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Women's Society of Cyberjutsu – Cyberjutsu Girls Academy CyberPatriot Team Advances to Middle School Division Semifinals Round

McLean, VA. – Two teams of middle school students from the Women's Society of Cyberjutsu – Cyberjutsu Girls Academy in McLean, VA recently concluded an exceptional round of competition in the seventh season of CyberPatriot – the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition.

Established by the Air Force Association, the CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Education Program was created to excite, educate, and motivate students toward careers in cyber security and other science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future.

CyberPatriot's core program – the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition – challenges teams of two to six students across the United States, Canada, and from DoDD schools abroad, to find and resolve cybersecurity vulnerabilities in simulated environments. Top teams from the preliminary online rounds win an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C for the live National Finals Competition, where students compete for national recognition and scholarships.

The CyberPatriot field is divided into three divisions – the Open Division for public, private, and home school teams, the All Service Division for JROTC, Civil Air Patrol, and Naval Sea Cadet Corps teams, and the Middle School Division.

In all, 2,175 teams registered to compete in CyberPatriot VII, including 14 teams from Virginia.

Led by Coach Lisa Foreman-Jiggetts, the team of students from Women's Society of Cyberjutsu – Cyberjutsu Girls Academy excelled in the CyberPatriot VII Middle School Division qualification rounds, demonstrating teamwork, critical thinking skills, and technical knowledge key to a successful career in cybersecurity. The team's performance earned it a spot in the Middle School Division Semifinals to be held January 16-18, 2015.

Foreman-Jiggetts says, "This is very exciting for the girls. We got a late start in practicing but I've pushed them hard and they've showed they can rise to the occasion. These girls are so smart and I'm just so proud of them. They've learned a lot from the competition - how to secure systems and use teamwork to work through the challenges. We're looking forward to the semifinals."

Following the Regional/Category Round and Middle School Division Semifinals Round January 16-18, top teams in the Open and All Service Divisions' Platinum Tier and the top three Middle School Division teams nationally will advance to the CyberPatriot VII Finals Competition in Washington, D.C.

More information is available at www.uscyberpatriot.org or from the CyberPatriot staff at info@uscyberpatriot.org.

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The Women's Society of Cyberjutsu (WSC) is a Northern Virginia-based non-profit organization passionate about helping and empowering women to succeed in the Cybersecurity field. WSC is a community of information security professionals, IT professionals, programmers, computer scientists/engineers as well as women wanting to explore and join the field. They collectively promote activities to advance women in information security.
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