

Washington FPS

FROM THE AD'S DESK
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These video links both relate to the Virtual State Bowl topic: Personalized Medicine.

Hello,

Now that you have completed your qualifying problem booklets, the next step is a potential invite to the virtual State Bowl which will take place in less than two months. Invitations to the State Bowl will be sent out before the end of February. Registration for the Virtual State Bowl will open in late February and close March 10.

This year's State Bowl topic is Personalized Medicine, a subject that has only been in the medical forefront since the human genome project was completed in 2003, even though the concept of genetic medicine was in its infancy almost 100 years ago.

I hope that all of you will be able to find some interesting and thought-provoking research about the topic. The two videos above will give you some ideas about where the research is heading. If you are interested in the history of this topic, please research The Jackson Laboratory where much of the early research occurred.

The scenario writing competition has already been completed and the State winners will be announced soon. Invitations to submit to the International Conference will also be extended to the first place winner in each division.

For those of you who have students participating in the Scenario Performance competition, they have until February 5 to submit their performance videos. Please check out page 4 for some last minute information.

Also, if your students are participating in the Community Problem Solving Competition, the deadline for submitting the final project to your Dropbox is February 19. Good luck!

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VIRTUAL STATE BOWL

Student Oath

Coaches, please have the Student Oath for GIPS competitors completed by your State Bowl participants prior to March 24 competition. If the Student Oath is already in your possession from the QP, there is no need for another one. Note that this Student Oath does **not** need to be uploaded with the student booklets. Please keep the Student Oath on file in the event WA FPS requests it. The 2020-2021 Student Oath may be destroyed in the Fall of 2021. The Student Oath fillable document is on the [WAFPS website](#).

Proctoring the GIPS Competition Virtually

The Proctoring Instructions document can be downloaded from the [WAFPS website](#). Coaches, please review the entire Proctoring Instructions document prior to the Virtual State Bowl.

Tips to proctoring virtual rooms: if you are unable to have an adult “listening” in the room to text the coach, then bouncing between rooms to verify that the guidelines are being met by participants might be a way to proctor many rooms at a time.

Please remind students of the permitted items in the solving space prior to the Virtual State Bowl:

Permitted Items in the Solving Space

<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid black;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Permitted Items:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">dictionary <i>and/or</i> thesaurus pencils, pens, highlighters & sharpener non-programmable calculator blank paper <i>and/or</i> unopened package of Post-Its water</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Online Materials:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">shared virtual booklet Future Scene video conferencing platform (Zoom, e.g.)</p> </div>	<div style="background-color: #f2dede; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid black;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Restricted Items:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">research & notes non-blank scratch paper extra open browsers/windows/tabs category list help from other people*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>*note that the proctor CAN assist with any technology-related issues</small></p> </div>
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Future Scene

The Future Scene for the Virtual State Bowl will be sent to coaches just prior to 8 a.m. on March 24. As some participants may be solving later in the day or the following morning, please respect the integrity of the competition by securing the future scenes both prior to and after the competition. This Future Scene cannot be posted online until 2025. Also, some states may not be solving until mid-April.

Submitting Booklets

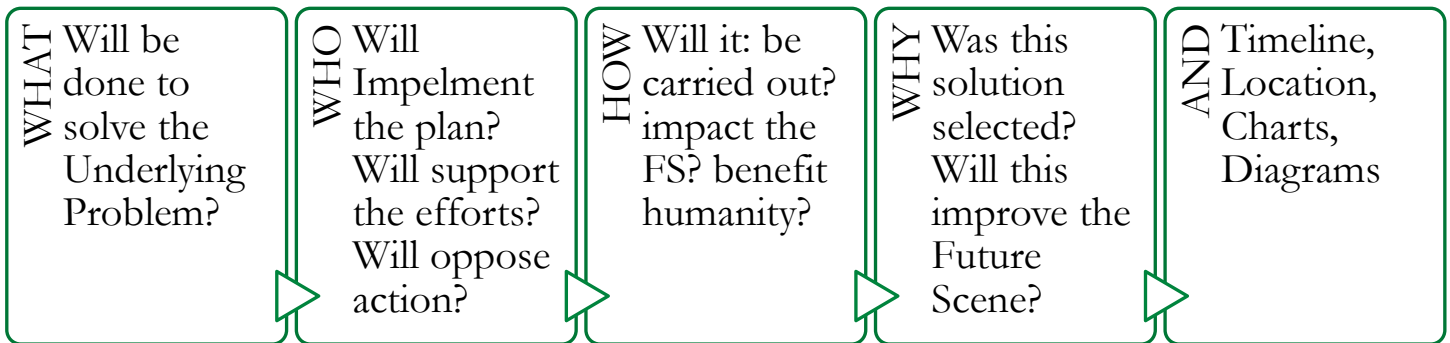
State Bowl Booklets will be due in the coach’s Dropbox by noon on March 25. If you encounter any technical difficulties in uploading the booklets, please contact our Evaluation Director Ann Foreyt.

STATE BOWL T-SHIRTS 2021

This year's Virtual State Bowl 2021 t-shirt will be available to order through your coach or directly from Custom Ink. If the t-shirts are sent directly to your coach or to you, there will be an added shipping cost this year.

T-shirt ordering information will be sent out shortly.

ANATOMY OF AN ACTION PLAN*



Try to write at least three complete paragraphs. The first is an overview of the plan; the second is why and how the plan solves the Underlying Problem; and the third tells why and how the plan will have an impact on the Future Scene, how it relates to the Criteria used and the topic, and how it positively effects society.

*2018 Future Problem Solving Program International, Inc., Coach's Handbook, 6th Edition.

PHOTOS OF STATE BOWL PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

If you have photos of your students actively involved in the FPS process, please email them to Kari Beyer (kaldrich@nr.k12.wa.us). We'd like to use these photos in our Award Ceremony. Photos that are labeled by team or individual number would be greatly appreciated.

SCENARIO PERFORMANCE SUBMISSIONS

Scenario Performances are due on February 5. Please remember to give viewing permission when you submit the Scenario Performance.

Please submit the ScP Submission Sheet (found on the [WAFPS website](#)) at the same time that you submit your Scenario Performance link.

Checklist:

1. Are you sure that your work shows a recognizable relationship to one of the topics for this current FPS year?
2. Is your work within the allowed time limit (up to 5 minutes)?
3. Have you presented your work in the correct format? (Performance must be in one continuous take.)
4. Did you label the video file as directed by the Evaluation Director or provide the YouTube link (marked **unlisted**)? If a YouTube video is submitted as either Private or Public, the evaluator will not be able to access it.

Important Dates

Feb. 5: Scenario Performance Due Date

Feb. 19: CmPS Projects Due

March 10: State Bowl Registration Due

March 24-25: State Bowl, Topic: Personalized Medicine

June 9-13: 2021 International Conference, Topic tba; currently scheduled for virtual and on-site.

VOTE FOR AN IC TOPIC

Want to have your voice heard? Vote for future 2022-2023 topics at this FPSPI [link](#). The link will remain open until March 31.

The 2021 International Conference topic will soon be announced! Watch for it in the March 2021 newsletter.



FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

We will be looking for photos of our State Bowl winners, so please be thinking about ways to enable you or your students to submit photos that we can use to showcase the winners on the website and this newsletter.

A final good luck to the scenario performers in their last few days of practice.

At this point in time, the International Conference is scheduled as a hybrid event. The cost for virtual student participants will be \$195, cost to register for a second student competition will be \$100, and coaches will pay \$75. The standard housing 4-night package for on-site participants will be \$597 for double occupancy. Additional information about IC will be released in March.

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

Next Up in March: 2021 IC topic announced.

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.” —Dr. Seuss