



RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY**POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION**

Tonight, the District recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the Beaverton School District and the community. The following recognitions exemplify the four Pillars of Learning – Collaboration, Excellence, Equity and Innovation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**FTC World Champions – Hot Wired**

The Hot Wired robotics team, comprised of students from Westview and Sunset high schools and Meadow Park and Stoller middle schools, won the FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship and set a world record in scoring points last month.

Oregon Robotics Tournament & Outreach Program (ORTOP) offers the *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) pre-engineering program to help students begin exploring technical careers. Each team is comprised of students who start the season in the fall by designing and programming a unique robot. The robots compete on a 12-foot by 12-foot playing field, and during the first 30 seconds, the robots must operate completely autonomously – without human intervention. For the next 120 seconds, team members can assist the robots by sending commands using wireless connections. This year's competition was called Block Party and involved robots gathering yellow blocks and loading baskets. The robots garnered additional points by hanging from a bar and/or raising a flag at the end.

Congratulations, Team Hot Wired!

WE Collaborate – Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!)

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) is a yearlong program that teaches middle and high school students how to start and run their own businesses. The Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce launched YEA! to the Beaverton community in the fall of 2013, and more than 70 local businesses partner with the Beaverton School District and Portland Community College.

YEA! is designed to inspire middle school and high school students in Beaverton to become successful contributors to the local community and economy, by bringing their innovative business ideas to life. Students attend an after-school class once a week over the course of a school year. Over the course of the program, students brainstorm ideas, write business plans, interact with business professionals, pitch their business plan to potential investors, obtain funding, legally register their business, participate in a trade show and officially launch their own business.

In this inaugural year, nine Beaverton students pitched their ideas to a panel of investors with the hopes of earning money to launch their businesses. There will be a showcase of the YEA! projects at the Cedar Hills Crossing shopping center on Saturday, May 31, 2014 where the community can learn about the businesses.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Team Hot Wired and the Young Entrepreneurs Academy for their contributions to student success.

District Goal: All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career success.

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