

Strong Showing for LSHS Students at Annual Technology Competition



From left to right - Rhiannon Chisholm, Olivianne James, Caitlin Beirne, Mrs. Candela, Hannah Watkins, Madison Werthmann, and Grace Likins at the MCWT Competition.

Lake Shore High School was represented by five teams at this year's Michigan Council of Women in Technology web design contest. The annual contest gives students the opportunity to create a 5-page website that is judged by industry leaders. This year's theme was "Food, Glorious Food." Twenty-four finalists from across the state were selected to compete for cash prizes.

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology strives to inspire and grow women in technology fields, with an inspirational vision to make Michigan the number one place for women in technology. The organization supports Michigan's female IT workforce, students, corporate partners, and schools. It provides programs and funds supporting the education of

young women in school, including this competition.

Due to a new contest rule instated in 2015, school districts were limited to only 3 beginner and 3 advanced finalist spots. From the advanced category, the finalists from Lake Shore were Caitlin Beirne, Olivianne James, and Mackenzie Johnson. The finalists in the beginner category were Grace Likins, Rhiannon Chisholm, Hannah Watkins, and Madison Werthmann.

The students did a great job and won a total of \$750 in prize money. Hannah

Watkins was the 1st place winner and Madison Werthmann earned a 2nd place ranking in the beginning category. Olivianne James and Caitlin Beirne earned honorable mentions in the advanced category. Lake Shore has had strong representation in this competition for years. Former Lake Shore finalist and current Wayne State University student Eva Smith posted on social media, "I am so proud of the Lake Shore girls for working hard on their sites and presentations. The MCWT web competitions continue to provide amazing opportunities for young women. It has been an honor to work with them throughout my years in high school and I hope I can continue to work with them in some way in the future!"

Students Present at a Technology Showcase

Students from the high school attended a technology showcase in Lansing. The day-long event was held in the Michigan State Capitol Building to allow lawmakers, business leaders, and other citizens to see first-hand how technology is used in classrooms across Michigan.

Instructional Technology Consultant & Business Teacher Mrs. Candela and students Caitlin Beirne, Rachel Felder, Olivianne James, and Mackenzie Johnson represented the web design program at Lake Shore. These four students participated in an annual web design competition sponsored by the Michigan Council of Women in Technology. They shared their learning experiences which included problem solving, collaboration, and creativity as they created a five-page website.

Media Production Teacher Tami Blaszkowski and students Sky Boren, Lauren Chatfield, Camron McGee, Emily Samolej, and Robert Tedeschi

presented on their experience using software such as Adobe Premiere Pro, Final Cut, and Tricaster to create media projects that include videos and the live announcements. Students at Lake Shore get experience with camcorders, DSLR cameras, and GoPros. Students were able to explain to showcase attendees how this creates a unique experience that prepares the students who plan on pursuing the media arts field for college or the workforce. They shared how the use of technology leads them to think creatively and produce a package to tell a story or send a message to their viewers.



LSHS teaches and students stand with 40th District Court Judge Oster at the Technology Showcase held in Lansing.