

# U.S. Rep. Steil: Announces 2021 Congressional App Challenge winners

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**GREENDALE, WI** - Congressman Bryan Steil announced Wisconsin First Congressional District's 2021 Congressional App Challenge winners, Greendale High School students Charlie Smitsdorff and Tyler Balota. Charlie and Tyler created an app called Robato. A panel of experts in the computer science field reviewed the app based on its concept, design, and skill.

"It was great to announce Charlie and Tyler as the winners of the App Challenge at Greendale High School and learn more about their app, Robato. I congratulate both students for winning this content. Creating an app takes time, hard work, patience, skills, and planning. My priority is to promote STEM programs to teach our students problem solving skills, and encourage critical thinking and innovation."

The Congressional App Challenge is a competition aimed at encouraging middle and high school students to learn how to code by creating their own applications. Started in 2013, the Challenge is intended to highlight the value of computer science and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education. The House of Representatives knows how crucial these skills are and wants to encourage students to engage in these fields. By encouraging and recognizing our nation's young programming talent, Congress hopes to shine a light on the growing importance of these skills. This competition is open to students who meet the eligibility requirements, regardless of coding experience.

To watch a video explaining the app, click [HERE](#).