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Paris ISD's Future Problem Solving Program continues to dominate Texas

Paris ISD won five State Championships and many other medals and awards at the Texas State Future Problem Solving Bowl, held in San Marcos. In Individual Global Issues Problem Solving (GIPS), Zain Syed brought home the Senior Division State Championship and Lucas Grossnickle placed Second. Garrett Wilson was the Texas Shootout Winner and all three students will represent Texas at the International Future Problem Solving Conference at University Of Wisconsin—La Crosse, June 7-10, 2018.

In Team Global Issues Problem Solving (GIPS), The team of Allyssa Standifer, Ryan Tijerina, Mikaila Rogers, and Melody Lehenbauer were Second in the Middle Division and will represent Texas at the International Conference. In the Senior Division, the team of Reagan Stone, Zachary De la Garza, Graham Bain, and Keshauwn Ellis placed Third in the State and set a Paris High School record with four consecutive trips to the International Conference. The team of Lilly Lewis, Ansley Downs, Sarah Bloodworth, and Deagan Dingman placed Fourth and also advances.

Also earning medals in GIPS at State Bowl were the following teams. In the Senior Division, the teams of Reagan Benson, Hannah England, Will Elliott, and Kira McFadden and the team of Keller Stripland, Jackson Gibo, Isabella Garrard, and Layn Hall were Top Ten Finalists. In the Middle Division, the team of Davis Green, Ava Hutchings, Adam Hartman, Hana Syed, and Emma Fendley placed First in Presentation of Action Plan. Ava Hutchings placed 3rd on the Middle Division Alternates team.

In the Junior Division, the team of Anna Grace Blassingame, Cate Biard, Grant Frierson, and Luke Lassiter placed 4th and the team of Addison Andrew, Anderson Bunch, Mazy Frierson and Luke De la Garza were Top Ten Finalists. In the Junior Novice Division, the Team of Ian Johnson, Elaina Nava, Emmi Severson, and Zahra Tapi placed Third.

In the Scenario Writing component, Madeline Green placed First in the Junior Division and advances to the International Conference. Anderson Bunch placed Third in Scenario Performance.

In the Community Problem Solving component, Operation Empower by Curt Fendley, won Individual Grand Champion in the Junior Division. Fendley also received the 2018 Be yonder Award and the Most Innovative Project Display. He advances to compete for Texas at the International Conference. Also advancing will be Operation Extraordinary, a Team Community Project in the Junior Division, named Team Grand Champion. Students on this team are Addison Andrew, Anderson Bunch, Ava Fitzgerald, Madeline Green, Destinee Gunn, Chase Lamb, Matthew Miller, and Blake Walker.

Davis Green won the Quiz Bowl where students competed on their knowledge of facts from the reading materials and articles on the TX FPSP Facebook Page.

Reagan Stone was named the recipient of the Texas FPSP Funderburg for the Future Scholarship.

Seniors who had participated for a number of years in the program and had received bids to State Bowl were awarded with purple cords to wear at graduation. Superintendent Paul Jones and principal Chris Vaughn placed the cords around the necks of the seniors. Paris seniors qualifying were Reagan Stone, Zach De la Garza, Graham Bain, Keshauwn Ellis, Reagan Benson, Will Elliott, Hannah England, Kira McFadden, Lilly Lewis, Sarah Bloodworth, Deagan Dingman, Garrett Wilson, Zain Syed, and Lucas Grossnickle.

In addition, Paris High School seniors who had been trained and had served as evaluators in the Texas FPS program this year were recognized with certificates. PHS student evaluators were Lucas Grossnickle, Garrett Wilson, Zain Syed, Lilly Lewis, Reagan Benson, Will Elliott, Kira McFadden, Reagan Stone, Zach De la Garza, and Graham Bain.
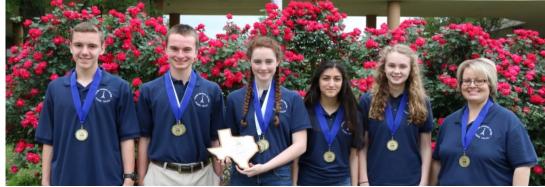
The topic addressed at this year's State Bowl was Cloud Storage. The topic that they will be addressing at International Conference will be Criminal Justice Systems. Senior Division FPS coaches are Sandra Strom and Dr. Janet Dickey; Middle Division coaches are Jill Stone, Lisa Lipstraw and Brent Wilburn; Junior Division coaches are Debb Fleming and Tammy King. Community Problem Solving coach is Debb Fleming.

PARIS HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS Row 1: Coach Jill Stone, Zain Syed, Lucas Grossnickle, Lilly Lewis, Ansley Downs, Sarah Bloodworth, Deagan Dingman, Reagan Stone, Zachary De la Garza, Coach Sandra Strom
Row 2: Kira McFadden, Ryan Tijerina, Melody Lehenbauer, Allyssa Standifer, Mikaila Rogers, Graham Bain, Keshauwn Ellis
Row 3: Reagan Benson, Hannah England, Will Elliott, Layn Hall, Jackson Gibo, Keller Stripland, Isabella Garrard
Not Photographed: Garrett Wilson

PARIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS
Adam Hartman, Davis Green, Ava Hutchings, Hana Syed, Emma Fendley, Coach Lisa Lipstraw

CROCKETT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS
Row 1: Madeline Green, Ava Fitzgerald, Destinee Gunn, Curt Fendley, Blake Walker, Chase Lamb, Matthew Miller
Row 2: Addison Andrew, Mazy Frierson, Luke de la Garza, Anderson Bunch, Sophie Smallwood, Alexandria Mendoza, Preston Thompson, Coach Debb Fleming
Row 3: Anna Grace Blassingame, Grant Frierson, Cate Biard, Luke Lassiter Not Photographed: Carter Wall

AIKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS
Row 1: Elaina Nava, Zahra Tapia
Row 2: Coach Tammy King, Ian Johnson, Emmi Severson