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STUDENTS COMPETE IN TECHNOLOGY CHAMPIONSHIP

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Nearly 6,000 students, educators and parents will converge on Lexington for the ninth annual Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) State Championship on Thursday, March 26.

P-12 students from 428 schools in 91 school districts will show what they know and can do with technology in the arts and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields, and demonstrate many career-ready skills during the day-long event.

STLP students create projects, products or services as part of the program and demonstrate their learning by competing in one or more of 48 categories including instructional, technical or community service projects; digital content creation such as digital art, photography, design, programming, app development and robotics; and technical services, like student help desk, network engineering and wireless applications. Students with the best projects, products and services are invited to compete at the STLP State Championship.

Nearly 500 STLP projects will be on display in Heritage Hall; with students striving to be a Best in State project winner. In addition, 330 Digital Product finalists will be scored to find the top winners for each category. There also are 26 different Live Performance categories that challenge students to demonstrate on demand, specific technology skills such as coding, game design, mobile application programming, engineering, podcasting and media arts production.

Winners in each grade division of every competition category will be recognized during the STLP Award Ceremony held at 5 p.m. ET on the floor of Rupp Arena. The top three Best in State STLP Project winners will travel to Philadelphia in June to represent Kentucky at the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Conference/Expo. The Best in State STLP Technical Projects and winners in all Live Performance and Digital Product categories also will be named. The STLP Award Ceremony is webcast live via the KDE Media Portal at <http://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/watch-live/>.

Parents, principals, superintendents, school board members and legislators are welcome at the STLP State Championship. The event is open to the public between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET.

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STLP is open to all P-12 students. The program uses project-based learning to empower, challenge and motivate students and increase learning and achievement through the creation of technology-based solutions to school and community needs.

The Kentucky Department of Education's Office of Knowledge, Information and Data Services (KIDS) sponsors STLP events to highlight the creative, logical and often entrepreneurial talents of students across the Commonwealth.

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