

Washington FPS

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Washington State FPS **Flag Bearer** for the 2021 International Virtual Conference

2021: 1st place Scenario Performance WA State Bowl

2020: 1st MAGIC Middle team, IC; 2nd place Scenario Performance, Middle Division, IC; 1st place Scenario Performance, Middle Division, WA State Bowl

2019: 8th place GIPS team, Middle Division, 2019 IC; 3rd place GIPS team, Middle Division, WA State Bowl

2018: 1st place GIPS team, Junior Division, WA State Bowl

Read more about the Washington State FPS Flag Bearer on page 3.

Hello,

Now that we have completed a whole year of virtual competition and two virtual State Bowls, I want to once again commend the coaches who went well above and beyond the usual expectations to make the FPS experience a positive one for the students.

With just over a month until the virtual International Conference, many of you are again gearing up for the opportunity to watch your students compete against the rest of the best in the world. The Washington State team has been very successful recently, and I hope that we will again have a significant impact at this year's International Conference. We will field a team of six GIPS teams, three GIPS individuals, five scenario writers, six scenario performers three CmPS individuals and one CmPS team.

This year the MAGIC competition will take place in mid to late August. Additional details about the competition can be found on the FPSPI website.

A shout out to all this year's evaluators, without whom WA FPS would not be able to continue: Ann Foreyt (Evaluation Director), Amanda Conrad, Blake Beyer, Didi Proctor, Kari Beyer, Kate Harvey, Kayla Boccio, Keith Sullivan, Kristin Watts, Marcy Bartelheimer, Matthew Bohannon, Melissa Cornelsen, Meredith Forrey, Michael Finlay, Michaela Moritz, Nicole Hodgson, Po Bodin, Renee Heller, Riley Kent, Sandy Mocharnuk, Sierra McKenzie Ball, Tara Hill Matthews, and Thomas Barnardi.

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IC SCENARIO WRITING WINNERS

Congratulations to these Washington FPS Scenario Writers for placing at the International level for 2021!

Junior Division

6th place: **Nidhi Karnati**, Redmond Independent

Robots to the Rescue

Summary: Earth is in a bad shape, and humans have switched to using nuclear energy. They have created robots to undertake missions that are difficult for humans. The story is from the point of view of one of the high-tech robots named R101. He is assigned a mission to clean up nuclear waste because there was a big leak. Along the way, R101 finds a small sprout that needs help and decides to help it. Eventually, R101 completed his mission and helped the sprout, which proved once and for all that maybe the Earth did have hope.

Middle Division

2nd place: **Nishka Kacheria**, Interlake High School

Symphony

Summary: Elise is a girl diagnosed with the neurological condition, synesthesia. It allows her to see sounds, and she uses this to play the piano and make a painting of her notes. She aims to paint a phoenix, a starry creature that lights up the sky and rises, like how she wants to stand out and become better. In the end, she is offered the chance to rid herself of synesthesia using a personalized medicinal technique that revolves around gene editing, and she accepts.

3rd place: **Prisha Hemani**, Interlake High School

Faults of Color

Summary: In 2055, millions of people use the Precision Healthcare System, including Scott Dest. But when Scott is diagnosed with a genetic lung disease known as Bronchiectasis-beta, and the system fails to do its job, he starts to doubt whether the system actually fulfills its bold promises. And as a large fault in the Precision Healthcare System starts to show itself, Scott is left the victim.

8th place: **Xiyuan Carol Gong**, Tyee Middle School

Paradise

Summary: An inspector of brain activity coming from citizens' brain-computer interfaces discovers the truth about her society's use of wearables.

MAGIC @ 2021 IC

MAGIC will be quite different this year. The competition will be held in August with an entirely separate registration system. Registration will be completed May 15-June 20.

GIPS students who participate in IC this year can still compete in the MAGIC competition (there will be a new Future Scene).

GIPS 2nd and 3rd individual State Winners are invited to the MAGIC competition.

More information will be sent to coaches in the near future.

Important Dates

May 6: IC registration closes

June 9-14: 2021 Virtual International Conference, Topic: Neurotechnology

August: MAGIC Competition

WASHINGTON STATE FLAG BEARER, IC 2021

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“Terraforming other planets, redefining criminal justice systems, gamifying daily life, and assisting in the de-extinction of dinosaurs. It is only in the Future Problem Solving program that I can be a part of this thrilling adventure. As an inquisitive sixth grader, I joined Future Problem Solving in the early fall of my first middle school year. Since then, I have been fortunate to meet and collaborate with participants from all across the world.

“I remember spending many windy afternoons by the bleachers after school, hopelessly trying to make sense of the future scene and the six-step GIPS process with my team. What began as a competition packet completed in haste our first year, resulted in a ticket to our first FPS International conference! As our meetings became more frequent, we often found ourselves sitting at the local coffee shop; researching topics, practicing future scenes, and of course, drinking hot chocolate.

“I was overjoyed when I discovered the Scenario Performance component. I could tell futuristic stories of my own, while leaving my characters - and audience - at ethical crossroads. My words and emotions spun tales, and I enjoyed getting lost in the world of my characters. It has been an exciting experience, and I am grateful to the program and my coach, Mr. Bohannon, for the opportunities to learn and grow.

“I am sure that this program has inspired you, just as it has inspired me. And as you and I plan for the great innovations and challenges of the future, I hope that we also remember to look back and learn from history, so we can steer clear of mistakes and create a more inclusive, sustainable future for the next generation. I wish you all well, and can't wait to see you in the future!”

~Tanya Bhandari



FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

The 2021-22 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 July: **Results of the 2021 Virtual International Conference.**

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”—Desmond Tutu