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Poway Unified Cybersecurity Team Wins Big at Virtual CyberPatriot National Finals Competition

(San Diego, CA) – On May 2, 2020, Poway Unified School District’s Team CyberAegis competed in the first-ever virtual CyberPatriot National Finals Championship. The District is pleased to announce that out of 11 awards for which the team was eligible, CyberAegis took home nine, including two national championship titles. They now have five National Champion teams in five years.

Below is a partial list of the CyberPatriot awards Poway Unified students took home:

- CyberPatriot National Champion, Middle School Division
 - **CyberAegis Polariton – Design39 Campus**
- CyberPatriot National Champion, Open Division
 - **CyberAegis Strange Quark II – Del Norte High School**
- CyberPatriot Runner-Up, Middle School Division
 - **CyberAegis Alpha – Oak Valley Middle School**
- CyberPatriot Runner-Up, Open Division
 - **CyberAegisCharm – Del Norte High School**
- CyberPatriot 3rd Place, Middle School Division
 - **CyberAegis Electron – Oak Valley Middle School**

The competition consisted of 1,245 Middle School Division teams and 3,631 Open High School Division teams.

Originally scheduled for March 20-22, CyberPatriot officials announced plans for a virtual competition in lieu of a planned in-person event in Bethesda, MD, to comply with COVID-19 stay-at-home orders. All but one national finalist team’s members competed simultaneously from the safety of their homes via virtual private network connections to CyberPatriot servers.



CyberAegis Polariton. Pictured: Aarav Arora (Captain), Brandon Chong, Rachit Jaiswal, Rohan Juneja, Safin Singh, Vardaan Sinha.



CyberAegis Strange Quark II. Pictured: Andrew Wang, Darshan Parekh, Eric Chen, Lucy Gao, Phoenix Dimagiba, Pranav Patil (Captain).

About the CyberPatriot Education Program

CyberPatriot is the National Youth Cyber Education Program created by the Air Force Association to inspire K-12 students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to the nation's future.

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