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Houston County Students Win App Challenge Award



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – A team of Houston County High School students won first place in the Congressional App Challenge for the Eighth Congressional District. The students were honored on Jan. 22 by Congressman Austin Scott for their original app. Somto Nwagbata, Cheluchi Nwagbata and Bayabya Joshi were recognized for “HCBE Alerts,” a school safety app they created.

As the Eighth District’s top winner, all three students have been invited to a #HouseofCode event in Washington, D.C. this spring. Their app will also be on display at the U.S. Capitol and on the official U.S. House of Representatives website in the spring.

“The demand for STEM and coding skills will only continue to grow, and my office is excited to host this annual competition to give students and educators the opportunity to implement these critical skills in our Georgia classrooms,” said Congressman Austin Scott. “I’d like to congratulate Somtochukwu Nwagbata, Cheluchi Nwagbata, and Bayabya Joshi on winning our 2019 Congressional App Challenge for Georgia’s Eighth District, and I look forward to seeing their future growth and successes in critical fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.”

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Learn about their winning app at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hdaxH_hOmU&t=1s. The students are members of the school's Coding Club. Ashley Kell, CTAE Teacher\FBLA Adviser serves as their club advisor.

Kell said, "I am very proud of the work that these three students have put into creating such a useful app. I know that this is just the beginning for them and their respective careers in computer science."

The Congressional App Challenge is a competition for secondary students where they create original apps. The goal of the competition is to inspire and engage secondary students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), coding and computer science.

Pictured (from left) are: Deputy Superintendent Cindy Flesher, Kell, Cheluchi Nwagbata, Bayabya Joshi, Somto Nwagbata, Congressman Scott and Principal Dr. Doug Rizer.

Houston County High School is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins. For more information about this contest, please visit this website: <https://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/about/>. One may also contact Kell at ashley.kell@hcbe.net or Alice Johnson, District Director for Congressman Scott, at Alice.Johnson@mail.house.gov.

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