Recommendation Letter for the Governor's Award

The mission of the Tech For Troops Program® (T4TP) is to provide in need veterans and their families with free refurbished computers. Tech For Troops also hires veterans and provides job skills training to rejoin the workforce and boost the economy. In keeping with this mission, T4TP operates three core programs: Technology Reuse, IT Training, and Computer Recycling.

This past year, the Cisco Networking Academy at the Chesterfield Career &Technical Center (CCTC), began a partnership with Tech For Troops through the VA STAR program. Through this partnership, over a dozen IT students from Mr. Steinruck's program have volunteered over 500 hours assisting Tech For Troops in accomplishing our mission. These students have helped with refurbishing, recycling, and moving computer equipment at our facility. Several students utilized their IT skills and built a server that has greatly increased our ability to wipe hard drives and reimage the systems to get them ready for use by veterans in our community. We have also received over 100 computers systems from the VA STAR program at CCTC that have been either refurbished or recycled. We have also worked together on a couple of promotional events, including a cybersecurity event coming up on Veteran's Day this year.

Tech For Troops has been highly impressed with students IT skillsets and readiness to support us. I believe that the faculty leadership and students of the Cisco Networking Academy are crucial to our success as a nonprofit. Our growth this year is partially due to the help of Mr. Steinruck and the students' willingness to "pitch in" and help.

Tech For Troops highly recommends that the faculty and students from the Cisco Networking Academy VA Star Program at the Chesterfield Career &Technical Center (CCTC) be awarded the Governor's Award for Community Partnerships and Collaboration. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 804-241-3169.

Sincerely,

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Thank You!

Rudolph Steinruck

On Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 8:38 AM, Mary Vincent
Ness <maryvincent_ness@ccpsnet.net> wrote:

Hi Scott,

So happy to hear how well your event went Saturday!

Thank you for putting on such a well organized event, we greatly appreciate groups like
yours here. Your students were **amazing** to work with, truly great young leaders with
so much drive & dedication to you and your program. It speaks volumes about you as a
teacher and mentor to see high school students so eager to be involved.

Please let me know if you would like to look at booking for 2018. We would love to
have Hack4Troops back at the Conference Center.

Have a great week and thank you again!