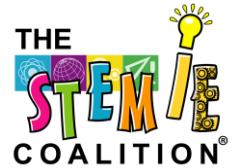




National Invention Convention & Entrepreneurship Expo (NICEE)

2018 Award Winners



The third Annual NICEE took place on June 1 at The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, in Dearborn, Michigan. Over 108,000 K-12 student inventors competed from 20 states, Mexico and Canada in local competitions earlier in the year, and of those, 427 advanced to the national competition, with the Connecticut delegation numbering 185 K-12 inventors.

Over the course of 4 days, the inventors and their families enjoyed visiting The Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, viewed the film “Dream Big:Engineering Our World” at the Big Screen Experience, and toured the Ford Rouge factory. The STEMIE Coalition organized special events throughout the weekend, including a Welcome Dinner and Dance, presentations by the USPTO and Youth Entrepreneurs, a barbeque, and special guests, Mo Rocca, Host, and Daytime Emmy Award-winning science correspondent, Alie Ward, of CBS’s *The Henry Ford’s Innovation Nation with Mo Rocca*.

CIC inventors captured 39 of the 83 Awards, demonstrating the strength of our program and the dedication of our CIC teachers who work all year long with our students to help them reach their fullest potential as young inventors.

Award Category	Award	Inventor Grade School, Town	Invention
Invention Award, Grade	<i>First Place, Grade K</i>	Aviva Reisner K St. Joseph School Bristol	Loopy Hookeroo
	<i>First Place, Grade 1</i>	Cianna Brown 1 Lebanon Elementary Lebanon	The Fly Paper
	<i>Second Place, Grade 2</i>	Jaden Deland 2 Branchville Elementary Ridgefield	Safe Sizzors
	<i>Third Place, Grade 2</i>	Ethan Mott 2 Southeast Elementary Mansfield Center	The Flashing Dog Bowl
	<i>First Place, Grade 4</i>	Olivia Cohn 4 Westport Workshop Program Westport	Happy Ride
	<i>Second Place, Grade 4</i>	Corinne Sutula 4 Harwinton Consolidated Harwinton	Portable IV Vest
	<i>Third Place, Grade 4</i>	Ravindu Karunaratne 4 Bear Path Elementary Hamden	The Rising Candle
	<i>Second Place, Grade 5</i>	Sophie Zezula 5 Farmingville Elementary Ridgefield	Snow Straw
	<i>Third Place, Grade 6</i>	Arshaq Ahmed 6 West Shore Middle Milford	The Radio Med Box
	<i>First Place, Grade 7</i>	Molly Grace Deptula 7 Ellington Middle Ellington	The Bully Band
	<i>Third Place, Grade 7</i>	Erin Pienczykowski 7 Swift Middle Oakville	Oven Mat
	<i>First Place, Grade 8</i>	Emma Ruccio 8 Talcott Mountain Academy Avon	Got Your Back 2.0
	<i>Second Place, Grade 8</i>	Kathleen O’Sullivan 8 George Fisher Middle Carmel, NY	Morse Code ++
	<i>Second Place, Grade 9</i>	Audrey Larson 9 Lyman Hall High Wallingford	Safe K.I.D.S.
	<i>Third Place, Grade 9</i>	Rachna Vipparla 9 Lauralton Hall Milford	ALZ-AID
<i>Third Place, Grades 10-12</i>	Arya Bairat 10 ESUMS High New Haven	EES Sustineri	
Industry Awards	<i>Agriculture and Animal Care, presented by The STEMIE Coalition</i>	Juliana Hemond 5 Jane Ryan Elementary Trumbull	The Plant Stimulator 2018
	<i>Consumer Goods and Fashion, presented by Macy’s</i>	Ravindu Karunaratne 4 Bear Path Elementary Hamden	The Rising Candle
	<i>Earth and Geosciences, presented by AGI</i>	Sophie Zezula 5 Farmingville Elementary Ridgefield	Snow Straw
	<i>Education, presented by McGraw Hill</i>	Ethan Klein 9 Fairfield Warde High Fairfield	3DUXS Design
	<i>Home Organization, presented by Macy’s</i>	Addison Avery-Payne 5 Farmingville Elementary Ridgefield	The “Out-Fit” One Eco-Friendly Hanger for Life
<i>Human Mobility, presented by OTIS</i>	Ben Kiefaber 7 East Ridge Middle Ridgefield	Rear-Ender Defender	

Specialty	<i>Art/Creativity, presented by The STEMIE Coalition</i>	Ethan Klein 9 Fairfield Warde High Fairfield	3DUXS Design
	<i>Durability, presented by UTC Aerospace Systems</i>	Audrey Larson 9 Lyman Hall High Wallingford	Safe K.I.D.S.
	<i>Innovation in Electronics, presented by Arrow Electronics</i>	Emma Ruccio 8 Talcott Mountain Academy Avon	Got Your Back 2.0
	<i>Youth Achievement, presented by Kurt Giessler Foundation for Youth Achievement</i>	Kyle Young 10 Shelton High Shelton	Fire Hydrant Alert System
Awards Recognizing Females in The STEMIE Coalition	<i>#ISeeHerInvent, presented by CA Technologies</i>	Olivia Cohn 4 Westport Workshop Program Westport	Happy Ride
	<i>First Place, SWENext Invent Her Future, presented by Society of Women Engineers</i>	Penelope Eisenberger 4 Westport Workshop Program Westport	Retainer Container
	<i>Third Place, SWENext Invent Her Future, presented by Society of Women Engineers</i>	Molly Grace Deptula 7 Ellington Middle Ellington	The Bully Band
Patent Application Awards	<i>Presented by Cantor Colburn</i>	Sai Vipparla 11 Notre Dame High Milford	Petsthetic
	<i>Presented by WilmerHale</i>	Ben Kiefaber 7 East Ridge Middle Ridgefield	Rear-Ender Defender
	<i>Presented by WilmerHale</i>	Audrey Larson 9 Lyman Hall High Wallingford	Safe K.I.D.S.
	<i>Presented by WilmerHale</i>	Julian Kage 8 Talcott Mountain Academy Avon	Quick Lyme
	<i>Presented by WilmerHale</i>	Riley Shove 3 Martin Elementary Manchester	Cool Cast
Invention Process Awards	<i>Best Pitch, presented by The STEMIE Coalition</i>	Erin Pienczykowski 7 Swift Middle Oakville	Oven Mat
	<i>Best Prototype, presented by The STEMIE Coalition</i>	Ben Kiefaber 7 East Ridge Middle Ridgefield	Rear-Ender Defender
Chairman's Choice Award	<i>Presented by The STEMIE Coalition</i>	Addison Avery-Payne 5 Farmingville Elementary Ridgefield	The "Out-Fit" One Eco-Friendly Hanger for Life
Global Change	<i>Community/Social Benefit, presented by The Lemelson Foundation</i>	Hannah Kaitharath 4 Interdistrict Discovery Magnet School Bridgeport	Wata Save
Best of Show	<i>Most Sustainable, presented by United Technologies Corporation</i>	Arya Bairat 10 ESUMS High New Haven	EES Sustineri