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**TUALATIN HIGH SCHOOL & SAINT PIUS X MIDDLE SCHOOL EARN TOP HONORS
AT NINTH ANNUAL OREGON GAME PROJECT CHALLENGE**

Keizer, Oregon, April 25, 2016 – The [Oregon Game Project Challenge](#), Oregon’s non-profit that promotes digital literacy and collaboration through game development, held the ninth annual Main Event (OGPC 9.0) on Saturday, April 23rd where they honored high school and middle school champions in computer game development. The high school team “Crimsonites” (Tualatin High School in Tualatin, OR) won *Best in Show* in the high school division and the St. Pius X’s “Venturous Key” (Portland, Oregon) earned *Best in Show* for the middle school division. OGPC, along with sponsors [Synopsis](#), [IBM](#), [Branium](#), [RockYou](#), [DigiPen Institute of Technology](#), [Soma Games](#), [HP](#), [Garmin](#), and [Korvis](#) hosted 52 teams comprised of over 220 students and coaches from around Oregon and Washington at the Keizer Community Center in Keizer for the annual game competition. Sixteen teams were honored with eighteen awards for their computer games designed to interpret the theme of “Hidden Worlds.”

OGPC is a competition that brings together teams of students and introduces or nurtures their interest in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art/Design, Mathematics). The OGPC competition season runs from November to April each year, concluding with the statewide competition in Keizer. Both high school and middle school teams compete by presenting original computer games to nearly 30 judges and panelists.

Judging criteria was based on awarding points to teams for completing achievements that represented best practices in various areas. This methodology is a feature common in today’s commercially produced videogames and was adopted by OGPC to emphasize cooperation over head-to-head competition. Teams scoring the highest points were honored with an award. Students were also treated to industry professional panel Q&A sessions as well as a keynote speech, delivered this year by Chris Skaggs, game designer, Founder of Soma Games (<http://www.somagames.com/>).

For more information about the Oregon Game Project Challenge, visit www.ogpc.info.

About Oregon Game Project Challenge

The Oregon Game Project Challenge (<http://www.ogpc.info/>) is a 501(c)3 non-profit founded in 2003 to promote collaboration and digital literacy through video game development. The Oregon Game Project Challenge is for middle and high school students who form teams of coders, animators, artists, musicians, writers, and more to create a game. Teams learn the annual theme in November, write a game to interpret the theme, then compete against other teams in April.

Complete OGPC 2016 (9.0) Competition Results:

High School Division:

Best in Show: Crimsonites (Tualatin High School, Tualatin, OR)

Peoples' Choice: Emphyrean (Crescent Valley High School, Corvallis, OR)

Judges' Choice: JaggPad (Century High School, Hillsboro, OR)

Rookie: Dreams (Roosevelt High School, Tualatin, OR)

Programming: Agents of the Blue Screen of Death (Jesuit High School, Beaverton, OR)

Game Design: Apathetic Companion (Tigard High School, Tigard, OR)

Art and Assets: Emphyrean (Crescent Valle High School, Corvallis, OR)

Theme and Style: Unexpected Error (Franklin High School, Portland, OR)

Professionalism: Bumbler Interactive (Tigard High School, Tigard, OR)

Middle School Division:

Best in Show: Venturous Key (St. Pius X, Portland, OR)

Peoples' Choice: Venturous Key (St. Pius X, Portland, OR)

Judges' Choice: Cyber Cougars (Cascade Junior High School, Turner, OR)

Rookie: Sumoians (4H Tualatin, Tualatin, OR)

Programming: Blitzkrieg Game Studios (St. Pius X, Portland, OR)

Game Design: Dead Programmers' Society (Sisters Middle School, Sisters, OR)

Art and Assets: Veeran Studios (Cedar Park Middle School, Portland, OR)

Theme and Style: The Virus (Cascades Academy, Bend, OR)

Professionalism: hyp3 (Cascades Academy, Bend, OR)

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