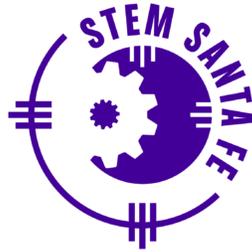


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## **Brave x STEM Santa Fe Day Camp Participants Top Winners of the 2019 Congressional App Challenge**

In Summer 2019, STEM Santa Fe initiated and organized a one-of-a-kind STEM summer day camp for Northern NM girls. The summer day camp was a week-long, hands-on immersion boot camp in computer coding and app development. Most girls had no previous coding experience and the camp culminated with qualified apps being submitted to the [Congressional App Challenge](#), an annual program in Washington DC, that aims to have students learn to code by having them develop their own apps. Eighteen girls working in teams of three submitted eighteen apps to the CAC through STEM Santa Fe's camp.

We are proud to report that the first and third winners of this Challenge for the 2019 Third Congressional District of New Mexico were teams and projects that resulted from our 2019 summer Brave x STEM Santa Fe camp.

**1st Place winners: Diana Vasquez, Ytsel Romo-Olivas, and Ruth Calija and their app "Kids Against Racism."**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners: Eliana Lovato, Vinaya Kurapati, and Ruby Sallah, and their app "Grow your Smile."**

Winning apps are eligible to be displayed in the US Capitol Building and featured on the House of Representatives' website, [House.gov](http://House.gov). Winning students are invited to #HouseofCode Capitol Hill Reception in Washington D.C. and given \$250 per winner in Amazon Web Services credits. All the apps from the summer camp and more info on the teams can be found at <http://stem-santafe.org/programs/stemcamps/cac2019/>

"Super proud of all our girls from STEM Santa Fe's app development camp! STEM Santa Fe aims to highlight STEM competitions available to New Mexico youth and elevate the quality of projects submitted in Northern New Mexico," said Lina Germann, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of STEM Santa Fe.

STEM Santa Fe was fortunate to provide this day camp free of charge thanks to the generous support of LANL Foundation, Santa Fe Community College, and Wildflower International. STEM Santa Fe brought this a one-of-a-kind STEM summer day camp to New Mexico in partnership with Brave Initiatives, a Chicago-based educational organization, with BraveCamps in 7 states.

*STEM Santa Fe advocates for, develops, and provides Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programming, mentoring, and resources for all youth, to realize their potential and expand their opportunities in a dynamic world.*