



Manchester Public Schools



What's Today's News?

Future Problem Solvers Explore Enhancing Human Potential...



Bennet Academy Future Problem Solvers:
Front row (l to r) Amber Moriarty, Margaret Sikand, Olivia Kilgus, Morgan Zalcman, Julia Robertson, Madison Norris, Nathan Chervenak, Shyanna Amato, Alexandria McDowell, Nevaeh Gabourel.
Back row (l to r) Ava Hoerner, Abbigayle Cross, Meredith Keyt, Jenna Burke, Lindsey Hoover, Aislinn Gara Grady, Sam Mushinski, Erika DiPietro, Annabelle Watson, Tyonna Tyson, Owen Davis, Mrs. Samantha Randazzo.

Congratulations to Bennet Academy, Illing Middle School and Manchester High School Future Problem Solvers (FPS). Thirty-two students who participate in the Future Problem Solving academic competition have qualified to compete in the 32nd Annual Future Problem Solving Conference at North Haven High School in North Haven, CT on March 27-28. FPS is part of the C.O.R.E. Enrichment Program for gifted and talented students in Manchester Public Schools. The students participating in the State Competition this year are: Myles Hurley, Aminah Nassiff, and Mary Robbins of Manchester High School, joined by teammate Emma Fisher of Kingswood-Oxford School; Emily Christensen, Megan Kievman, Julia Leon, Katherine Miner, Kate Shaw-Mumford, Alyssa Spina, Sarah Turley and Courtney Walsh of Illing Middle School and Nathan Chervenak, Abbigayle Cross, Owen Davis, Erika DiPietro, Nevaeh Gabourel, Aislinn Gara Grady, Meredith Keyt, Amber Moriarty, Samuel Mushinski, Ava Hoerner, Olivia Kilgus, Margaret Sikand, Shyanna Amato, Jenna Burke, Lindsey Hoover, Alexandria McDowell, Madison Norris, Julia Robertson, Tyonna Tyson, Annabelle Watson and Morgan Zalcman of Bennet Academy.

The Conference involves two days of high level team competition with students from all over the state of Connecticut. The topic students will be solving at the Conference is Enhancing Human Potential: an exploration of the latest innovations in performance enhancing methods such as bionic prosthesis, performance enhancing supplements and pharmaceuticals, genetic therapy, neural implants, exoskeletons, and much more. Manchester Public School students hope to influence and inspire these innovations through their work in the Future Problem Solving Program.

The goal of the FPS Program is to help children develop the critical and creative thinking skills necessary to adapt to a changing society. Future Problem Solvers learn how to think, rather than what to think. Students develop teamwork skills, improve their written and oral communication and engage in realistic exploration of complex societal issues. Teams work under the guidance of an experienced Future Problem Solving coach, Mrs. Samantha Randazzo, C.O.R.E. Enrichment Program Teacher. Students learn how to apply the six-step FPS problem solving process to a futuristic scenario. After studying the written scenario, teams identify implied challenges and issues as they refine their ideas to one problem area, generate solutions, evaluate their solutions, and write an action plan detailing the best solution.

Please visit these websites for more information: www.fpspofct.org and www.fpspi.org.

