

# Washington FPS

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Washington State FPS **Flag Bearer** for the 2022  
International Hybrid Conference

*More information about this year's Flag Bearer is on page 4.*

Hello,

It was great seeing many of you at Warm Beach Conference Center for the State Bowl. Although it only lasted for a few hours, there was an abundance of energy present at the competition sites. I hope that we can continue to harness this energy and use it to create some powerful competition booklets next year.

The results of the International Scenario Writing competition were announced on April 15. The Washington State students who entered were competitive and three students placed in the top ten. Please check out the results on pages two and three of this newsletter. Three of these students, Anvika Kaul Singh, Prisha Hemani and Jake Donner, have been invited to represent Washington State at the International Conference in June.

With the International Conference fast approaching, students and coaches are in the final days of registration. Many have elected to participate virtually, but we do have a number of students who will be flying to UMass in Amherst, Massachusetts, to compete in person. This year's MAGIC competition will take place at the same time as the International Conference but all MAGIC participants will have to be at the conference in person.

The GIPS competition will take place on Thursday, June 9 from 12:45-3:30 p.m. EDT (on-site). The virtual GIPS competition will also take place on Thursday, June 9 but from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. PDT.

Both the scenario writing (May 23-27. Deadline 9 a.m. PDT) and scenario performance (May 23-25. Deadline 11 a.m. PDT) competitions at this year's International Conference will be conducted virtually. Students will submit their scenarios or performances online by the deadline.

The final schedule for IC will be made available on May 16.

The International Conference Awards Ceremony will occur on June 12 at 8:45-11:30 a.m. EDT. (Please note that that is 5:45-8:30 a.m. PDT!)

Good luck to all members of the Washington State FPS Team.

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## IC SCENARIO WRITING WINNERS

Congratulations to these Washington FPS Scenario Writers for placing at the International level for 2022!

### Junior Division

11<sup>th</sup> place: **Siddhi Lakkarsu**, Albert Einstein Elementary Independent

Neurotechnology

#### **Robo-Humans**

*Summary:* Louise Kepperina Johannson is a 39 year old who gets a brain chip to enhance his memory. The scenario describes the experience around the procedure and the complications that arise after. He then teams up with his friend who is facing similar complications to help solve them.

25<sup>th</sup> place (tie): **Nidhi Karnati**, Redmond Middle School Independent

Neurotechnology

#### **Save the Waves**

*Summary:* Dr. Alana Carter works for an organization that uses neurotechnology to save Earth's oceans. Her job is to attach brain-computer interfaces (BCIs) to different marine animals and monitor their thoughts to find dangers in the ocean that need to be taken care of, like fishing nets, plastic, dead zones, highly polluted areas, and more. One day, she finds an injured sea turtle in need of help and goes to save it. Alana successfully saves the turtle and is proud of herself. She learns that by working together and using technology, Earth and its oceans can be saved, no matter what.

### Middle Division

10<sup>th</sup> place (tie): **Anvika Kaul Singh**, Odle Middle School

Mining

#### **Heartbreak**

*Summary:* The head scientist at REMI (Rare Earth Mining Industries) is faced with a conflict that threatens the best of him. Highly driven by morals, and a strong believer in justice, he is conflicted when he discovers his employer is entrenched in corruption, like many other companies in profitable industries before. Even worse, they use his inventions to further personal gain, disregarding the lives of workers that he strives so hard to protect. When forced to participate in the agenda of the rich who are getting richer, he takes a stand, which may, in the end, cost his life.

23<sup>rd</sup> place (tie): **Tasmia Minhaz**, Leota Middle School

Neurotechnology

#### **iso**

*Summary:* When HSO- HeadSpace Operating- was first released to the public, Ian and his close friend Isobel were fascinated. Even after her untimely death due to neurotech, Ian's fascination didn't fade, only morphed into a wish to save others from the same pain he had felt. And if that wish leads to him reinventing HSO? Well, Ian was never a quitter, so bring it on.

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## IC SCENARIO WRITING WINNERS *CONTINUED*

### **Middle Division** *(continued)*

27<sup>th</sup> place (tie): **Mingmei Sun**, Tyee Middle School

Building Green

#### **Overcome**

*Summary:* Rui lives on a floating home that includes features to protect the environment. He faces an internal conflict on helping the rest of humanity to survive.

### **Senior Division**

5<sup>th</sup> place: **Prisha Hemani**, Interlake High School

Neurotechnology

#### **Of Grand Orchestras and Shattered Glass**

*Summary:* Allana Jo is an ambitious, whip-smart neuroscientist who has created a powerful new piece of technology: NeuroRehab+, a headband which can effectively cure narcotics addiction. She and her team are triumphant and is celebrating huge sales.

Atin Tome is furious and miserable because his older brother Jatne relapsed even after he used NeuroRehab+, and he isn't sure why.

There is a dark spot in this amazing technological innovation, one which Allana ignores and Atin rages about, and it comes down to the most fundamental principles around addiction and what neurotechnology can do for it.

7<sup>th</sup> place: **Jake Donner**, Interlake High School

Neurotechnology

#### **Subject Meinhard Richter, MR-4**

*Summary:* Repercussions of abuse of neural implants in a dystopian future, with consequences for an unwitting protagonist.

14<sup>th</sup> place (tie): **Nishka Kacheria**, Interlake High School

Neurotechnology

#### **Glass Angels**

*Summary:* By blending into a human's consciousness, an arrogant AI modeled after an angel to be perfect experiences emotions. Seeing the failures with perfection in a Copy and learning of the fragility of glass, it discovers it is an angel of the wrong ideals. It designs a new AI to better address the situation, and watches as others around it change their fate as they idealize perfection and Ais.



## 2022-23 TOPICS

The 2022-23 Topics will be announced in early July from FPSPI. The WAFPS August newsletter will contain the topic descriptors; however, they will be available on the FPSPI website in July.

## Important Dates

May 4: IC registration closes

June 8-12: 2022 Hybrid International Conference

Topic: Antibiotic Resistance

## WASHINGTON STATE FLAG BEARER, IC 2021

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*2022 IC Conference Flag Bearer Washington State:*

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“I’ve been doing FPS all throughout middle school, and because I’m an 8th grader, that means I’ve been doing FPS for 3 years. I’ve been with the same team since 6th grade, and we’ve accomplished so much. Even though COVID prevented my team from going to state, the coaches still believed we would make it to internationals in one of the two years to come. We were always getting rank ones on the practice writes and that alone was accomplishing.

In 7th grade we made it to state and ended up getting third overall. While we were sad because we were one place away from going to internationals, we were still ecstatic that we placed top three. This year we made it and just qualifying alone is our, and my, greatest FPS accomplishment.

FPS means to me, teamwork, and learning, but most importantly it means a bonding experience with my friends, and creating memories that I’ll remember forever.”



## FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

The 2022-23 FPS Topics will be released on July 1. Stay tuned!

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

**Next Up in August: Results of the 2021 Hybrid International Conference.**

***“When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.” — Helen Keller***