

Coventry Board of Education

Donna Bernard, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Phone: 742-7317

PRESS RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE

March 3, 2009

Coventry Students Score Big in State Writing Competition

The Future Problem Solving Program of Connecticut has announced the results of its 2008-2009 Scenario Writing Competition, and Coventry students have emerged as winners.

Valerie Stickles and Jordan Sabin have each won second place in their respective age divisions. Both students will be recognized at the 26th Annual Connecticut Future Problem Solving Conference awards ceremony on March 28th. Valerie and Jordan are coached by Coventry parent, Lisa Thomas.

Valerie's futuristic story titled "The Masked Killer" explores the consequences of the overuse of antibacterial agents. Her prediction of untreatable superbugs infecting young children and leading to a pandemic is a warning to consider. Jordan's story, "Slaying the Dragon", delves into the challenges of the growing counterfeit economy. Jordan suggests that as long as there are goods to sell and easy profits to be made, counterfeiting will continue to increase.

The FPS Scenario Writing Competition asks students to research in depth one of the current year's topics and then write a fiction story that predicts future trends as though the future were the present. This year's topics include: Olympic Games, Cyber Conflict, Space Junk, Counterfeit Economy, and Pandemics.

For further information, please contact the Coventry High School at 742-7346. For more information on Future Problem Solving International, see www.fpspi.org. For more information on Connecticut Future Problem Solving, see www.fpspofct.org.