

Washington FPS

FROM THE AD'S DESK
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Here is a video link to help your students start to think about 10 years in the future.
Added bonus: Wearable Technology is our PPII topic!

Hello,

Congratulations to all our MAGIC competitors! Information about the MAGIC competition as well as pictures of the winners from Washington State can be found on page 2. Once again, the Washington Team performed admirably with four students helping their teams place in the top three at the International MAGIC competition.

As school districts around the state decide how to open school this fall, whether that is a hybrid model, all online, or traditional, I hope that WAFPS can offer you support as you follow your district guidelines for instruction.

With the first practice problem this year due in October, if you are ready for a little controversy, please click on the following link in order to read an interesting article on [Youth in Competitive Sports](#), that was recently published in the Washington Post.

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WASHINGTON STATE 2020 IC MAGIC WINNERS



Vedika Hemani, 1st place,
Junior Division, Spiritridge
Elementary School, coached by
Michelle Gordon



Tanya Bhandari, 1st place,
Middle Division, Leota Middle
School, coached by Matthew
Bohannan



Jaden Cutinha, 2nd place, Middle
Division, Leota Middle School,
coached by Matthew Bohannan



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Sumedha Dandapanthula, 3rd
place, Middle Division, Odle
Middle School, coached by Debby
Benzinger, Claire Kujawa

MAGIC AT VIRTUAL IC 2020

What's MAGIC? Multi-Affiliate Global Issues Problem Solving Competition (Junior, Middle, Senior, Adult) provides an opportunity for collaboration with other problem solvers from around the world as competitors are randomly placed onto teams by division at the International Conference.

Here is what one MAGIC 2020 Virtual IC winner and one coach had to say:

Vedika Hemani: “Starting MAGIC online, I was initially nervous because I would be meeting my team only a few days before the actual competition, and I wouldn’t get much time to meet them and discuss with them. I thought there would definitely be problems in communication and wondered how we would be ready for competition day. But when the time came to meet my team, I was pleasantly surprised at how well I meshed with them. I worked with people from all over the United States, and I loved the diversity of ideas they brought to the table. I am still in contact with all my team members today. All in all, I not only gained a team from this experience, but also an amazing group of friends.”

Coach Matthew Bohannan: “Jaden's team - through a ‘quirk’ of time zones - ended up spanning literally one-half way around the world, hitting a full 12 hours difference! It turns out that one of the students was actually from Hong Kong, not their U.S. affiliate. Then they had a kid from Kentucky as well! So, 12 time zones. They were basically forced to solve at 7:30 a.m. HK time and 7:30 p.m. EDT. It was insane! They were the true spirit of International FPS camaraderie.”

WASHINGTON STATE COACH AND STUDENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



NEW! From FPSPI

WHAT: The Future Problem Solving (FPS) Experience is a highly engaging virtual workshop exploring the six step problem solving model through the futuristic topic of Terraforming!

Students will experience a Future Scene, critical and creative thinking strategies, and will have the opportunity to collaborate through the problem solving steps as the facilitators expertly guide them through the six step process.

WHO: Students (grades 6-9) who wish to learn the Future Problem Solving Process. Spaces are limited to ensure quality instruction - additional sessions may be offered depending on registration.

HOW: Digital/Virtual instruction accessed via laptop or Chromebook

WHEN: Sessions include 4 hours of instruction and activities for a registration fee of \$60. *Note that Session A and Session B are identical in content.*

Session A

Tuesday Aug 25 and Thursday August 27, 2020 – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. EDT

Session B

Saturday August 29, 2020 – Noon – 4 p.m. EDT

Register at FPSPI.org no later than August 21, 2020. Registration must include parental consent of Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. There will be a checkbox for you to agree to these terms of use when checking out on the FPSPI site.

2020-21 REGISTRATION FEES

Take advantage of **early registration fees** for 2020-2021 by registering before September 30.

GIPS Teams \$160 (prior to September 30: \$150)

GIPS Individual \$110 (prior to September 30: \$100)

Scenario Writing \$50 (prior to September 30: \$45)

Scenario Performance \$50 (prior to September 30: \$45)

CmPS Individual \$120

CmPS Team \$120 for a two-person team, and \$10 for each additional team member over the first two students.

Continuation of a CmPS Project from prior year \$25

Register online at wafps.org.

Important Dates

Sept. 30: Last day for Early Registration

Oct. 21: PPI Due Date, Topic: Youth in Competitive Sports

Nov. 25: Last day to register & be evaluated for PPII

Dec. 1: PPII Due Date, Topic: Wearable Technology

Jan. 11: CmPS Progress Report Due

Jan. 18: Scenario Writing Due Date

Jan. 29: QP Due Date, Topic: Human Environmental Impact

Feb. 5: Scenario Performance Due Date

Feb. 19: CmPS Projects Due

March 10: State Bowl Registration Due

March 24-26: State Bowl, Warm Beach, Topic: Personalized Medicine

June 3-7: 2021 International Conference, Topic tba

2020-21 TOPICS

The FPS topics for 2020-21 have been announced:

PPI: Youth in Competitive Sports

PPII: Wearable Technology

QP: Human Environmental Impact

SB: Personalized Medicine

IC: tba March 1, 2021

WAFPS BOARD NEWS

The WAFPS Board met (virtually) on July 11.

Zan Peterson-Moens (Dutch Hill, Snohomish), Debby Benzinger (Odle Middle School, Bellevue), and Michelle Gordon (Spirtridge Elementary, Bellevue) were re-elected to serve on the board. Michelle Gordon was elected as President for a one-year term, and Debby Benzinger was elected as Secretary for a four-year term.

The budget and registration fee structure were approved.

GIPS competition for 2020-21 will be utilizing the online booklets. Any coaches with concerns about this change, please contact me. Coaches for Junior GIPS competitors who may find the keyboard cumbersome, should also contact me.



FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

Please note that we will do everything we can to offer all components of the Future Problem Solving Program this school year. FPSPI is offering training for students later this month (see page 3) and GIPS, Scenario Writing and Scenario Performance work well online.

Please call/text (509) 386-6297 or email me (jbuissinkwafps@gmail.com) any time you have questions.

Next Up in September: Uploading student work, topic descriptors, & more.

“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.” – Walt Disney