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SANTIAGO SELECTED TO PILOT NEW INITIATIVE TO PREPARE THE NEXT GENERATION OF COMPUTING AND CYBERSECURITY WORKERS

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NORCO, CA – Santiago High School is among 30 US high schools selected for the JROTC-CS Demonstration Project, a new initiative led by CSforALL (Computer Science for ALL) and the Air Force Junior ROTC, aimed at bridging the Computer Science education access gap at Junior ROTC schools. Today only 32-percent of Junior ROTC high schools offer an Advanced Placement (AP) computer science course.

From nearly 900 Air Force Junior ROTC host schools across the United States, Santiago High School is among 30 schools from 16 states selected to pilot this concept. Collectively the 30 participating schools serve over 4,000 JROTC cadets and 55K students overall.

As a JROTC-CS Demonstration Project school Santiago will receive school-level capacity building training, professional development for teachers and Junior ROTC instructors, and internship, mentoring, and scholarship opportunities for our students.

“We’re proud to be participating in this new initiative,” said Santiago Principal Seth Bond. “As educators, we are committed to preparing all of our students for future careers and success. We know technology skills will be critical, no matter what path our students choose.”



“Santiago’s participation in this project will inform the Computer Science and cybersecurity education model for Junior ROTC schools across the US,” said Ruthe Farmer, Chief Evangelist, CSforALL”. “We appreciate their commitment and service to the wider education community.”

The JROTC-CS Demonstration Project supports the goals of the JROTC Cyber Training Act of 2019 (H.R. 3266 and Sen. 2154) and is authorized by Section 512 of the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act, which amended Section 2031(b)(3) of title 10, United States Code, to include instruction or activities in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in the JROTC program. At scale, this project has the potential to engage over 545K Junior ROTC cadets in computer science and cybersecurity education pathways, and build technology education capacity at over 3,400 JROTC high schools across the nation, serving 4M students overall.

The JROTC-CS Demonstration Project is public-private partnership led by CSforALL in collaboration with the JROTC-CS Advisory Consortium. Interested in learning more, visit https://www.csforall.org/projects_and_programs/jrotc/

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ABOUT CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Corona-Norco Unified School District is located approximately 45 miles southeast of Los Angeles in western Riverside County. CNUSD consists of thirty-one elementary schools, eight intermediate/middle schools, five comprehensive high schools, a middle college high school and three alternative schools. The district serves over 53,000 students in the diverse communities of Corona, Norco, and Eastvale. CNUSD is the largest school district in Riverside County and the tenth largest district in California.