

Lake Shore ladies win web design

Out of 98 female students from 15 area high schools, five from Lake Shore High School took home a cumulative \$1,075 in cash prizes.

A total of 16 Lady Shorians taking web design from teacher Tasha Candela participated in

the Michigan Council of Women in Technology's annual web design contest this year. The theme, Survival: Lost in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, called for contestants to create a website based on three items which would help them

survive if lost outdoors.

A total of 51 First Round judges, all technology professionals from Ford Motor Co., MRM, Davenport University, GM, Onstar, Chrysler, Google,

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Web contest winners are front row, from left to right, Mallory Burr, Renee Alter, Victoria Vigliotti, Jordan Kolodziejski and Chloe Jennings. Back row, from left to right, Eva Smith, Dasha Jones, Jackie Kwapisz, Hailey Lynch, Tasha Candela and Alexia Ellison. Not pictured is Sarah McCarthy.

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Michigan State University, HP, Acro, Compuware, Microsoft, and Group Associates, assessed their work.

The following students were named finalists: Eva Smith, Mallory Burr, Jordan Kolodziejski, Chloe Jennings, Renee Alter, Victoria Vigliotti, Devinne Presley, Sarah McCarthy, Jackie Kwapisz, Dasha Jones, Alexia Ellison and

Hailey Lynch.

In the advanced category, the two-person team of Kolodziejski and Jennings placed second and earned \$500 with their Disney-inspired website.

"Although I've learned an enormous amount of coding and photo editing tools, I've learned more about myself and my newfound love for graphics and designing (through this contest)" said Jennings, a senior.

Smith placed fourth and was awarded \$75 for

her site titled "Little Red: Lost in the Woods."

In the beginner category, Kwapisz placed first and earned \$400 for, "Adventure is Out There." McCarthy and Jones placed fourth and fifth respectively.

Candela said she was "impressed by the critical thinking, creativity and collaboration skills" mastered by her students.

"Scantron tests simply do not replace these authentic experiences," she added.

Scott McNealy, co-founder of Sun Microsystems and current chairman of Wayin, told participants technology "has the shelf life of a banana.

"We must become lifelong learners within this career field. Luckily, with help from the Michigan Council of Women in Technology, a group of knowledgeable mentors and selfless industry wizards, Mrs. Candela's web students are ready to handle the technology challenges for tomorrow."