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## CHS Students Win International and National Search and Rescue Robotics Competition

ORANGE, Calif., May 5, 2010—Canyon High School announced that students from Mrs. Susan Damon’s DREAM program Video Game Design, Fundamentals of Programming, and Computer Concepts and Applications classes recently participated in an International and National Search and Rescue Robotics competition at California State University – Los Angeles.

Mrs. Damon said, “This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to work as a team, learn to code (program), and to gain insight from each other and other students from around the world and throughout the U.S.”

This competition was sponsored by CSULA, I-Support Learning, and Grandar Robots from China as part of their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program. International student teams represented schools in China. National student teams represented junior high and high schools from across the nation. This is the second year that Mrs. Damon’s classes have participated in this competition. Each year her students placed in the top five.

Participants who pass Mrs. Damon’s DREAM classes with an A or B and participate in the Search and Rescue Robotics Competition can receive three university credits from CSULA.

The Canyon High School student teams were ranked as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Brandon Martinez (12<sup>th</sup>), 2<sup>nd</sup> place –Nicholas Dagestino (9<sup>th</sup>) and Timothy Damon (9<sup>th</sup>), 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Michael Hatcher (11<sup>th</sup>), honorable mentions: Joey Needleman (10<sup>th</sup>), Nathan Hom (10<sup>th</sup>) and Wyatt Kosick (11<sup>th</sup>). In addition, Mrs. Damon led a junior high team that was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> place, Jessica Damon (7<sup>th</sup>) and Nicole Schumann (a CHS 11<sup>th</sup> grader who filled in for a missing junior high student).

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