

# Washington FPS

FROM THE AD'S DESK  
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2023 IC Topic is

# Currency

Read more about this year's International Conference topic [here](#).

Hello,

Just three weeks until the State Bowl opening ceremony at Warm Beach. I hope that your students are studying hard and excited about the opportunity to participate in the regular three-day event. Parent chaperones are encouraged to attend and be willing to volunteer to help out where needed. Also, coaches are vital to help the event run smoothly. WAFPS really appreciates all the hard work and extra time you put in to help your students be successful.

The topic, "Throw-Away Society," is focused more on the attainment of stuff, rather than the disposal of stuff. It is not meant to be a repeat of e-waste, which was focused more on the disposal of objects. As students research the topic, think of how the consumer and the producer interact rather than what to do with the waste that is produced. Consider how society overproduces because of the demand for single-use products. Consider how advertising influences how consumers and producers act. Consider how social media affects how its constituents act.

Please print all the medical release forms on white paper and note that the even though the medical release is two pages long, only the first page (on white paper) needs to be uploaded to your Dropbox by March 10.

This year's International Conference topic, "Currency," was just announced. I am sure that this concept will allow your students the opportunity to find out some interesting new details. For additional reading about the topic, please go to [fsp.org](http://fsp.org).

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## 2023 SCENARIO WRITING RESULTS

Congratulations to this year's Washington State Scenario Writing winners!

Each scenario was evaluated by two independent evaluators. The Senior Divisions did not require a third round of evaluations. The Junior and Middle Division entries, however, were evaluated again using paired comparison analysis.

First place winners in each division are invited in the 2023 International Conference at UMass at Amherst, Mass.

### Junior Division

1<sup>st</sup> **Parker Duncombe**, Leota Middle School

2<sup>nd</sup> **Ted Yun**, Tyee Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> **Jasmine Zhan**, Somerset Elementary

4<sup>th</sup> **Edward Li**, Odle Middle School

5<sup>th</sup> **Ruichen Ding**, Somerset Elementary

### Middle Division

1<sup>st</sup> **Tasmia Minhaz**, North Creek High School

2<sup>nd</sup> **Sana David**, Odle Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> **Julia Zhang**, Newport High School Independent

4<sup>th</sup> **Sahana Samrat**, Tyee Middle School

5<sup>th</sup> **Ellen Chang**, Tyee Middle School

### Senior Division

1<sup>st</sup> **Nishka Kacheria**, Interlake High School

2<sup>nd</sup> **Prisha Hemani**, Interlake High School

3<sup>rd</sup> **Clarissa Zheng**, Interlake High School

4<sup>th</sup> **Anvitha Suresh**, North Creek High School

## PHOTOS OF STATE BOWL PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

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

## MEDICAL PERSONNEL NEEDED - URGENT

In order to have the State Bowl at Warm Beach, we must supply a medical person (nurse, doctor, EMT) who would commit to be the on-call medical point of contact during the event. This person handles minor emergencies with a first aid kit and is the person who addresses any medical emergency if an ambulance should be called. In exchange for these services, lodging/registration/meals will be complimentary. If you are or have a parent who could fulfill this crucial position, please contact John Buissink immediately.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION


Deadline today!

Two scholarships are available. The WAFPS Achievement Scholarship and the WAFPS Impact Scholarship. Graduating 2023 seniors, who have participated in Washington State FPS in any of the components in any year, are eligible to apply. Please use the links provided on the website to apply. Deadline is today, March 1, 2023, at 10 p.m. PST.



## STATE BOWL REMINDERS

**What can be brought into the GIPS Competition room at State Bowl?**

- ✓ No notebook paper; however, blank white paper can be provided, if requested.
- ✓ **Permitted items: Pencils, pencil sharpener, pens, highlighters, dictionary, thesaurus, pack of unopened sticky notes, calculator (non-programmable), and water.** 

**Are you allowed to stand up and walk around?**

- ✓ Please stay within reach of your table, so as not to disturb other competitors.

## STATE BOWL T-SHIRTS 2023 FUNDRAISER

Deadline for purchasing a State Bowl T-shirt for 2023 is **March 2 at 9 p.m.** Pacific Time.

All proceeds from the State Bowl T-shirts sales for 2023 are designated Scholarship Funds for future scholarships. Please consider purchasing a 2023 State Bowl T-shirt!

1. The listed price includes their name, so if they decide to NOT put a name on the back, the price will drop \$4.50. **Without name: \$22.81 (with tax); With name: \$28.87 (with tax).**
2. Check size chart, there are no returns.
3. ALL orders should have the student name, school, and **competition/registration (team or individual) number** listed in the notes section during checkout (where it states "leave Matthew a private note")
4. All proceeds go to the FPS scholarship fund!

## VOTE FOR A FUTURE IC TOPIC

Want to have your voice heard? Vote for future 2023-2024 topics at this FPSPI link. The link will remain open until March 31.

## SOLUTION IDEAS

Writing clear well-defined solutions that directly relate to your UP is essential for completing a successful booklet. Check out these guidelines.

1. Solution ideas are written in statement form as definite proposals.
2. A Relevant solution idea addresses, or has a relationship to, the Key Verb Phrase and it is clear or easily inferred that it supports the Purpose. It also must not contradict the Future Scene parameters.
3. The Condition Phrase, Key Verb Phrase, and/or Purpose is not required to be repeated verbatim for a solution idea to be relevant. A solution idea can be relevant even if the Purpose is not specifically mentioned as long as the Purpose is clearly impacted by the solution idea.
4. A Relevant solution idea does not have to work perfectly, be humane, be tried and true, or be new. The solution idea does not have to totally solve the Underlying Problem. How well the solution idea solves the Underlying Problem is evaluated in Step 6.
5. To receive points for elaboration, at least three of the critical questions, *who*, *what*, *how*, *why*, *when*, and *where*, must be explained. When addressing the “*who*,” it must be an appropriate *who*. While it is helpful to include when and where, these will only be counted toward elaboration if substantive in nature and not merely the Future Scene parameters.
6. For non-competitive problems, if the Underlying Problem has no Purpose, the evaluator will impose a Purpose that seems logical to the Future Scene and the Key Verb Phrase without referring to the solution ideas or plan of action. **For the State Bowl competition (as well as the Qualifying Problem), evaluators will not impose a Purpose if the Underlying Problem does not include one.** Thus, it will be very difficult for a team that writes a UP without a purpose to advance to the PCA round of evaluation.

## TIPS FOR PRESENTATION OF ACTION PLAN

At the State Bowl and International Conference, another aspect of the competition kicks in. All teams have the opportunity to (and are required to) complete a Presentation of Action Plan performance (formerly known as the Skit Competition). This is an opportunity for those students who are creative and enjoy being in front of an audience to shine.

This competition occurs on Thursday afternoon after the team has completed the GIPS booklet. At lunch that day, teams are given a quote and two spontaneous items that they are required to use as part of their 4-minute presentation.

The action plan that was created and written by the team in the GIPS competition is now used as the basis for their presentation. From the time the team completes the GIPS competition, the team members should be focusing on how to take their action plan and turn it into an entertaining presentation that will wow the judges.

What should a good presentation include? Here are some suggestions that could be incorporated into the presentation. This is neither an all-inclusive list nor are any of these suggestions required to be part of the presentation.

- ✓ Humor
- ✓ Song and dance
- ✓ Creativity
- ✓ Acting--Verbal and non-Verbal communication
- ✓ Expressiveness
- ✓ Dramatic effect
- ✓ Effective use of props
- ✓ Clear enunciation
- ✓ An obvious beginning and a noticeable ending
- ✓ Team work with all members participating
- ✓ A clear relationship between the performance and the written action plan

**Resource List:** All props and costumes must be fashioned exclusively from the Resource List and Mandatory Props.

- 1 magazine
- 1 set of 8 water-soluble markers
- 1 roll of tape
- 1 roll of paper towels
- pens / pencils
- 1 box of aluminum foil (any part thereof)
- 12 pipe cleaners
- 1 plastic garbage bag (any variety)
- 10 sheets of colored 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper

A pair of scissors, 1 stapler, and a box of staples may be used for the creation of props, but for safety reasons, cannot be used as props during the presentation.

Four chairs will be provided for the participants, but their use is not required.

## 2023 STATE BOWL

**Qualification:** As a coach, you have been notified if your team(s) and/or individual(s) have qualified for the 2023 State Bowl.

**Registration Deadline: March 6, 2023 via WAFPS website**

**Registration Procedure:** Each student, coach, chaperone, and adult day visitor will need to register through the WAFPS website, (Register and Shop menu item).

**Payment Procedure:** You or your district may use a credit card to register all coaches, chaperones, and students on the WAFPS website.

**Paperwork Required:** Each student must complete and submit these two forms via the coach's Dropbox: 1. the **Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity and Competitor Rules and Regulations form**, and 2. the **Medical Release** form. Both forms are available on the WAFPS website.

**Submitting the Required Paperwork:** If possible, please scan all **Medical Release Forms together in one file**, and all Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity and Rules/Regulations **as a separate file**. These two files should then be placed in your coach's **Dropbox** in the folder named State Bowl Forms by **March 10**.

## Important Dates

March 1: Scholarship deadline

March 2: State Bowl T-shirt deadline at 9 p.m. Pacific time

March 6: State Bowl Registration Due

March 10: Medical Release form and Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity uploaded to coach's Dropbox deadline

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

June 7-11: 2023 International Conference, Topic Currency

## CHECKING IN AT STATE BOWL 2023

Check-in for the State Bowl will be in Cedar Lodge. Please enter using the *right-side doors* and exit through the *left-side doors* after completing the check-in process.

**Coach line:** Coaches will pick up their envelopes, which will include the booklet competition sites and the presentation sites, rooming assignments, and meal wristbands.

**T-shirt pick-up in the Auditorium:** Next proceed to T-shirt pick-up table **with your teams**.

**Team Photos:** Teams may have their team photo taken in the auditorium. No individual photos with the exception of individual competitors, and no school photos, please.



### FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

Coaches, please do **not bring your students with you into Cedar Lodge** for packet pick-up. Students can head to the Auditorium for t-shirts and team photos.

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

Next Up in April: **State Bowl winners and more...**

***“When you have a dream, you've got to grab it and never let go.”— Carol Burnett***