

Future Problem-Solving Program International was founded in 1974 by Dr. E Paul Torrance to provide opportunity for students to apply critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills to futuristic scenarios in a competitive setting. The blending of creative problem solving, and futuristic thinking teaches students that it is possible to tackle some of the world's most pressing problems both now, and in the future – regardless of the difficulty or scope. Students learn a systematic approach to problem solving that can be used in any situation. Once ingrained, these habits of mind develop lifelong, real-world problem solvers.

Thousands of students from more than 36 states and 7 countries worldwide compete in three different categories: Global Issues Problem Solving, Community Problem Solving, and Scenario Writing. We are proud to announce that Allison Collier, a junior at Battle High School, is the 2020 Missouri State and International Scenario Writing champion.

In Scenario writing students, “develop short stories related to one of five annual FPS topics. Entries are 1500 words or less, set at least 20 years in the future, and represent an imagined, but logical, outcome of actions or events taking place in the world. Student work is assessed based on the character, plot, and the feasibility of possible outcomes which directly reflect trends in the researched topic.”

Allison's success is 100% based on her hard work, talent, and initiative. She worked directly with her Oakland Middle School EEE teacher Andrea Kirkpatrick to learn the FPS process and scenario writing. This International championship reflects Allison's dedication to the process, and the coaching she received from Mrs. Kirkpatrick.