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For the 11th Year, Avnet to Award $30,000 in College Scholarships at Annual Avnet Tech Games

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WHAT:

Teams of college students from Arizona's universities, community colleges and technical schools will gather for the 11th annual Avnet Tech Games to compete in computer configuration, data analytics, robot construction and other STEM-based challenges.

Student teams from Arizona State University, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Grand Canyon University, ITT Technical Institute, Mesa Community College, Northern Arizona University, Scottsdale Community College, South Mountain Community College and The University of Advancing Technology are expected to compete in this year's events, where thousands of dollars in scholarship money and honorariums will be awarded to the winning students and faculty members.

Over the course of the past 10 years, more than $330,000 has been given to students and teachers.

WHEN: Saturday, April 2, 2016

              7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. PDT

WHERE: The University of Advancing Technology

              2625 W. Baseline Rd. (between 48th St. and I-10)

              Tempe, Ariz. 85283-1056

VISUALS: Event photos and video available upon request. View footage from last year's event.

ABOUT THE AVNET TECH GAMES:

Avnet, Inc., the largest publicly-held company headquartered in Phoenix, Ariz. and a leading global technology distributor, has teamed with Arizona educators and leading technology companies to help college students acquire valuable skills needed to thrive in the modern workplace. At the Avnet Tech Games, students compete to gain hands-on, practical experience in addition to the academic instruction they receive in the classroom. The competitive events feature multidisciplinary technology scenarios that require students to test their knowledge, creativity, decision-making, problem-solving and technical skills.

The 2016 Avnet Tech Games include the following challenges:

- Cisco Network Expert Security Battle - Teams will be tested on their understanding of intercloud and networking security and will work to secure their network and prepare for a competition practice attack.

- Desktop Domination - In a timed competition, students will use their knowledge to complete a set of tasks and troubleshoot issues in the Windows operating system.

- HP Fastest IoT Computer Build - Competitors race to build and troubleshoot a PC, working together to deliver the fastest times without errors.

- IoT Sensor Fusion Challenge - In this challenge, teams will design and demonstrate a solution using software and gateway with component hardware to achieve a specific set of criteria revealed at the starting time.

- Java Blitz - This event will provide students with the opportunity to develop Java code that will be judged based on a predefined set of criteria.

- Robot Race Obstacle Course - Each team will have five hours to build and program a robot that will complete a maze obstacle course.

- Social Media Mania - Using Amazon Web Services (AWS) toolsets, social media data about Spring Break will be collected and analyzed. The teams will collate the collected data, visualize the data and present a marketing plan/selling strategy for Spring Break 2017 to a panel of judges.

- Solar Scrimmage - In a competition that addresses one of today's most important environmental issues, students will be challenged to design, build, test and present the best overall solar-powered "green energy" water pumping system.

- WWT/Palo Alto Server Search - Students will be challenged to hack into a server to collect data.

Each winning student of the Avnet Tech Games will receive a $1,000 scholarship. Faculty members will collect $200 for leading participating teams and an additional $300 for each winning team. Winners will also be invited to tour Avnet's 220,000 square foot integration center and hear from Avnet CIO Steve Phillips and other executives on careers in technology.

Participating students will also have the opportunity to network with event sponsors and executives from companies such as Cisco, DP Air, HP Enterprise, CDW, NXP, NetApp, Molex, TDK-Lamda, Logicalis, Microchip, Palo/Alto and World Wide Technology.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Interview opportunities include executives and recruiters from the event's sponsors, and participating students and faculty.

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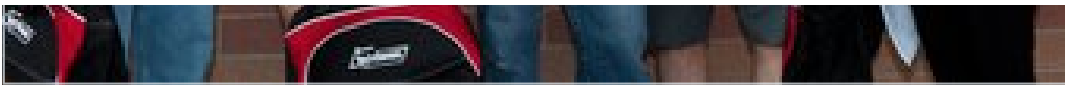Brodeur Partners for Avnet, Inc.

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