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**Future Problem Solving announces the topic of “Criminal Justice Systems” for the 2018 International Conference.**



**Champion students to feature critical and creative thinking at upcoming International Competition!**

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Future Problem Solving’s International Conference at University of Wisconsin La Crosse will host over 2,000 problem solvers for their annual competition. These 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students have earned a coveted invitation to the conference by displaying expertise in the creative problem solving process and futuristic thinking through qualifying competitions in their local areas. These young leaders are preparing to solve global problems!

Global Issues Problem Solving and Scenario competitors arrive equipped to tackle potential criminal justice systems problems set 20-30 years into the future. These teams and individuals must research all aspects of the topic to be prepared for competitive events where a futuristic scene relating to the topic of “Criminal Justice Systems” will be analyzed and addressed. Details regarding the topic can be found at <http://www.fpspi.org/topic-announcement-ic-2018/>.

Innovatively designed Community Problem Solving projects will be a feature of this event. These problem solvers identified a unique need in their community and implemented a plan of action through service to solve community issues to enhance the world for a brighter future. The Community Problem Solving Fair will be open to the public to interact with these dynamic youth to learn about the change they enacted.

April Dennis, Interim Executive Director states her excitement about the program, “The collaborative problem solving power of today’s youth through Future Problem Solving is our promise of tomorrow. We are proud of all the work these students, coaches, and their parents are doing throughout the year. As the students prepare for the conference, the FPS International Office stays continually inspired by the positive stories of what is happening in our schools and communities from these young leaders. With all the negativity in the world today, these students highlight the positive futures that are attainable!” #problemsolved

#### **About Future Problem Solving Program International (FPSP)**

Future Problem Solving Program International, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1974, has grown into an international academic program challenging students to think creatively and futuristically. Since its inception, the program has grown to include students from 18 countries and 32 states in the U. S. It is difficult to say how many hundreds of thousands of students participate each year as the program also reaches students involved non-competitively in classrooms or after school programs that use the materials to enhance curriculum through critical and creative thinking.

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