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**WV Bridge Design Contest Winners Announced**

**South Charleston W.Va.** – Over \$7,000 in cash prizes were awarded to the state’s top virtual bridge designers on Saturday, May 16th, as part of the WV Bridge Design Contest hosted by BridgeValley Community and Technical College at the Advanced Technology Center (ATC) in South Charleston. Thirty-seven middle and high school students from across the state competed in the state finals of the WV Bridge Design Contest. They also participated in hands-on engineering activities during their day at the ATC. The purpose of the contest is to provide middle school and high school students with a realistic, engaging introduction to engineering, bridges, and transportation design concepts through a realistic, hands-on problem-solving experience.

Winners were announced at an awards banquet that included representatives from the contest sponsors: WV Department of Transportation Division of Highways (WVDOH), Nick J. Rahall, II Appalachian Transportation Institute (RTI), and Bridge Walk, LLC. Dr. Jo Harris, President of BridgeValley Community and Technical College, and Ms. Kim Grose, a representative from Governor Tomblin’s office, were also honored guests at the awards banquet also held at the ATC.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place High School - \$400 each – Summer McElwain of Greenbrier East High School (Greenbrier Co)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place High School - \$300 each – Stephen Chen and Anthony Chen of University High School (Monongalia Co)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place High School - \$200 each – Nikita Zinzuwadia and Alyssa Christiansen of Woodrow Wilson High School and St. Francis de Sales respectively (Raleigh Co)
  
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Middle School - \$400 each – Emily McElwain and Catalina Ziegler of Eastern Greenbrier Middle School (Greenbrier Co)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Middle School - \$300 each – Rachel Fama and Isabella Saddler of St. Francis de Sales (Raleigh Co)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Middle School - \$200 each – Justin Dargo and Hunter Hall of St. Francis de Sales (Raleigh Co)

A list of students who competed in the WV Statewide West Point Bridge Design Contest is included on the following page.

## 2015 WV Bridge Design Contest - State Finals Participants

Callia Yang	Charleston, WV
Margaret Wang	Charleston, WV
Anthony Chen	Morgantown, WV
Stephen Chen	Morgantown, WV
Michael A. Oliverio	Morgantown, WV
Jonathan O. Gill	Morgantown, WV
Liam Pinion	Morgantown, WV
Michael C. Ramsey	Morgantown, WV
Calvin Blankenship	Delbarton, WV
Corbin Oliver	Williamson, WV
Jamie A. Rose	Beckley, WV
Paul K. Rose	Beckley, WV
Jacob Comer	Princeton, WV
Nicholas T. Ollis	Spanishburg, WV
Michael Lusk	Lashmeet, WV
Katie Bailey	Princeton, WV
Matt M. Vargo	Wheeling, WV
Summer K. McElwain	Lewisburg, WV
Nicholas K. Coker	Narrows, WV
Thomas P. Meadows	Princeton, WV
Emily S. McElwain	Lewisburg, WV
Catalina S. Ziegler	Caldwell, WV
Connor R. Morgan	Frankford, WV
Rachel R. Fama	Daniels, WV
Isabella G. Saddler	Daniels, WV
William R. Deason	Beeson, WV
Josiah P. Bailey	Lerona, WV
Jesse J. Barton	Hinton, WV
Dakota Adkins	Hinton, WV
Nikita Zinzuwadia	Beckley, WV
Alyssa M. Christiansen	Daniels, WV
Erin E. Leslie	White Sulphur Springs, WV
Sarah D. Leslie	White Sulphur Springs, WV
Charles Lafferty	Spanishburg, WV
Edward t. White	Athens, WV
Justin L. Dargo	Daniels, WV
Hunter A. Hall	Summersville, WV