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New technology competition to test local high school students

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College in conjunction with Interface Web School is challenging local high school students to enter in the BringItOn Challenge, a technology competition that will see students submit solutions to problems presented by partnering businesses.

Developed by the MCC Information Technology and eLearning Department and Interface Web School, the BringItOn Challenge's goal is to introduce young students to various Information Technology career pathways by providing them real-world experiences. The program is set to officially launch in September, with students presenting their final product in April 2016. Competitors will meet with their mentors on a weekly basis to help develop their concepts. The mentors will be made up of faculty members from area high schools, MCC and the Interface Web School.

"We envision businesses submitting requests for proposals which will be matched to high school teams who will then with industry and MCC mentors to develop great solutions to modern problems," said Art Brown, MCC INFO faculty member. "These businesses and nonprofits can then choose to accept the solutions."

Registration deadline is July 31. Students and businesses interested in the BringItOn Challenge can contact Art Brown at 402-457-2322 or Guillermo Rosas at 402-457-2384.

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