

Washington FPS

FROM THE AD'S DESK
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2021 Coach of the Year



- Instrumental in starting and growing the FPS program in her school district for the last 8 years.
- Tireless advocate for FPS and coordinator for her district FPS program, which includes 4 middle schools.
- Has personally attended the International Conference in 2016 and 2017 and has had students qualify in multiple years.
- Has taught in the Bellingham School District since 2001 and currently teaches social studies and language arts at Fairhaven Middle School.
- **Congratulations Melissa Cornelsen!**

Hello,

Congratulations to all the coaches and students who participated in this year's Virtual State Bowl. For most of you, the challenge to organize your students so that they could compete virtually was another major hurdle. I commend you all. Some of you will now be focusing on the Virtual International Conference, which will be held from June 9-14. The virtual conference will again simulate a real conference with students creating their own avatars at check-in and then being able to attend the conference virtually in various virtual rooms. All competitions will be using the FPSOnline system.

The scenario writing competition will be conducted as an individual remote event. Scenario writers will be given a Future Scene on **Monday, June 7, at 5 a.m. PST** and they will have to submit their **1000-word** scenario by **Thursday, June 10, at 7 a.m. PST**.

The actual GIPS competition will also be conducted virtually, however, there will still be the option of writing a traditional paper booklet. Chat and collaborative features will allow teammates to work together remotely. There will be a practice window for all registered GIPS Teams and Individuals in using the FPSOnline system available between **May 21-26**. GIPS booklets must be completed/submitted between **7 a.m. and midnight PST, Thursday, June 10**.

The scenario performance competition will also be using the FPSOnline system. The topic sub-themes will be released on **Friday, May 7**. The competition window will be from **Monday, June 7, at 5 a.m. to Wednesday, June 10, at 9 a.m. PST**.

Presentation of Action plan virtual options will be due on **Friday, June 11 by 3 p.m. PST**.

The IC Awards Ceremony will be conducted using Facebook Live on **Monday, June 14 at 4 p.m. PST**.

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2021 Washington State Future Problem Solving Results

	Name	School	Coach
<i>Junior Division Scenario Performance:</i>			
1st place:	Hiraani Hew Nam Leung	Odle Middle School	Debby Benzinger, Claire Elliott
2nd place:	William Yoon	Odle Middle School	Debby Benzinger, Claire Elliott
<i>Junior Division Scenario Writers:</i>			
1st place:	Ilina Rao	Odle Middle School	Debby Benzinger, Claire Elliott
2nd place:	Nidhi Karnati	Redmond Independent	Sireesha Molakalapalli
3rd place:	Sana David	Odle Middle School	Debby Benzinger, Claire Elliott
4th place:	Haruna Morishita	Tyee Middle School	John Pearson
5th place:	Siddhi Lakkarsu	Redmond Independent	Sateesh Lakkarsu
<i>Middle Division Scenario Performance:</i>			
1st place:	Tanya Bhandari	North Creek High School	Matthew Bohannan
2nd place:	Sidhya Ganesh	Interlake High School	Dan Peterson
3rd place:	Abhidi Brahmamath	Odle Middle School	Debby Benzinger, Claire Elliott
4th place:	Edmunda Li	Odle Middle School	Debby Benzinger, Claire Elliott
<i>Middle Division Scenario Writers:</i>			
1st place:	Nishka Kacheria	Interlake High School	Dan Peterson
2nd place:	Prisha Hemani	Interlake High School	Dan Peterson
3rd place:	Xiyuan Carol Gong	Tyee Middle School	John Pearson
4th place:	Seoyoung Yun	Tyee Middle School	John Pearson
5th place:	Giya Agarwal	Odle Middle School	Debby Benzinger, Claire Elliott
<i>Senior Division Scenario Performance:</i>			
1st place:	Anshita Saini	Interlake High School	Dan Peterson
<i>Senior Division Scenario Writers:</i>			
1st place:	Jake Donner	Interlake High School	Dan Peterson
2nd place:	Emily Chang	Interlake High School	Dan Peterson
3rd place:	Jessica Na	Bellevue Independent	Jamie Na
<i>Junior Division GIPS Individual:</i>			
1st place:	Ilina Rao	Odle Middle School	Debby Benzinger/Claire Elliott
2nd place:	Julien Wong	Leota Middle School	Matthew Bohannan
<i>Middle Division GIPS Individual:</i>			
1st place:	Sidhya Ganesh	Interlake High School	Dan Peterson
2nd place:	Cindy Liu	Bellevue Independent	Jennifer Yuan
3rd place:	Jaden Cutinha	North Creek High School	Matthew Bohannan
4th place:	Rohak Jain	Interlake High School	Dan Peterson
5th place:	Vishnu Mangipudi	Odle Middle School	Debby Benzinger/Claire Elliott
6th place:	Tanya Bhandari	North Creek High School	Matthew Bohannan
<i>Senior Division GIPS Individual:</i>			
1st place:	Ariana J. Berrios	Bothell High School	Matthew Bohannan
2nd place:	Ava Rambo	Tekoa School	Angie Rambo

Junior Division GIPS Teams:

1st place:	Andrew Mao, Dean Sutherland, Malena Whitten, Olive Sherrer	Bellingham Schools	Melissa Cornelsen
2nd place:	Akshar Parmar, Saanvi Vontela, Sabir Thoohan, Siyona Sharma	Leota Middle School	Matthew Bohannon
3rd place:	Hriday Lathigara, Jessica Chen, Saanvi Agiwal, Sakti Krishnan	Odle Middle School	Debby Benzinger/Claire Elliott
4th place:	Sana David, Hiraani Hew Nam Leung, Ada Jin,	Odle Middle School	Debby Benzinger/Claire Elliott
5th place:	Brennan Carter, Cambria Foote, Emma Taylor, Paul Daly III	Dutch Hill Elementary	Zan Peterson-Moens
6th place:	Jasper Smith, Lil Desler, Luke Norman, Ruby Simon	Bellingham Schools	Melissa Cornelsen
7th place:	Erin Mokszycki, Lola Rotondo, Madelyn Buurstra, Malia Daclison	Dutch Hill Elementary	Zan Peterson-Moens
8th place:	Ariel Wagner, Christopher Peng, Justin Wang, Rachel Liu	Bellevue Independent	Michaela Moritz
9th place:	Ava Lo, Eva Davenport, Haruna Morishita, Kathy Jin	Tyee Middle School	John Pearson
10th place:	Cadhla Ensey, Evan Carlston, Lily Werle, Mariah Hansen	Dutch Hill Elementary	Zan Peterson-Moens

Middle Division GIPS Teams:

1st place:	Allan Xuan, Mason Stuart, Sophia Kawamura, Yash Pant	Woodinville-North Creek	Matthew Bohannon
2nd place:	Alice Zhang, Jacqueline Hsiao, Leo Tang, Yajing Yang	Odle Middle School	Debby Benzinger/Claire Elliott
3rd place:	Kayleigh Proctor-Finnegan, Lucy Naiman, Maria Horja, Meaghan MacGregor	Bellingham Schools	Melissa Cornelsen
4th place:	Aaryan Pawar, Chloe Zhan, Lucas Tang, Nishka Kacheria	Interlake High School	Dan Peterson
5th place:	Anish Pamuru, Atticus Pak, Darsh Shenoy, Elijah Yan	Leota Middle School	Matthew Bohannon
6th place:	Aditi Agarwal, Airah Virani, Sumedha Dandapanthula, Taj Khandekar	Interlake Independent	Rubina Virani
7th place:	Grady Evans, Jessa Parfet, Parker Norman, Sage Hawes	Bellingham Schools	Melissa Cornelsen
8th place:	Guljamal Eshmuratova, Levi Develice, Ryan Chai, Zoe Cooke	Explorer Middle School	Mary Fitzmaurice
9th place:	Amy Ling, Cindy Dong, Cynthia Lu, Yina Hu	Tyee Middle School	John Pearson
10th place:	Advait Vijayakumar, Jiya Joshi, Joseph Boschee, Morgan Schmitter	Leota Middle School	Matthew Bohannon
11th place:	Breanne Ng, Carol Gong, Sophia Lin, Trinity Yun	Tyee Middle School	John Pearson
12th place:	Aryan Kedarisetty, Saumitra Joshi, Shyam Arumugam, Thomas Wang	Interlake High School	Dan Peterson

Senior Division GIPS Teams:

1st place:	Annie Zhao, Claire King, Eunice Lee, Linh Tran	Bellevue Independent 2	Minh Tran
2nd place:	Skyler Schmitter, Snigdha Mahankali, Stuti Tiwari, Tori Kirchmeier	Woodinville High School	Matthew Bohannon
3rd place:	Clarence Zheng, Jake Donner, Tanush Yadav, Tejus Agrawal	Interlake High School	Dan Peterson
4th place:	Carmella Gumaelius, Eliza Gumaelius, Jesenia Churape, Ruby Gumaelius	North River School	Kari Beyer
5th place:	Allison Blaszak, Alyssa Bird, Elise Wilkins, Jeremy Weldy	Tekoa School	Angie Rambo
6th place:	Maya Olson, Meagan McGuinness, Meaghan Capper,	Woodinville High School	Matthew Bohannon

Junior Division Community Problem Solving Individual:

1st place: **Katelyn Kawamura** Leota Middle School Matthew Bohannan

Middle Division Community Problem Solving Individual:

1st place: **Harini Thiagarajan** North Creek High School Matthew Bohannan

2nd place: **Ashvi Shah** North Creek High School Matthew Bohannan

Middle Division Community Problem Solving Team:

1st place: **Leota Middle School** Matthew Bohannan

Senior Division Community Problem Solving Team:

1st place: **Glacier Peak High School** Jaime Dooley



Spoken Word Challenge: Odle Middle School team 2155



Dutch Hill Team 1166: Cambria Foote, Paul Daly, Breannan Carter, Emma Taylor



Sophia Lin

Trinity Yun

M2041

Tyee Middle School

Carol Gong

Breanne Ng

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2021

From FPSPI:

On Wednesday, June 9, the virtual Opening Ceremony will kick off IC 2021 and the 3D Virtual experience will open Thursday, June 10. The Awards Ceremony will be held on Monday, June 14.

Champion problem solvers who have earned their spot at the International Conference will have the opportunity to compete with others from around the world and will have access to many virtual collaborative experiences as well as their competitions.

Several speakers will share sessions with students and collaborative sessions include such events as the Coach Connection, Senior Forum, Parent Meeting, and CmPS Tips and Tools.

Important Dates

April 16: Advancing CmPS Cover Sheet, Publication Release, and Project due

May 6: IC registration closes

June 9-14: 2021 Virtual International Conference, Topic: Neurotechnology

2021 IC TOPIC: NEUROTECHNOLOGY

Neurotechnology is a growing science that helps people understand the brain as well as aspects of consciousness, thought, and high-functioning activities. Since the development of brain imaging, scientists have made significant progress in the field. Neurotechnology includes products and procedures that improve and repair brain function. Presently, we can create images of almost all aspects of the brain, and to some degree, control its functions. Brain imaging, stimulation, measurement, and cell therapy all show promise, as do developments in brain-computer interfaces. Neurotechnology can help treat depression, insomnia, Parkinson's disease, and many other conditions, as well as improving the quality of life for those with disabilities or injuries. However, its side effects are not well understood, and the implications related to its use have not been fully explored. What potential challenges could scientists, policymakers, and the public face as this technology continues to develop? How can neurotechnology be used to heal and enhance human and animal brains? What are the potential benefits and consequences of its growing use?



FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

We look forward to the 2022 Washington State Bowl at Warm Beach Conference Center and the 2022 International Conference at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst which are both scheduled to be held in person.

Again, let me enthusiastically congratulate Melissa Cornelsen from the Bellingham School District as the recipient of this year's Coach of the Year award.

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

Next Up in May: **2021-2022 FPS Topics and more.**

“You can, you should, and if you’re brave enough to start, you will.”
—Stephen King