

Local Students Participate in Nationwide Video Game Design Curriculum and Competition

Winning Teams to be Announced at May 17 Awards Ceremony

East Austin, Texas – Students at East Austin College Prep Academy (EAPrep), a local charter school for students in grades six through eight, will gather with community members on May 17 for a very special awards ceremony. Teams of students at the school, who have spent hundreds of hours over the course of the school year developing educational video games through the [Globaloria](#) curriculum, will learn whether their original programming and design will win prizes in the annual [Globey Awards](#).

EAPrep is part of a national network of sixty schools and community centers in California, Florida, New York, West Virginia and Texas dedicated to developing students' digital literacy, STEM knowledge and global citizenship skills through Globaloria. Each team of students has the opportunity to submit their game for the consideration of the *Globey* judges in regional competitions. Reflecting the rigorous nature of the program, students are judged on the technical quality of their game, its educational content, the quality of the original artwork and animations, teamwork, research skills and the overall production process.

Judges for the EAPrep student competition will include:

- **Honorary Chair: Allyson Peerman, President, AMD Foundation**
- Jennifer Bergland, Director of Government Relations and Member Services, TCEA Advocacy Network
- Elizabeth Craft, Program Manager, Global Talent Acquisition and Inclusion, AMD
- Dr. Juan Sanchez, President and Founder, Southwest Key Programs
- Office of Representative Mark Strama, Texas

Each of the winning games will be published to and playable on the Globaloria website, enabling visitors and aspiring game designers to engage with, learn from and be inspired by students' original programming and design work. Every student who participates in Globaloria becomes a producer of original multimedia content—and benefits from the resulting boost in critical competencies and self-confidence needed to thrive in today's global digital economy.

Last year's *Globey* winners included:

- [House Fixers 2](#) – Developed by 6th graders at EAPrep. Players are challenged to reduce fractions correctly before time runs out and an animated house collapses.
- [Synchronized Saviors](#) – Winners of the best 7th grade game at EAPrep. Players learn about the environmental impact of overconsumption as they clean up urban and rural environments.
- [Survivor](#) – Winner of the best 6th grade social issues game, *Survivor* explores the experiences of a prisoner trying to escape Auschwitz to tell others about the horrors of the Holocaust.

Globey award ceremonies will take place throughout the country in May, June, July and August. The program is an initiative of the [World Wide Workshop](#), a nonprofit organization supported by the Knight Foundation, Google, the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, the AMD Foundation, state and county departments of education, the Entertainment Software Association, Adobe,

Konami Digital Entertainment, the Silicon Valley Education Foundation, Electronic Arts (EA), and a number of other partners. Thanks to [Konami Digital Entertainment](#), winners in the San Jose/Silicon Valley community will receive copies of the record-breaking game *Dance Dance Revolution*.

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World Wide Workshop (www.WorldWideWorkshop.org) is a nonprofit organization that invents social media and digital technology applications to help youth and educators participate as leaders in the global knowledge economy. Globaloria is the first and largest social learning network for developing digital literacy, STEM knowledge and global citizenship skills through game design. Launched in 2006, the results-proven Globaloria is at work today in middle- and high-school classrooms and community centers in five states: California, Florida, New York, Texas and West Virginia. To learn more about how Globaloria classrooms nationwide are participating in the 2012 Globey, visit <http://www.worldwideworkshop.org/programs/globaloria/competitions>.

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Media Advisory: 2012 Globey Award Ceremonies at East Austin College Prep

Please join students, educators, families and community members for the 2012 EAPrep Globey Award Ceremonies on May 17, 2012.

To attend, arrange an interview or for more information, please contact Charlie Owen (charlie@worldwideworkshop.org).

**Location: East Austin College Prep
Southwest Key Community Room
6002 Jain Lane, Austin Texas 78721**