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## **Symantec Joins CyberPatriot as Cyber Gold Sponsor**

ARLINGTON, Va. -- The Air Force Association (AFA) today announced that Symantec Corp. (Nasdaq: SYMC), one of the world's largest software companies, has joined the team of sponsors for CyberPatriot –The National High School Cyber Defense Competition.

Symantec provides security, storage, and systems management solutions to a wide range of businesses across the globe, allowing their clients to protect themselves more comprehensively and efficiently than any other company.

Symantec joins CyberPatriot as a Cyber Gold sponsor, providing invaluable resources, knowledge and capability to the nation's fastest-growing youth cyber challenge. [Earlier this year](#), Symantec pledged to provide \$1 million in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and literacy education grants to non-profit organizations around the globe.

"CyberPatriot is honored to work with Symantec to provide STEM education opportunities to young adults in order to create a strong and diverse cyber workforce for the future," said Bernie Skoch, CyberPatriot Commissioner. "With the support of generous corporate sponsors like Symantec, CyberPatriot is able to grow the next generation of cybersecurity experts that our country needs as a part of our national workforce and, more broadly, to attract American youth to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and careers."

"Symantec is committed to providing our nation's youth, with an emphasis on women and minorities, with education opportunities they may otherwise not be able to benefit from," said Cecily Joseph, senior director of Corporate Responsibility. "We look forward to partnering with CyberPatriot to give middle school and high school students access to an engaging STEM curriculum. We are looking forward to a long and productive relationship with the Air Force Association working to raise awareness and understanding of cybersecurity. "

CyberPatriot is an exciting education initiative created to stimulate student interest inSTEM. Providing students hands-on learning about technology, CyberPatriot emphasizes teamwork and leadership, and exercises critical-thinking skills as teams learn how to defend and protect computer systems from cyberthreats. This year's competition began in early November 2012, with more than 1,000 teams across the country (and five in Canada) registered to participate.

For more information about CyberPatriot, visit [www.uscyberpatriot.org](http://www.uscyberpatriot.org).

### **About Symantec:**

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- EDUCATE the public on the critical need for unmatched aerospace power and a technically superior workforce to ensure U.S. national security.
- ADVOCATE for aerospace power and STEM education.
- SUPPORT the Total Air Force family and promote aerospace education.

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