**Finalists for the 2014 Website Design Competition for High School Girls**

 The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation takes great pleasure in announcing the Finalists for the 2014 Website Design Competition for High School Girls. This year's theme is *“Repurposing: The ultimate in recycling.”*

 This year 103 teams, comprised of 144 young women from 30 Michigan high schools, enrolled in the contest’s two divisions: Beginner and Advanced. Contestants could enter individually or with one other team member.

 An incredible amount of talent was on display for MCWT’s 59 First Round judges, who are technology professionals from Ford Motor, GM, Chrysler, Fast Switch, Google, Compuware, Cisco, Mercedes Benz Financial Services, J. Edward Training Group, Macomb Community College, Altair, Ciber, City of Livonia, Comerica, Davenport University, Epsilon, HP, Ideal Record Solutions, Jacobs Engineering, Learning Care Group, Michigan State University, Orchid Orthopedic Solutions, State of Michigan, Tyler Brock Media, University of Detroit Mercy, and Web Savvy Marketing.

 The teachers should be very proud of all that their students have accomplished. The contestants should be even more proud of the impressive amount of talent they possess.

 Finals Day of the competition is Saturday, December 6, at Blue Care Network in Southfield. The Advanced Division finalists will present their websites one at a time to the panel of distinguished Finals Day judges. The Beginner Division finalists will also attend Finals Day, where they will be honored and the winners will be announced. The finalists will be contacted with further information. Teachers, family of the finalists, first round judges, and MCWT board members will be invited as well.

 In each division, monetary awards ranging from $50 up to $750 will be given to the top six finishers in each division. The remaining finalists will receive non-monetary prizes. All contestants, whether or not they made the finals, will receive Certificates of Participation from MCWT.

 The Judges on Finals Day, Dec. 6, are:

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| Charlotte Decker | CIO/CTO, UAW Benefits Trust |
| Linda Monteith | Vice President, Comerica Bank |
| Mark Parker | Owner, DigiStudioz |
| Gloria Schneider | Director, Program Delivery, Blue Care Network |
| Rebecca J. Bray | Vice President, Sales and Delivery, EPITEC |
| Linda Mitchell | Global Automotive Sales Executive, Microsoft |
| James Schmidt | Vice President, COO, ANX |
| Diane Cairns | Professor, eLearning, Lawrence Tech University |

 **Below are the teams of Advanced Division finalists in no particular order.**

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| **TEAM MEMBERS** | **Site #** | **HIGH SCHOOL AND CITY** | **TEACHER** |
| Gabby Lopreiato and Megan Kovalcik | 178 | Lake Shore H.S., St. Clair Shores | Tasha Candela |
| Emily Morningstar | 177 | Salem H.S., Plymouth  | John Magoulick |
| Jackie Kwapisz and Brooke Glass | 183 | Lake Shore H.S., St. Clair Shores | Tasha Candela |
| Keyaria Walker | 188 | Lakeview H.S., St. Clair Shores | Nick Spano |
| Autumn Loudenslager and Amanda Vokits | 173 | Bay-Arenac ISD Career Center, Bay City Pinconning HS and Garber HS | Patrick Schultz |
| Jessica Old and Caitlin Beirne | 185 | Lake Shore H.S., St. Clair Shores | Tasha Candela |
| Christina Li | 175 | Utica Center for Math, Science, and Technology | Michael Attan |
| Cassidy Dunn | 174 | Lakeview H.S., St. Clair Shores | Nick Spano |
| Gabrielle Bourgeois | 180 | Lake Shore H.S., St. Clair Shores | Tasha Candela |
| Likitha Nimmagadda and Rafia Haq | 190 | Harrison H.S., Farmington Hills | Chris Grzegorczyk |
| Dasha Jones and Hailey Lynch | 181 | Lake Shore H.S., St. Clair Shores | Tasha Candela |
| Maddisyn Zimmerman | 192 | Lake Shore H.S., St. Clair Shores | Tasha Candela |

 **Below are the teams of Beginner Division finalists in no particular order.**

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| **TEAM MEMBERS** | **Site #** | **HIGH SCHOOL AND CITY** | **TEACHER** |
| Aditi Bhandari | 100 | Farmington H.S., Farmington  | Linda Valice |
| Leah VanLandingham | 137 | Huron H.S., New Boston | Matt Schwartz |
| Payton Beigler andRachel Felder | 153 | Lake Shore H.S., St. Clair Shores | Tasha Candela |
| Khadiza Begum | 133 | Fitzgerald H.S., Warren | John Smith |
| Catherine Makohn | 111 | Lakeview H.S., St. Clair Shores | Nick Spano |
| Lauren Malicsi and Lilly Kwapisz | 135 | Lake Shore H.S., St. Clair Shores | Tasha Candela |
| Manisha Solipuram | 144 | Walled Lake Central High School | Jennifer Caulford |
| Shreya Mullapudi | 162 | Farmington H.S., Farmington  | Linda Valice |
| Veronica Steinmetz and Kara Burns | 128 | Lake Shore H.S., St. Clair Shores | Tasha Candela |
| Halimah Hills | 124 | Great Lakes Cyber Academy, Okemos  | Carol Perez |
| Hailey Krause and Divine Mathes | 122 | Lake Shore H.S., St. Clair Shores | Tasha Candela |
| Lauren Woodard | 136 | Lake Shore H.S., St. Clair Shores | Tasha Candela |
| Kara Roelofson | 129 | Lake Shore H.S., St. Clair Shores | Tasha Candela |

The finalists’ sites will be available for viewing this week on MCWTwebdesign4girls.net