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Avnet awards scholarships at 11th Tech Games

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Avnet Inc. awarded more than \$34,000 in college scholarships and prizes at its 11th annual STEM-based Avnet Tech Games collegiate competition April 2.

Phoenix-based Avnet (NYSE: AVT), a global technology distributor, awarded 27 students with \$1,000 scholarships each and nine faculty advisers received \$2,700 for leading their winning teams to victory.

More than 200 competitors and faculty sponsors attended the event, with 12 Arizona community colleges and universities and 60 teams competing this year at the University of



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University of Advancing Technology students Ian Guile and Daniel Carpenter test their IoT knowledge in the IoT Sensor Fusion Challenge.

Advancing Technology in Tempe. About 100 volunteers assisted in the competition.

“When we began the Avnet Tech Games 11 years ago, we didn’t use the term STEM, but we knew that nurturing this discipline at the university and community college level was important,”

said Steve Phillips, senior vice president and chief information officer of Avnet, in a statement. “Each year, this event gets better, and we see more students competing for these valuable scholarships. Through the Avnet Tech Games, we are able to support educators and help prepare future technology leaders for a successful career.”

The winning teams were from Mesa Community College, University of Advancing Technology, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Scottsdale Community College, Glendale Community College and South Mountain Community College.

Since its inception in 2006, more than \$360,000 in scholarship money and honorariums have been awarded to hundreds of the more than 3,000 students and 250 faculty members who have participated in the competition.

This year’s Avnet Tech Game sponsors included Amazon Web Services, CDW, Cisco, DP Air, HP Enterprise, Logicalis, Microchip Technology, Molex, NetApp, NXP, ON Semiconductor, Palo Alto Networks, NALSalt River Project, TDK-Lamda, University of Advancing Technology and World Wide Technology.

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