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STUDENT TECHNOLOGY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS THURSDAY

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Students from across Kentucky will be in Lexington demonstrating their technology achievement during the eighth annual Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) State Championship. The event will be held Thursday, March 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lexington Convention Center and Rupp Arena.

The STLP State Championship provides a venue that combines content with technology, problem-solving and innovation. Student projects will demonstrate how STLP members are making an impact on student learning and their communities. There will be more than 45 competition categories, covering the arts; science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM); and marketable career skills. Students will compete in programming, web design, video production, networking, computer repair, video game design and more. The top three school projects will advance to the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) annual conference in San Antonio June 23-26.

Nearly 5,000 students representing 400 schools and 100 districts from across the state and 1,500 adults, including more than 537 judges, are scheduled to attend this year's STLP State Championship. Kentucky Education Technology Services (KETS) partners Microsoft, Dell, HP and colleges from around the state will be on hand to support the event.

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The annual awards program will run from 5 -7:30 p.m. As part of the program, the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT), the Kentucky Girls STEM Collaborative Project and STLP will recognize nine high school women in Kentucky for their accomplishments and aspirations in computing and technology. A number of other awards and scholarships also will be given.

STLP is a project-based learning program that empowers students in all grade levels to use technology to learn and achieve. It was established in 1994 by the STLP State Advisory Council, which is composed of teachers, students and community leaders. The program is open to all students in all grades.

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