet, Inc. "Each year, this event gets better and we see more students competing for these valuable scholarships. Through the Avnet Tech Games, we are able to support educators and help prepare future technology leaders for a successful career."

A panel of judges including technology executives, engineers and other business leaders selected the winners based on the students' ability to meet the technical requirements of each task, apply innovative approaches to the solution and demonstrate professional presentation skills. Sixty teams of students competed on Saturday, April 2 at The University of Advancing Technology in Tempe, Ariz. The competitors represented 12 Arizona community

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colleges and universities: Arizona State University, Chandler/Gilbert Community College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Estrella Mountain Community College, Glendale Community College, Grand Canyon University, ITT Technical Institute, Mesa Community College, Northern Arizona University, Scottsdale Community College, South Mountain Community College and The University of Advancing Technology.

“Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year’s Avnet Tech Games, especially our winners,” added Phillips. “On behalf of Avnet, thank you to all of our sponsors, business partners and volunteers for helping make this year’s event a success.”

The winners of the 2016 Avnet Tech Games are:

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Students: Taras Mishenko, Derald Mullenaux, Jeremiah Summers, Katherine Vervilos  
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Students: Christopher Hill, Nathaniel Stringer, Andrew Danis  
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School: The University of Advancing Technology  
Students: Daniel Carpenter, Ian Guile  
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Students: Andre Wiggins, Christina Bilbo, Garrett Reuscher, Angela Bennett  
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Students: Tan Duong, James Cook, Jeremy Landers, Antonio Garcia



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Since its inception in 2006, more than \$360,000 in scholarship money and honorariums have been awarded to hundreds of the more than 3,000 students and 250 faculty members who have participated in the competition.

Avnet Tech Games 2016 sponsors included Amazon Web Services, CDW, Cisco, DP Air, HP Enterprise, Logicalis, Microchip, Molex, NetApp, NXP, ON Semiconductor, Palo Alto Networks, NALSalt River Project, TDK-Lambda, The University of Advancing Technology and World Wide Technology.

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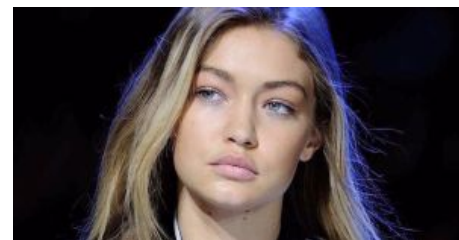
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