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## WAGENERS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND FIRST NSA CYBER CHALLENGE FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

AUGUSTA, GA—Twelve students from Wageners Valley High School were the first to have an opportunity to crack the code during the National Security Agency (NSA) cyber challenge for middle and high schools hosted at the Georgia Cyber Center on November 18, 2021, sponsored by the CSRA Fort Gordon Alliance. The NSA offers this challenge activity to train local students in basic knowledge of cryptanalysis and forensics. The challenge was created by NSA and is currently deployed and hosted on the Georgia Cyber Range which is located at the Georgia Cyber Center.

Caitlin Courtney, Shanteria Edwards, Haley Franklin, Kayla Johnson, Madison Lawson, Delaina Leres, Chrystine Palau, Emmanuel Pollock, Brandon Pontoon, Emma Poole, Miracle Pough, and Joe Rouse spent the day being introduced to cyber security and engaging in a "capture the flag" style

