Dear Braeden,

On behalf of IBM's Systems and Technology Group, I'd like to congratulate you on being one of the winners of the 2015 IBM Master the Mainframe Contest. I hope the experiences and accomplishments you gained by participating in the contest have encouraged you to continue exploring the IBM z Systems platform.

IBM invested more than one billion dollars to create the newest mainframe systems. While these systems continue to be prized for unmatched reliability, scalability and security, they are also pushing new boundaries in business analytics, cloud delivery and virtualization. This is an exciting time to be a part of the enterprise computing world, and I'm pleased that you've decided to join us.

IBM runs the Master the Mainframe Contest in response to demand from our clients for job candidates with the skills you've just been learning. Many Fortune 500 companies run their mission-critical workloads on the mainframe. These companies are recruiting new talent to support their enterprise systems, and you've put yourself in a great position to take advantage of career opportunities at some of the world's top employers.

Please take some time to browse the jobs posted on the IBM z Systems Jobs Board web site at [www.zSystemsJobs.com.](www.zSystemsJobs.com) On that site, you can create an account and upload your resume so that hundreds of companies hiring IT talent can see your profile and line up interviews.

Finally, consider talking with your educators about including enterprise computing concepts into their curriculum if they don't already. They can learn more about the IBM z Systems Academic Initiative and its resources by sending an e-mail to us at zskills@us.ibm.com

As IBM helps build a smarter planet, we hope that you will be among the next generation that will push the limits of what enterprise computing can do.

Congratulations again on a job well done! Take a picture of you and your t-shirt and put it out there in the web universe using #mainframemaster along with your favorite memory of your experience with the contest.

Best regards,

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