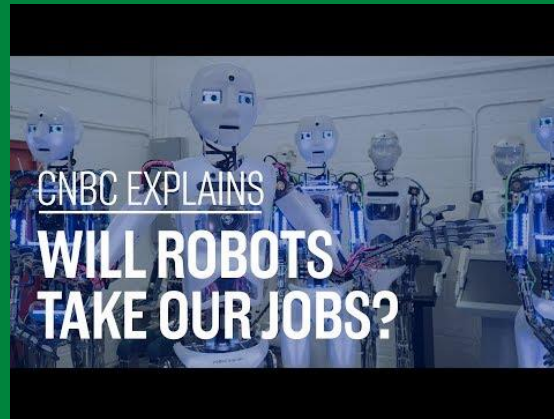


# Washington FPS

FROM THE AD'S DESK  
JANUARY 2023



Here are two videos to share with your students for QP Robotic Workforce  
Left: Why AI Will Never Replace the Role of Humans  
Right: Will Robots Take Our Jobs?

Hello,

Welcome to 2023! I hope that you had a great start to the year at midnight, last night.

The qualifying problem, due on February 2, is your next GIPS focus and the topic is the Robotic Workforce. At first glance, the concept of a robotic workforce may sound futuristic. However, in reality, the use of robots in the workplace has been steadily growing. The first robots designed to be used in the workplace were created in 1956 by Unimation and its robots were first used in manufacturing at General Motors in New Jersey in the early 1960s.

For those of you with scenario writers, I hope that they were able to get a good start on their scenarios as the due date is only 17 days away on January 17. Please upload all scenarios to your DropBox according to the evaluation director's directions. This submission will decide the State winners and the winning entry in each division will be eligible to attend the International Conference in June.

The scenario performance competition is not due until February 6. Please note that this year, only this year's four topics can be used for a scenario.

John Buissink  
Affiliate Director  
509-386-6297  
jbuissinkwafps@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP INFO... PAGE 2  
SCENARIO PERFORMANCE... PAGE 3

GIPS QP RULES REMINDER... PAGE 2  
STATE BOWL FEES... PAGE 4

SCENARIO WRITING RULES... PAGE 3  
IMPORTANT DATES... PAGE 4

## NEXT ZOOM MEETINGS FOR COACHES

Jan. 4,  
7 p.m.

Our next zoom meeting for coaches will be hosted by our Evaluation Director, Ann Foreyt, who will be discussing what went right and what didn't in PPII. Also, any questions regarding the Qualifying Problem (due Feb. 2) will be answered! We'll see you on Jan. 4!

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

The 2022-23 WAFPS Impact and Achievement scholarships are now open!

Graduating 2023 seniors, who have participated in Washington State FPS in any of the components in any year, are eligible to apply. Applicants do **not** need to be currently competing in order to be eligible. Deadline is March 1, 2023, by 10 p.m. PST.

Applications are accepted through the links below, which can also be found on the [website](#).

[Achievement Scholarship](#)

[Impact Scholarship](#)


The WAFPS Achievement Scholarship recognizes a graduating senior who has had multiple years of involvement in Washington Future Problem Solving, at any level. The ideal candidate should be able to demonstrate their FPS track record and dedication to the program through participation and performance.

The WAFPS Impact Scholarship recognizes a graduating senior Future Problem Solving participant or previous participant who embodies the ethos of FPS through action in their community. Whether through Community Problem Solving projects or work completed through a school or other organization, the ideal candidate for this scholarship should be able to demonstrate their commitment to creating ongoing, measurable change in their community.

Two \$500 scholarships were awarded for 2022.

## GIPS QP RULES REMINDER

Qualifying Problem due date: February 2. As the Qualifying Problem is not a practice problem, please adhere to the following rules regarding administration of the process:

- ✓ A team must be 4 or fewer students.
- ✓ A maximum of **120 consecutive minutes** are allowed to work on the booklet.
- ✓ Students must not see the Future Scene before the 120 minutes begin. Coaches should not read the Future Scene prior to the competition starting.
- ✓ They must use the scene for their division (Junior, Middle/Senior.)
- ✓ Work must be completed by the team only, with no outside help or resources of any kind.
- ✓ No notebook paper; however, blank white paper can be provided by the coach/proctor.
- ✓ **Permitted items: Pencils, pencil sharpener, pens, highlighters, dictionary, thesaurus, pack of unopened sticky notes, calculator (non-programmable), and water.** 

Participants should adhere to all competition rules during the Qualifying Problem as if it were the State Bowl. Not only does this help with preparing for the State Bowl competition but also creates a fair environment for all competitors. As a coach, if you have any questions, please direct them to Affiliate Director John Buissink prior to your administering and proctoring the write.

## SCENARIO GUIDELINES REMINDER

Scenarios are due on **January 17**. Here's a handy checklist for your students.

- \_ Must be set at least 20 years in the future
- \_ Must have a recognizable relationship to one of the 2022-23 FPSPI Topics
- \_ Must not exceed 1500 words
- \_ Must be typed with font a readable size of 11 or 12 pt. (No script is permitted). Preferred font: Times New Roman.
- \_ No author's name, school, or Affiliate Program may appear in the scenario document
- \_ Must have the title at the top of the first page (header).

**Four items** must be submitted via the coach's Dropbox: 1. Story in Word format; 2. Story in PDF format; 3. Publication Release and Statement of Authenticity; 4. A completed copy of the Scenario Writing Entry Cover Sheet (all forms can be found under Coaches Resources on wafps.org).

## SCENARIO PERFORMANCE SUBMISSIONS

Scenario Performances are due on February 6. Please remember to give viewing permission when you submit the Scenario Performance for evaluation.

Please submit the [ScP Submission Sheet](#) (found on the WAFPS website) to your coach's Dropbox at the same time that you submit your Scenario Performance link. If you have any questions, please email our Evaluation Director, Ann Foreyt, or our Affiliate Director, John Buissink.

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.)

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.



## 2023 STATE BOWL INFO

State Bowl 2023 will be held at Warm Beach Conference Center in Stanwood on March 22-24.

State Bowl Registration costs are as follows:

**Participant Resident:** \$84 registration plus \$143\* room & board, includes 2 nights, 5 meals. Total: \$227

**Participant Commuter:** \$84 registration plus \$59, includes 5 meals. Total: \$143

**Participant Thursday Only:** \$84 registration plus \$40, includes 1 meal and Warm Beach facility fee. Total \$124

**Adult Non-Coach:** \$25 registration plus \$143\* room & board, includes 2 nights, 5 meals. Total: \$168

**Adult Non-Coach Commuter:** \$25 registration plus \$59, includes 5 meals. Total: \$84

**Adult Thursday Visitor:** \$40 includes registration, Warm Beach facility fee, and one meal. One additional meal may be purchased at Warm Beach.

**Coach:** \$143\* room & board, includes 2 nights, 5 meals. Total \$143. Volunteer assignment information to follow for coaches.

\*Add \$14 for linens

## Important Dates

2022-23

Jan. 17: Scenario Writing Due Date

Feb. 2: QP Due Date, Topic: Robotic Workforce

Feb. 6: Scenario Performance Due Date

Feb. 17: CmPS Project Report Due

March 6: State Bowl Registration Deadline

March 22-24: State Bowl, Warm Beach, Topic: Throw Away Society

June 7-11 2023 International Conference UMass, Amherst, Mass., Topic: tba



### FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

I hope that you survived the December winter weather and you or your students didn't get stranded at the airport. Even though winter has only lasted 10 days so far, we have already experienced a wide variety of weather effects. Maybe the weather will be less dramatic in January.

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

Next Up in February: **State Bowl and more...**

*“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” — Barack Obama*