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Paris ISD's Future Problem Solving Program brings home international wins

Students from around the globe worked to solve community and world-wide problems during the 44th Future Problem Solving Program International Conference June 7-10 at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Paris ISD coaches and students earned international recognition with a Grand Champion award, and first, sixth, seventh, eleventh, and twelfth place awards. They were coached by Debb Fleming, Sandra Strom, Brent Wilburn, and Jill Stone.

Operation Empower, an individual project by Crockett Intermediate School sixth grader Curt Fendley, was named Grand Champion of the Community Problem Solving Individual competition. To receive this title, Fendley's project was the best of all individual and team projects in the Junior Division.

The Community Problem Solving Team *Operation Extraordinary* won 1st place in the education category of the Junior Division. Team members are Crockett students Addison Andrew, Anderson Bunch, Ava Fitzgerald, Madeline Green, Destinee Gunn, Chase Lamb, Matthew Miller, and Blake Walker.

All three Paris High School teams made the top 15 which has never been accomplished before by a Texas school. In the Senior Division of Team Global Issues Problem Solving (GIPS), the team of Reagan Stone, Zachary De la Garza, Graham Bain, and Keshawn Ellis placed 6th and the team of Lilly Lewis, Ansley Downs, Sarah Bloodworth, and Deagan Dingman placed 12th. The team of Allyssa Standifer, Ryan Tijerina, Mikaila Rogers, and Melody Lehenbauer placed 11th in the Middle Division.

Madeline Green was a member of the sixth place scenario writing team in the junior division. She wrote a fictional account with two other students based on the future scene.

Paris High School made it to the finals in Presentation of Action Plan for the second time in school history. Sarah Bloodworth, Deagan Dingman, Ansley Downs, Lilly Lewis, Akeirria Garvin and Garrett Wilson were in the top 10.

Paris ISD students have claimed 22 international championships and 65 state championships and since the district began participating in Future Problem Solving in 1985.



Front row: Chase Lamb, Matthew Miller, Mikaila Rogers, Ryan Tijerina, Melanie Lehenbauer, Allyssa Standifer, Anderson Bunch, Curt Fendley, Lilly Lewis, Ansley Downs, Sarah Bloodworth, Deagan Dingman, Reagan Stone, Zachary De la Garza

Middle row: Debb Fleming, Jill Stone, Garret Wilson, Zain Syed, Graham Bain, Keshawn Ellis, Sandra Strom, Brent Wilburn

Top row: Madeline Green, Destinee Gunn, Ava Fitzgerald, Akeirria Garvin, Nicole Tijerina

Not photographed: Will Elliott