

Future Problem Solving announce new topic: De-Extinction— for their 2019 International Conference

Student champs move on to international competition for critical and creative thinking

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Future Problem Solving's International Conference at University of Massachusetts Amherst will host over 2,200 problem solvers from around the globe during annual event on **June 5-9, 2019**.

These 4th-12th grade students have earned a coveted invitation to the conference by displaying expertise in the creative problem solving process and futuristic thinking by qualifying competitions in their local area. FPSPi prepares these students to be tomorrow's leaders—ready to solve global problems.

Global Issues Problem Solving and Scenario competitors arrive equipped to tackle potential **de-extinction** problems set in the near future. These teams and individuals must research all aspects of the topic to be prepared for competitive events where a futuristic scenario will be analyzed and addressed.

Details on the topic can be found at <https://www.fpspi.org/ic-topic/>

Community Problem Solving projects will be a highlight of this event as well. Student-driven, they identified a unique need in their community and implemented a plan of action through service to solve these issues and enhance the world for a brighter future. The Community Problem Solving Showcase will be open to the public to interact with these dynamic youth to learn about the change they enacted.

April Dennis, Executive Director states her excitement about the program.

"As the students arrive at the International Conference, they bring enthusiasm and creativity ready to tackle the world's toughest problems." April said. "They are equipped with critical and creative thinking skills and ready to collaborate with others from around the globe. Their energy is contagious. The promise of tomorrow that these students bring is a highlight to the year of work behind their efforts. We are proud of all the work these students, and their coaches and parents perform throughout the year. With all the negativity in the world today, these students highlight the positive futures that are attainable."

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About Future Problem Solving Program International (FPSPi)

FPSPi, 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 US. Over 23,000 students officially participated in 2017-18, yet hundreds of thousands participate each year as the program also reaches students involved non-competitively in classrooms or after school programs that use materials to enhance curriculum through critical and creative thinking.

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