

National Cyber Scholarship

Local student named Scholar in National Cyber Scholarship Competition

National Cyber Scholarship Foundation recognizes Matthew Fernandez for outstanding achievement

St Johns, FL, 18 May - Matthew Fernandez a senior at Creekside High School, has been named a Scholar in the [National Cyber Scholarship Competition](#) (NCSC), a rigorous 48-hour online competition sponsored by The National Cyber Scholarship Foundation (NCSF). In recognition of his achievement, Matthew earned an invitation to participate in the Cyber Foundations Academy – a multi-week online program based on the nationally-recognized [SANS Foundations](#) training course and certification. In addition, he was awarded a scholarship to the U.S. college of his choice. He plans to attend University of North Florida in fall 2021 to pursue study related to cybersecurity.

Matthew competed against 5,000 high school students in a cybersecurity competition designed to challenge its participants to solve computer security problems and/or capture and defend computer systems. In total, 50,000 students nationwide sought to qualify for the NCSC; with just 10% meeting the requirements.

“The [National Cyber Scholarship Competition](#) recognizes high school students who have demonstrated exceptional cybersecurity prowess and who wish to pursue a career in a growing field in critical need of their talent,” noted David Brown, executive director, National Cyber Scholarship Foundation. “The NCSF mission is to identify and develop the next generation of cyber professionals. Each and every student who participated in this competition has the potential to develop their skills and build a successful career in cybersecurity.”

There are several qualification pathways for the [National Cyber Scholarship Competition](#) including [CyberStart America](#), a free online program that helps students discover their interest in cybersecurity and develop their talent and skills. The NCSC offers 600 college scholarships to top-ranking competitors. Additionally, National Cyber Scholars, visit: National Cyber Scholarship Foundation.

About the National Cyber Scholarship Foundation (NCSF)

The National Cyber Scholarship Foundation (NCSF) is a national nonprofit whose mission is to identify, nurture and empower the next generation of cybersecurity experts; and eliminate the cybersecurity skills gap in the United States. NCSF aims to support the entry of thousands of talented students to the cybersecurity industry by providing enrichment opportunities, world-class training, and scholarships to fund degree-level study.

About CyberStart America

[CyberStart America](#) is a free national program for high school students, aiming to uncover hidden cyber talents, and to identify and develop the next generation of cyber superstars. CyberStart’s immersive gamified learning platform can take students from zero cybersecurity knowledge to possessing the skills necessary to compete in a national-level Capture the Flag challenge in a matter of weeks. Students new to the field with a strong aptitude, as well as students with existing interest in the field, can use the platform to train and qualify for the [National Cyber Scholarship Competition](#), allowing them to compete for life-changing college scholarship opportunities.