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NORTH HAVEN WINS INTERNATIONAL FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP TWO YEARS IN A ROW

Fort Collins, Colorado - The awards for the International Future Problem Solving Conference were announced June 3rd at Colorado State University. North Haven Middle School 8th Grade Student Antea DeMarsillis is The International Future Problem Solving Middle Division Individual Champion. The North Haven Community problem solving team of 7th graders Joseph Cristofano, Andrew Proto, John Liquori, Marissa Volpe, Kenny Broccoli and Joseph Burr also placed 4th in their category. North Haven Middle School coach Kristen Baron placed first and North Haven High School coach Tom Marak placed second in the adult competition. Tom Marak also was awarded the Keith Frampton Memorial Award for his role as an outstanding coach in the international program who not only inspires his own students, but has also brought in other Connecticut schools to the Future Problem Solving (FPS) program, serves as a mentor to other coaches, and exhibits a passion for the FPS process.



Students from around the world attended the conference from Wednesday May 30th – Sunday June 3rd 2007 at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. For the 22nd consecutive year, North Haven students earned the right to represent Connecticut and compete at the conference. The best problem solvers in the program can participate based on their performance at their state and national conferences. The topic that the students addressed this year was Privacy. Only 2,100, of the 200,000+ students from Australia, Canada, Korea, Singapore, Japan, New Zealand

and the United States who participate in the FPS program, were selected to attend the conference.

The Future Problem Solving Program is a yearlong educational program where students are challenged to solve problems related to topics of global significance. Students work in teams or as individuals. They are given a scenario, set 20 or more years in the future, from which they use the six-step future problem solving process to analyze the situation, determine potential issues or challenges, choose a problem to solve, brainstorm solutions, evaluate their solutions and develop an action plan to fully explain their best solution. Their work is then evaluated for understanding of the topic and situation, and the development of creative ideas. The program also has Scenario Writing and Community Problem Solving components.

Costs for this and future year's International Competitions (including transportation, rooms and food) are over \$1,000 per student. Students and the C.L.A.P.S. parent support group have been raising money to fund the trip. If you would like to help, please send your contributions to C.L.A.P.S. c/o Tom Marak at North Haven High School 221 Elm Street North Haven CT 06473. Make checks payable to C.L.A.P.S.

About the Future Problem Solving Program

FPSPofCT, Inc. is a not for profit 501 c 3 educational organization dedicated to preparing Connecticut's students for the future by teaching them essential problem solving skills. The challenging materials of the program are designed to help students learn *how* to think, not *what* to think. Future Problem Solving motivates and assists students to develop an active interest in the future, improve written and oral communication skills, work cooperatively, and develop research skills while learning about complex social and scientific issues. Students think on their feet - creatively, critically and analytically. FPSPofCT, Inc. is an affiliate of the International Future Problem Solving Program that includes over 250,000 students annually from the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, and Russia. For more information, please visit the national organization's website at www.fpsp.org and the local Connecticut affiliate website at www.fpspofct.org.

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