



Mountain Heights Academy Named Utah State Winner in National STEM Competition from Samsung

School wins \$15,000 in technology and classroom supplies; advances to the next stage in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest

<p>What:</p>	<p>Selected from thousands of entries nationwide, Mountain Heights Academy in West Jordan has been named a Utah State Winner in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest for its proposed plan to address students attempting or completing suicide.</p> <p>The Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest encourages teachers and students to solve real-world issues in their community using classroom skills in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).</p> <p>Mountain Heights Academy is among the nation’s 100 State Winners (at least one school from all 50 states) and will receive \$15,000* in technology for its achievement. In addition, the school will also receive a Samsung video kit for students to create and submit a three-minute video that showcases their project development and how it addresses the issue. The video will be used for the chance to advance to the next phase of the contest and win additional prizes and educational opportunities.</p> <p>“Samsung is extremely proud of the evolution of the Solve for Tomorrow platform over the past 10 years: fueling students’ passion and curiosity to tackle issues that affect their communities in unexpected and creative ways,” said Ann Woo, Senior Director of Corporate Citizenship at Samsung Electronics America. “Reading the innovative proposals students and teachers have put forth this year exemplifies what we know to be true for every student – that young minds have just as much to teach as they do to learn. Our guiding citizenship vision is ‘Enabling People,’ and we are thrilled to celebrate another year of empowering future innovators to achieve their full potential through STEM learning.”</p>
<p>About the School:</p>	<p>Utah State Winner and Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mountain Heights Academy in West Jordan ● Teachers Amy Pace, Lora Gibbons and their STEM Team students
<p>About the School’s Project:</p>	<p>Local Issue: Rising Suicide Attempts among students</p> <p>Proposed Project: The objective of this project is to reduce suicide attempts and hospitalizations for mental health crisis among the Mountain Heights Academy students. The project hopes to build a connected network of Buddy Bench Crew members and a student body population that will support and engage with one another, and reduce the feelings of loneliness that lead to suicide.</p>



<p>Future Contest Phases:</p>	<p>All 100 State Winners will work on their projects and submit their three-minute video in hopes of advancing in the contest's remaining phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 20 National Finalist schools will be selected to travel to the final event in the spring where they will present their project to a panel of judges. For achieving National Finalist status, schools will be awarded in total \$50,000 in technology and classroom materials. ● Five grand prize National Winner schools will receive in total \$100,000 in technology and classroom materials, and participate in a trip to Washington, D.C. to present their projects to members of Congress. ● Public voting will also determine one Community Choice winner from the pool of National Finalists, who will be eligible to win an additional \$10,000 in Samsung technology.
<p>Interview Opportunities:</p>	<p>Amy Pace and her students are available for interviews about the local issue they're working to address and the importance of hands-on STEM learning.</p>
<p>Media Contact:</p>	<p>For questions about the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest, please reach out to SamsungSFT@allisonpr.com. For questions about the school's project, please reach out to: Amy Pace apace@mountainheightsacademy.org</p>

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