



LOCAL STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR CREATIVE CITY MODELS

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Local students from St. Michael's School were recently among 40 teams of sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students competing at the Southern California regional Future City Competition. The local event was held in Encinitas, and volunteers from the local engineering community served as judges. Nationwide, the competition includes over 40,000 students from 1,350 middle schools. The Future City program inspires students to explore the engineering design process, project management, and solutions to real-world problems. Students spend around four months creating their cities, which are designed to exist at least 100 years in the future.

This year's theme was Waste Not, Want Not, and students had to design a citywide solid waste management system. Teams submitted a 1,500-word essay outlining their solution to the theme; a virtual city slideshow; a to-scale city model made of recycled material with at least one moving part and a \$100 budget; a seven-minute presentation to the judges; and a project plan outlining their process.

Teams from St. Michael's School won two special category awards. Hope Valley, designed and built by Allyson Atkins, Ann Palayur, and Vianna Schatz, was honored for Best Transportation. Luminous City, created by Annie Pehrson, Lauren Kogelman, and Madeline Duley, was the People's Choice Award winner, selected by ballot.

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