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Imagine Hope Tolson Named Finalist In \$2 Million Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest

Students, teachers, and families at Imagine Hope Tolson in Washington, DC were thrilled to learn they were recently named one of 15 national finalists in Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow Contest. Already, the campus has won approximately \$35,000 in technology in the contest, designed to raise enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education.



Imagine Avondale Heads to Robotics World Championships

Imagine Avondale of Avondale, AZ recently won the Vex IQ High Rise Arizona Competition. The team, comprised of 5th-7th grade students, won first place in the Teamwork Robotics competition. They also received a judges' award for their research project involving geotechnical and geoenvironmental engineering, which examined the problem of erosion and standing water near the school.

The Robotics team now advances to the World Championships in April in Louisville, KY, where they will compete against more than 800 teams and 15,000 students from over 25 countries. Congratulations to Imagine Avondale's students as they continue exploring their interest in STEM-related studies. We know they will represent Imagine Schools with honor and distinction!

The school's team was chosen from a pool of more than 3,100 applicants for their use of STEM skills to address an issue affecting their local community. The school's topic of access to clean water and water filtration systems was illustrated



DIRECTV, Fortune, PBS TeacherLine, the National Environmental Education Foundation and Digital Promise.

"We are blown away by the level of care, creativity,

and smarts these students have shown through their projects," said Ann Woo, director of Corporate Citizenship for Samsung. Barry Sharp, President and CEO of Imagine Schools Non-Profit, called this announcement a "terrific accomplishment and a really meaningful, real-world learning project on water filtration." He went on to tell the students they are winners already and that all of Imagine is cheering them on in the final competition.

through a short video they submitted. As national finalists, the teams will present their projects to a live panel of judges at the Intrepid Sea Air & Space Museum in New York City. Five national grand prize winners will then be selected. During the competition, approximately \$2 million in prizes will be presented by Samsung, Adobe,