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Coventry Future Problem Solvers Attend FPS International Competition in Wisconsin

The Future Problem Solving Program International (FPSPI) hosted its annual conference for the top student problem solvers in the world at The University of Wisconsin, La Crosse from Wednesday, June 6 through Sunday, June 10, 2018. Student and adult awards were presented to honor the winners of the many competition categories.

The FPS Program teaches students *how* to think, not *what* to think. Teams and individuals of Future Problem Solvers have been studying the topic of "Criminal Justice Systems" for the past two months in preparation for the international conference. On June 8th, students and adult teams were presented with a scenario that was related to this topic and set more than 30 years in the future. From this story participants identify problems that may arise, narrowing it down to one important issue; brainstorm solutions to this challenge; and then develop an action plan based on how they would implement the solution that they feel would be the most effective.

Attending the conference this year from Captain Nathan Hale Middle School were Kaitlyn McQueeney (grade 6) & Reagan Hawkins (grade 7) as Scenario Writing Competitors; Josephine Swinton (grade 8) as an Individual Global Issues and a Scenario Performance Competitor; and Andreana DeCarlo & Evan Dailey (grade 8) Reagan Hawkins, Avery Lydon, Samantha Mallory, Olivia White, and Ashlyn White (grade 7) as a competitive team of Community Problem Solvers, tackling the issue of student stress. We also had several students participate in MAGIC (Multi-Affiliate Global Issues Competition) where they joined three people from around the United States and the world to form a team that competed under the same topic of "Criminal Justice Systems." Those participants were 8th graders: Andreana DeCarlo, Sophia Gagnon, Katazryna Nolan, Karlee Small and 7th graders: Avery Lydon, Samantha Mallory, Sophie Verosky, and Olivia White

Champions in each competition were recognized at the awards ceremony on Sunday, June 10, 2018.

- **2nd place** Team Scenario Writing (Middle Division) - Reagan Hawkins (grade 7)
- **2nd place** MAGIC Team - Sophie Verosky (grade 7)

- **4th place** Team Scenario Writing (Junior Division) - Kaitlyn McQueeney (grade 6)
- **7th place** CmPS Team - in the category of Education

We are very proud of all our students' efforts. For more information about the Future Problem Solvers Program and/or the Challenge and Enrichment Program, please contact Ms. Laura Boates at lboates@coventryct.org or by phone at 860-742-7334.