CEO Caves To Student Pressure

Windward Code Wars 2014 Gets Go-Ahead For February Competition

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Boulder, CO – Windward, the expert in reporting, document generation and business intelligence software, has announced the games will go on. The International Collegiate Programming Championship, known by college students worldwide as Code Wars, is confirmed to take place in February 2014.

The contest challenges teams of computer science students to become the next Code Wars hackathon champion. Students race against the clock and one another to analyze an AI problem, write a solution, and test and debug it. Windward has sponsored the event annually since 2011, but CEO Shirley Clawson was undetermined about hosting in 2014 until she received a barrage of student requests. A sampling of their emails:

> "I just participated in the Windward Code Wars competition, and I want to see a Code Wars hosted by Windward come back to my school. It's a great way for programmers to practice working on a real part of software development, so you're building the community that will eventually make you a lot of money! Though I am one to say, "make code, not war" in this case both should be encouraged." – Alex M., Harvey Mudd College

> "I don't know what "reporting", "docgen", or "B.I." means, but I'll always remember the Windward Code War for getting me interested in programming." – Cheng W., Harvey Mudd College

> "The Windward Code War contest definitely started a conversation about Windward here at Princeton that wouldn't have existed otherwise. Should you run the contest again next year (and I really think you should- it was a great AI challenge!) I suspect Princeton would field a number of teams (estimate: 25 students compared to 4 this year). It would really serve to boost the AI community here (fitting, since our AI professor created AdaBoost) as well as spread the word about Windward." – David, Princeton University

> "I had a great time doing the competition. I look forward to participating again next year. Hopefully things will be a bit less buggy and I can spend more time coding and less time trying to run the code." Tyler N., MTU

The contest will take place 10am - 6pm local time on February 1, 2014. Open to all colleges and universities worldwide, last year's competitors included Boston University, Brown University, College of William and Mary, Colorado College, Colorado School of Mines, Columbia University, Saint Petersburg (Russia) Computer Science Center, Harvey Mudd College, Hendrix College, Michigan Tech, Penn State –

University Park, Princeton University, Purdue University – West Lafayette, Saint Petersburg (Russia) State University – Faculty of Engineering Cybernetics, United States Military Academy, University of Alberta, University of California – San Diego, University of Central Florida, University of Chicago, University of Colorado – Boulder, University of Toronto, University of Victoria, 2012 champions University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, University of Maryland – College Park (2013 runners up) and 2013 winner Colorado State University.

For more information or to register for Code Wars, please visit http://codewar.windward.net/.

Students participating in the Windward Code Wars.

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