

# Washington FPS

FROM THE AD'S DESK  
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Washington State FPS **Flag Bearer** for the 2020 International Virtual Conference

2020 IC: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Scenario Writing  
2019 IC: 1<sup>st</sup> place in Scenario Writing team event; Best Writer Senior Division  
2018 IC: 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Scenario Writing team event; Best Writer Middle Division; Finalist (top 10) Scenario Writing  
2017 IC: 1<sup>st</sup> place MAGIC team event

Read more about our Washington FPS Flag Bearer on page 4.

Hello,

Congratulations to all the coaches and students who participated in this year's International Conference and thank you to parents, coaches, and everyone involved in creating the best virtual experience for our students during this year's IC.

To place at the International level is a substantial feat and to place first, remarkable. Congratulations to Abhidi Brahmamath, Odle Middle School (coached by Debby Benzinger and Claire Kujawa) who placed first in Scenario Performance in the Junior Division; Xiyuan Carol Gong, Tye Middle School (coached by John Pearson) who placed first in Scenario Writing during IC in the Junior Division; and Cindy Liu, Odle Middle School (coached by Debby Benzinger and Claire Kujawa) who placed first in Global Issues Problem Solving, Individual, in the Middle Division. I know that an extraordinary effort by parents and coaches helped to ensure that our Washington State FPS team members had the best opportunity to showcase their talents at IC. Congratulations! Check out the rest of the IC results for the Washington State team on page 3.

A thank you to the Washington State evaluators who evaluated at the International Conference this year: Ann Foreyt, Kariana Beyer, and Matthew Bohannon, who are all certified evaluators. Also, a shout-out to another of our Washington adults, Gayl Buissink, who worked behind the scenes at IC using her Excel skills. She holds a Master level certification from Microsoft in Excel.

Check out information about the new curriculum GIPS practice units found on page 4. Give your students an opportunity to practice the FPS process at home, either individually or virtually with their team members, as well as complete and have a GIPS booklet evaluated in a non-competitive setting. The first four topics covered are **Emergency Planning, Coral Reefs, Pandemic**, and the most recent addition, **Invasive Species**. Find these units at wafps.org here. The practice unit and activities, "Food Distribution" can be downloaded for free; however, this unit does not include an evaluation. All other units, including an evaluation, are available for purchase at \$19 for an individual and \$22 for a team.

Thank you to all the coaches who completed the online survey. The results will be used to help guide the Board as it plans and prepares for next year's FPS competitions.

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# WASHINGTON STATE 2020 IC WINNERS



Xiyuan Carol Gong, 1st place, Scenario Writing during IC, Junior Division



Abhidi Brahmmath, 1st place, Scenario Performance, Junior Division



Cindy Liu, 1st place, GIPS Individual, Middle Division



Tanya Bhandari, 2nd place, Scenario Performance, Middle Division



Edmundi Li, 2nd place, Scenario Writing, Middle Division



Clockwise: Yajing Yang, Leo Tang, Miles Xing, Jacqueline Hsiao, 2nd place, GIPS, Junior Division



Emily Feng, 3rd place, Scenario Writing, Senior Division



Sidhya Ganesh, 3rd place, Scenario Performance, Middle Division



Anvika Singh, 3rd place, Scenario Writing during IC, & 4th place, Scenario Writing, Middle Division

## Washington FPS at 2020 Internationals Results

### Scenario Writing Junior Division:

- 4th Anvika Kaul Singh, Odle Middle School
- 31<sup>st</sup> place, Vishnu Mangipudi, Odle Middle School
- 44<sup>st</sup> place, Xiyuan Carol Gong, Tyee Middle School

### Scenario Writing Middle Division:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Edmunda Li, Odle Middle School
- 54<sup>th</sup> place, Richard Li, Odle Middle School

### Scenario Writing Senior Division:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Emily Feng, Interlake High School
- 26<sup>th</sup> place, Emily Chang, Interlake High School
- 28<sup>th</sup> place, Jake Donner, Interlake High School

### Scenario Performance Junior Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place, Abhidi Brahmamath, Odle Middle School**
- 7<sup>th</sup> place, William Yoon, Spiritridge Elementary

### Scenario Performance Middle Division:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Tanya Bhandari, Leota Middle School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Sidhya Ganesh, Odle Middle School

### Scenario Performance Senior Division:

- 11<sup>th</sup> place, Anshita Saini, Interlake High School
- 12<sup>th</sup> place, Harvin Park, Interlake High School

### Scenario Writing competition during IC Junior Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place, Xiyuan Carol Gong, Tyee Middle School**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Anvika Singh, Odle Middle School

### Scenario Writing competition during IC Middle Division:

- 24<sup>th</sup> place, Edmunda Li, Odle Middle School

### Scenario Writing competition during IC Senior Division:

- 12<sup>th</sup> place, Emily Chang, Interlake High School
- 16<sup>th</sup> place, Emily Feng, Interlake High School

### Multi-Affiliate Global Issues Competition Junior Division (MAGIC):

Tba after the June 26-27 competition

### Multi-Affiliate Global Issues Competition Middle Division (MAGIC):

Tba after the June 26-27 competition

### Global Issues Problem Solving Individual Junior Division:

- 5<sup>th</sup> place, Vishnu Mangipudi, Odle Middle School
- 8<sup>th</sup> place, Abhidi Brahmamath, Odle Middle School

### Global Issues Problem Solving Individual Middle Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place, Cindy Liu, Odle Middle School**
- 8<sup>th</sup> place, Prisha Hemani, Odle Middle School

### Global Issues Problem Solving Individual Senior Division:

- 19<sup>th</sup> place, Emily Feng, Interlake High School

### Global Issues Problem Solving Team Junior Division:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Odle Middle School (Jacqueline Hsiao, Leo Tang, Miles Xing, Yajing Yang)
- 29<sup>th</sup> place, Dutch Hill Elementary (Isaac Fratti, Ella Malk, Simone Miller, Dylan Tennery)
- 36<sup>th</sup> place, Odle Middle School (Giya Agarwal, Jesvitha Jayakaran, Vaanya Sharma, Anvika Singh)

### Global Issues Problem Solving Team Middle Division:

- 7<sup>th</sup> place, Leota Middle School (Sophia Kawamura, Ali Kulaga, Mason Stuart, Allan Xuan)
- 21<sup>st</sup> place, Bellevue Independent 1M (Claire King, Eunice Lee, Linh Tran, Annie Zhao)
- 26<sup>th</sup> place, Leota Middle School (Jiya Joshi, Daniel Mun, Morgan Schmitter, Advait Vijayakumar)

### Global Issues Problem Solving Team Senior Division:

- 4<sup>th</sup> place, Bellevue Independent (Anne Gvozdjak, Jessica Na, Anshita Saini, Vasuprada Shandar)
- 11<sup>th</sup> place, Interlake High School (Tejus Agrawal, Joshua Wang, Tanush Yadav, Clarence Zheng)
- 34<sup>th</sup> place, Interlake High School (Nick Li, Vivian Pan, Elysia Quah, Holly Zhu)





## NEW CURRICULUM FROM WAFPS



NEW!

Available on the WAFPS website is new curriculum developed for you during “Stay at Home” orders, when you might be looking for additional resources to use with your students.

The download consists of a Future Scene, a set of research articles, a vocabulary list, access to an online or paper booklet, and one evaluation (team or individual) by a qualified evaluator; however, if you would like additional evaluations, these can be purchased separately. Access to advice from experienced coaches and evaluators also included. These units will be available for download until the end of August.

## EMILY FENG, IC FLAG BEARER *(CONTINUED)*

Emily Feng is currently the Vice President of the Interlake High School chapter of FPS. She attended Odle Middle School and has completed in FPS for 5 years (7<sup>th</sup> grade to present). Here is her personal statement about FPS.

“I entered Future Problem Solving without a lot of expectations. In the 7th grade, a group of friends and I succumbed to Mrs. Benzinger's persuasive marketing and dragged ourselves to our first FPS meet. We were motivated by the idea of learning something new outside of class, and perhaps more honestly, the possibility of attending a weekend at Warm Beach away from our parents. To our horror, we quickly realized it wasn't all fun and games--meetings were at 7 AM in the morning, there were never enough snacks, and the school did, in fact, mandate chaperones. Yet, for every bit of chaos, there was also a parcel of joy that FPS brought me.

“Now, 5 years into my FPS journey, the benefit of hindsight has served me well. Joining FPS has meant trading complacency for intellectual rigor, and asking myself to tackle a question from all different angles. Scenario writing, in particular, is an amalgamation of all my passions. Bundled up in each 1500-word scenario lies my love for writing, imagination, and problem solving. There are surely facts and trivia that I've picked up from doing research, but writing has also widened my capacity for empathy. As its name suggests, FPS has taught me how to look beyond myself and my present situation.

“However, I think that my favorite part of FPS has to be the people: the critical thinkers and the innovators, the writers and the performers. I couldn't give enough thanks to this program for connecting me with so many vibrant students around the world. For the past couple of years, I've been lucky enough to participate in the International scenario writing team competition, and a big part of why I've loved it has been meeting new people. The idea that thousands of humans can join together in addressing one problem--no matter their nationality or background--has sparked hope within me.”

~Emily Feng

## PHOTOS IC 2020 *(CONTINUED)*



Anshita Saini, Anne Gvozdjak,  
Jessica Na, Vasuprada Shandar,  
Bellevue Independent, 4<sup>th</sup> place  
GIPS team, Senior Division



## WAFPS BOARD

In July, the WAFPS Board will be meeting (virtually) to make decisions for the upcoming 2020-21 year.

If you have suggestions, now is the time to share them with the Affiliate Director John Buissink ([jbuissinkwafps@gmail.com](mailto:jbuissinkwafps@gmail.com)) or any other board member:

Michelle Gordon, President  
 Kari Beyer, Vice President  
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 Gayl Buissink, Treasurer  
 Matt Bohanan, Leota, Northshore  
 Zan Peterson-Moens, Dutch Hill, Snohomish  
 Angie Rambo, Tekoa  
 Kimberlee Spaetig-Peterson, Riverview, Snohomish  
 Melissa Cornelsen, Fairhaven, Bellingham  
 Michaela Moritz, Shuksan, Bellingham  
 Ann Foreyt, Evaluation Director

## Important Dates

July 2: MAGIC announced via Facebook Live by FPSPI at 4 p.m. PDT

Stay tuned for 2020-21 dates tba next month.

## IC STATS

This year's virtual International Conference took place in early June. Here are the stats from IC:

1,380 participants, with an additional 160  
 MAGIC = 1,540 total  
 364 coaches  
 197 GIPS teams  
 101 GIPS individuals  
 62 CmPS Projects  
 93 Scenario Writers  
 43 Scenario Performers  
 10 countries represented

## 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

## 2020 SCENARIO PERFORMANCES

If you enjoy watching the Scenario Performances at the State Bowl each year, you can still watch the three finalists in each division from 2020 State Bowl!

The links to their performances are on the WAFPS website under the [Events/State Bowl](#).

First place, Junior Division, **Abhidi Brahmamath** also placed first at Internationals! First place, Middle Division, **Tanya Bhandari** placed second at Internationals. In addition, second place, Middle Division, **Sidhya Ganesh** placed third at Internationals. Washington FPS scenario performers are truly a group of talented presenters!



### FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

So far, 2020 has been a year of rather unpleasant surprises. I sincerely hope that we will end this year on a more positive note. As I ponder over the effects that covid-19 has already had on students and teachers, I am saddened that a teacher I worked with for many years succumbed to the virus early on and his death brought to me the realization that this virus is indiscriminate, vicious and misunderstood. As you reconfigure your teaching methods and refine how you teach effectively in a virtual environment, I wish you all a relaxing summer and hope that when you return to school, you will be renewed, revitalized and ready for whatever challenges the next school year brings.

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

Next Up in August: **2020-21 Fees, Dates and more.**

***“Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work, one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson***