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Congresswoman Adams Calls on District 12 Students to Participate in 7th Annual Congressional App Challenge

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12) is searching for the next student app developer in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Since 2013, the **Congressional App Challenge** has provided high school students across the country the opportunity to create and display their software applications (or “app”) for mobile, tablet, or computer devices. The competition is intended to encourage engagement in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education.

"The Congressional App Challenge is an opportunity for District 12’s bright and talented students to have fun coding, while exploring the possibility for innovation that STEM can bring, especially for children from communities who are traditionally underrepresented in technology," **said Adams**.

[To learn more about the Congressional App Challenge, or to sign up, visit the website here.](#)

Last year’s winning app was called “Clever Crops”, created by Providence Day School’s Axel Rokhar. Clever Crops was designed to help students aged four through eight-years-old with basic math skills. To view Axel’s app, please click **[here](#)**.

The Congressional App Challenge is open to all middle and high school students and those eligible to attend public high school in North Carolina’s 12th Congressional District. Students can either work individually or in teams of up to four. For teams, at least two of the teammates must be eligible to compete within the district in which they are submitting. All entries must be original in concept, design, and execution.

Students entering the competition must register in advance to show

their intent to participate. Students are also required to submit their app's source code along with a YouTube or VIMEO video that explains their app and what they learned through the competition. The deadline to submit is **Monday, October 19 at 11:59 PM EST**. Offices may begin announcing their winner on **Sunday, November 1**, while national winners will be announced on **Friday, January 15**. The winner of the app challenge will have their work displayed in the U.S. Capitol.

Congresswoman Alma Adams represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte) and serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education & Labor Committee, where she serves as Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee. In 2015, she founded the Adams Hunger Initiative to address food insecurity across Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, and the 12th Congressional District.

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