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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Team EGTS Receives Two Awards

(Fullerton, CA) – Five students from Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts and Parks Junior High School joined forces to create Gender Equities - EGTS (Empowering Girls Through Stem) to address gender equity. This group of 7th grade girls worked together outside of school to develop a website focused on middle school-aged girls to empower and educate them with all the possibilities in STEM.

EGTS received the Judge’s Favorite Award (1st Place) in the FSD Civic Endeavors competition as part of the annual FSD Fest and was also recognized as one of two teams receiving Honorable Mention from the Jacobs Teen Innovation Challenge. As winners of the FSD Civic Endeavors competition, the young ladies’ project was selected as the top proposal from nine entries and received gift card prizes and valuable feedback from community professionals.

The Jacobs Teen Innovation Challenge by the University of San Diego is a worldwide event designed to support educators and teenagers in developing social good solutions aligned to the UN Global Goals. Team EGTS from FSD successfully competed against over 2,800 students from 11 different countries for the intrinsic reward of developing an innovator’s mindset and making a difference in the world.

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 12,100 students in grades TK – 8th. The Fullerton School District includes 20 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8th grade schools, and three middle schools. The mission of the Fullerton School District is to work collaboratively with the community to provide an innovative, high-quality educational program for all students in a safe learning environment. The District motto, “*Great Schools - Successful Kids*” exemplifies the belief that all students will achieve academic excellence, acquire interpersonal skills, and develop technological expertise to contribute as productive citizens in a democratic society. For more information, call 714/447-7400 or visit www.fullertonsd.org.

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