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ADE to Provide Sponsorships for Teachers
to Attend National Computer Science Conference

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education Office of Computer Science is pleased to announce that up to 25 Arkansas educators will be awarded sponsorships to attend the 2019 Computer Science Teachers Association Annual Conference July 7-10, 2019, in Phoenix, Arizona.

The $1,000 sponsorships will provide financial assistance to Arkansas educators to assist them with expanding their knowledge of computer science and networking with other educators from around the world through the unique experience of the CSTA conference.

"The ADE Office of Computer Science is excited to again provide this great opportunity to even more Arkansas educators," said Anthony Owen, the ADE state director of computer science education. "The CSTA Annual Conference provides Arkansas educators with an opportunity not only to learn but also to demonstrate how Arkansas is leading the nation in computer science education. It will be great to take such a large contingent of Arkansas educators to the 2019 conference, and these sponsorships will go a long way to help our most interested and active educators grow and network with other computer science educators from around the world."

"Arkansas' devotion to the advancement of computer science education is admirable," Jake Baskin, CSTA executive director, said. "Providing sponsorships for educators to attend our conference is not only a service to these educators but also to the students they teach. I look forward to meeting the recipients of these sponsorships and hearing their stories in July."

Selected educators will each receive a $1,000 sponsorship after the conference to offset the expenses associated with attending the conference. The sponsorships are available to teachers, librarians, curriculum coordinators, counselors, and other educators who actively incorporate technology at their public school or district. To receive the sponsorship, selected educators will be required to attend the CSTA conference and participate in various conference and state delegation-related activities.

For more information about the conference, please visit www.csteachers.org/page/2019Conference.

For more information about the sponsorship, please see the Commissioner's Memo at the following link: http://adecm.arkansas.gov/ViewApprovedMemo.aspx?Id=3837.

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December 3-9, 2018, is Computer Science Education Week. For a full listing of Arkansas announcements, please visit the newly-redesigned ADE Computer Science webpages at

http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/special-projects/arkansas-computer-science-initiative.

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