

## A Cisco Networking Academy

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### Indiana Ranks high in NetRiders Competition Participation

The registration is officially closed for the Cisco NetRiders Competition, and Indiana ranked 4th out of all 50 states! Out of the 62 students from Indiana, 34 of them belonged to an academy in the ASCP. Overall the midwest in general had a wonderful turnout of students, and 67 students from the ASCP's academies signed up. Officially now open, round one will close on October 30th, and the top five students from each academy will advance to round two. We wish all of the competing students the best of luck in the first round of the competition.

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### Small Classes; The Key to Success at Maconaquah

By Larissa Denton

It's 9:15 on a Wednesday morning, and a group of Maconaquah high school students are on speaker phone with me; Colton, the unofficial spokesperson for the class, explains that their small classes are one of the best aspects of studying at Maconaquah. "There are only 8 people in our Cisco class.

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On Wednesday of this week, Cisco announced that they focusing on the modern workspace, with a goal of making it easier for teams to collaborate and connect securely. These innovations will bring companies together over distances and are tailored specifically to the highly mobile workforce. As a plus, they are simple and easy to use.

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You learn a lot that way, and get more attention from the teacher." Colton also explained that they were using digital curriculum, which better prepared them for the online learning environment in college. The information these high school students are learning at Maconaquah, a rural school located in Bunker Hill, Indiana between Logansport and Kokomo, is the same as what college students are learning, but they have the advantage of learning it sooner, and in a small learning environment. Julie Dinn teaches the Cisco classes at Maconaquah; she believes the small environment is one of the most valuable aspects of their classes. Many of these students had decided to take the Cisco classes after hearing from peers how fun the courses were. I asked the students if they thought they would continue studying networking in college and they said yes; network engineer and networking administrator were a few of the intended career paths mentioned. Thanks to their early exposure to the information and great instruction at Maconaquah, these 8 students will be able to avoid the directionless wandering that plagues so many of our young people today.



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Only 7 students were present during the interview: pictured here: Colton Bucher, Randy Childers, Sydney Hale, Ming Lin, Marissa Shoffner, and Wesley Willson

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