

News release

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Henry M. Jackson High School 'student programmers' place second

Two programming teams rocked the Microsoft Computer Programming Competition



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On Dec. 12, Henry M. Jackson High School took two programming teams from their AP Computer Science course to Microsoft where they rocked the PSCSTA Computer Programming Competition.

More than 340 students competed in two divisions – advanced and novice. Jackson High students and 109 other teams went head to head in the novice division.

John Watkins, Ambika Moore and Nikolas Antoun were on team *Timberwolves*, and Anuj Vimawala, Fareed Mabrouk and Sam Wang made up team *Mighty Midgets*. Students were challenged to code 12 programming problems in only three hours.

"Both teams coded with intensity and focus. We were all glad we had completed our homework projects!" said advisor Maggie Thorleifson. "Right at the wire, with only seconds to go, team Timberwolves coded their last problem, earned 715 points and grabbed second place."

The PSCSTA Computer Programming Competition is sponsored by Technology Education and Literacy in Schools (TEALS). TEALS teams computer science professionals with teachers. The volunteer professionals work with teachers to infuse their work experiences into classrooms and help jumpstart today's students into career and education pathways in science, technology engineering and math (STEM.). TEALs is dedicated to promoting Computer Science in every high school in the state to ensure that the demand for future Computer Software Engineers is met in our state. If you are interested in volunteering for the TEALS program please contact Maggie Thorleifson (mthorleifson@everettsd.org or 425-385-7183). In Everett Public Schools' high schools, 13 TEAL volunteers work with district teachers.

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