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# THE 2016 GLOBEY GAME DESIGN AND CODING AWARDS CEREMONY



Texas State Capitol  
Capitol Auditorium  
Austin, Texas  
September 24, 2016

10:30 am

## Meet The Finalists at the Game Demo Stations

11:00 am

## The Future of Education: Thriving in an Increasingly Digital World

*Idit Harel, CEO and Founder, Globaloria*

11:05 am

## Globaloria Presents: 2016 Globey Awards National Finalists

*(video)*

11:10 am

## From San Antonio to the International Space Station

*Jennifer Lopez, Commercial Innovation Technology Development Lead,  
Center for the Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS)*

11:20 am

## Globey Awards National Finalists and Winners

12:05 pm

## The Leaders of Tomorrow

*Robert Scott, Former Texas Commissioner of Education  
and Principal, Texas Star Alliance*

*The Globeyes Game Design and Coding Competitions and Awards are a national design and coding competition that celebrates students' year-long efforts in the Globaloria computer science program. Globaloria is a blended-learning platform that enables K-12 students to become socially-minded, innovative change makers through computer science learning programs. Globaloria has generated more than 700,000 hours of design thinking in classrooms across the country. Our educational platform, course catalog and pathways for students and teachers allow for effective and adequate tools to discover and teach computer science using industry-standard programming languages and professional digital media tools.*

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**Dr. Idit Harel** is an award-winning pioneer in inventing technology for cultivating creative learning, innovation, and globalization through constructionist learning. An Israeli-American entrepreneur, she founded Globaloria to provide STEM and computing courses to schools worldwide to prepare youth for the global knowledge economy. Idit is a published author and speaker worldwide, and has been serving on Advisory Boards and Committees at the MIT Media Lab, Harvard Graduate School of Education, CUNY Macaulay Honors College, Colorado University's ATLAS Institute, and PBSKids Next Generation Media. Idit holds degrees from Tel Aviv University (BA, 1982), Harvard University (HGSE EdM; CAS 1985), and MIT Media Lab (PhD, 1988).



**Jennifer W. Lopez** is the Commercial Innovation Technology Development Lead at the Center for the Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS). She is developing commercial R&D and breakthrough innovations for the International Space Station. As the Founding Member of NASA's Datanaut Corps in the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), Jennifer is inspiring future engineers, data scientists, and entrepreneurs who share a passion for learning and exploration to engage with NASA's open data from NASA missions, answering challenges in technology, aeronautics, the space station, the solar system, Earth, and NASA's Journey to Mars. Jennifer holds a BS from the University of Texas in Austin, and graduate degrees from Harvard and MIT.



**Robert Scott** is a Principal at the Texas Star Alliance, an expert in education policy who provides strategic counsel to state and national clients on education issues. He served as the Texas Commissioner of Education (2007-2012) and was confirmed unanimously by the Texas Senate in 2009 and 2011. As Commissioner he served as the head of the Texas Education Agency, which oversees the state's 1200 school districts and charter schools. He has also served as an assistant to two previous Commissioners of Education and as a legislative advisor to the Texas State Senate and United States House of Representatives. He had been primarily focused on public and higher education. Robert holds a BA and a JD from the University of Texas School of Law.

Globaloria thanks the 2016 National Judges – tech industry experts, computer scientists, game designers, education leaders, social entrepreneurs, university professors, academic researchers – who volunteered to evaluate the students' projects and select this year's Globey Awards Winners. Judges are listed here in alphabetical order of their company's or organization's name:

Eric Johnson, CEO, **Activate Learning**

Anne Fertitta, Senior Manager, Global Community Affairs, **AMD**

Nils Marchand, Vice President, Global Field Enablement, **BazaarVoice**

Chris Funk, Superintendent, **East Side Union High School District, San Jose, CA**

Erik Huey, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, **Entertainment Software Association**  
Gary Bolles, Co-Founder, **eParachute, Inc.**

Dan Norton, Chief Creative Officer, **Filament Games**

Ni Lao, Research Scientist, **Google Inc.**

Amber Oliver, Social Entrepreneur, COO, **GripTape Youth Agency**

Cody Smedsrud, Project Manager, **Group Health Cooperative**

Carrie Ray-Hill, Director of Content, **iCivics Inc.**

Margaret Minsky, Computer Scientist and Technology Consultant, **Margaret Minsky Consulting**  
Atul Varma, Creative Technologist, formerly **Mozilla**

Shelley Gretlein, Director, Software Marketing and Customer Education, **National Instruments**

Anthony Negron, Manager of Digital Programming, **New York Hall of Science**

Kamran Khan, Media and Games Network, Steinhart School of Education, **New York University**

Mohammed Riza, Chief Design Officer, Amplify and **ProjectEd**

Rebecca Reynolds, Assistant Professor, School of Communication and Information, **Rutgers University**

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From 35 Houston schools, 27 students were Regional Finalists  
and 5 were National Finalists.



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