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**ELK GROVE UNIFIED STUDENTS AT PLEASANT GROVE AND SHELDON HIGH SCHOOLS
WIN 27 AWARDS FOR THE UC DAVIS BIOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM'S TEEN BIOTECH
BLOGGING CHALLENGE**

*Pleasant Grove Students Win 14 Awards and Sheldon Students Win 13 Awards in the Teen
Biotech Blogging Challenge*

ELK GROVE, Calif. – June 9, 2021 – Elk Grove Unified students at Pleasant Grove and Sheldon high schools won a total of 27 awards for the UC Davis Biotechnology Program's Teen Biotech Blogging Challenge (TBBC). Pleasant Grove students won 14 awards, and Sheldon students won 13, including Jayden Truong's first place win in Computational Biology and Genomics (Intermediate) for "Giving Machines Medical Degrees: Using Artificial Intelligence to Create Virtual Surgeons."

The Teen Biotech Blogging Challenge combines scientific knowledge with creative writing and design, and the competition is open to students from grades 6-12.

Participating students submitted a blog entry and an original, student-designed media element for judging in one of the following categories:

- Agricultural Biotechnology and Food Science
- Computational Biology and Genomics
- Drug Discovery and Biomanufacturing
- Environmental Biotechnology and Planetary Health
- Molecular Tools: Nanobiotechnology, Synthetic Biology and Genetic Engineering
- Regenerative Medicine and Biomedical Engineering

[Visit the 2021 TBBC website to see the full list of winners.](#)

About the Elk Grove Unified School District

The [Elk Grove Unified School District](#) (EGUSD) is the fifth-largest school district in California located in southern Sacramento County. EGUSD covers 320 square miles and includes 67 schools: 42 elementary schools, nine middle schools, nine high schools, five alternative education schools, an adult school, one charter school and a virtual academy. Offering a

multitude of educational programs, including over 70 career-themed academies and pathways within 15 industry sectors, we prepare our students for college and career by supporting them with the means to be creative problem solvers; self-aware, self-reliant, and self-disciplined; technically literate; effective communicators and collaborators; and engaged in the community as individuals with integrity. We integrate rigorous academics with career-based learning and real world workplace experiences and ensure that *Every Student is Learning, in Every Classroom, in Every Subject, Every Day to Prepare College, Career and Life Ready Graduates.*

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