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### **CyberPatriot Named Finalist for “Innovator of the Year”**

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Air Force Association’s CyberPatriot program has been nominated for the Oklahoma publication *The Journal Record* “Innovator of the Year” award.

CyberPatriot, the national youth cyber education program, was established in 2008 by AFA designed to inspire and steer young adults toward science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and careers. It has since reached more than 250,000 students.

*The Journal Record* annually recognizes Oklahoma innovations and their creators. Each year, nominations are submitted from around the state for those products and services that exemplify an innovative spirit. This year’s group includes entrepreneurs from a diverse range of industries including health care, education, and energy.

CyberPatriot Center of Excellence Rose State College of Midwest City, Oklahoma submitted the youth cyber education program for the award in early 2014. Since the creation of CyberPatriot in 2008, Rose State College has been energetically involved in the CyberPatriot program. They have actively collaborated with the AFA Gerrity Chapter to utilize all aspects of available communication and collaboration to recruit CyberPatriot teams and grow the program in their region. In addition, Rose State College funds professors and student assistants to provide CyberPatriot workshops to interested high school teams, and have been instrumental in garnering support of the entire state, from the Governor, Secretary of Education, Secretary of Commerce, and many Oklahoma communities.

“We are exceedingly proud to see the outstanding efforts of our Oklahoma associates nominated for the Innovator of the Year Award,” said Bernie Skoch, CyberPatriot Commissioner. “This nomination attests to the hard work and great efforts of the AFA Gerrity Chapter and CyberPatriot Center of Excellence Rose State, who have tirelessly supported CyberPatriot across the entire state. CyberPatriot dedicates itself to strengthening cyber education among today’s youth through fun and engaging learning experiences and it’s exciting to be recognized for its creativity.”

The award luncheon will take place at The Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City, Okla., on April 23, 2014, at 11:30 a.m. Learn more about the award at <http://journalrecord.com/innovator-of-the-year/>.

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