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## **Four Norwalk Public Schools students earn recognition at US National Innovator Challenge**

NORWALK, CONN. – Four Norwalk Public Schools students were honored for their innovation and creativity at a number of invention conventions this summer.

The quartet of students competed as two teams in local, regional and state conventions and were successful enough to move on to the initial round of the US National Innovator Challenge (NIC), a countrywide competition for young inventors.

Fifth graders Marley Bramble and Anusha Mundra, of Fox Run Elementary School, and third graders Steven Kerr and Bo Rebbeschi, of Rowayton Elementary, all earned awards at their respective competitions and moved on to the national competition.

Bramble and Mundra won the Basecamp Breakthrough Award, which provides consultation with a patent attorney from Bold Patents and a “Kid Invent Base Package.”

Kerr and Rebbeschi won a Powerful Prototypes Award, which includes a fully funded professional prototype and mentoring in the prototype process from Earmark Solutions, an electronics manufacturer based in Connecticut. The pair of third graders also took home the Top Innovator Award for all teams from third to fifth grade.

As a result, they have been offered an invitation to the Global Innovation Challenge, a consultation with a patent attorney from Bold Patents, a mentorship with New England Invents and an invitation to co-host at the Global Innovation Field Trip.



Congratulations to all four of our students for their tremendous work and inspiring accomplishments. To find out more about NIC, visit <https://nationalinnovatorchallenge.org>.

ABOUT NPS: At Norwalk Public Schools, our mission is to provide an excellent and equitable education so that all students graduate future-ready as civically responsible, globally engaged and positive contributors to an ever-changing and diverse world. Reflecting our diverse community, NPS families speak 59 different languages and represent 70 different countries.

Serving nearly 12,000 students, Norwalk Public Schools consists of four high schools, four middle schools, 13 elementary schools and one inclusive pre-school. NPS high school programs offer International Baccalaureate diploma and career programs; a renowned global studies magnet school; pathways in healthcare, marine science and digital media; and the opportunity to earn an industry recognized associate's degree along with a high school diploma. PreK through middle school students can take advantage of magnet programs focused on language, character, marine science, college and career readiness, and visual and performing arts. NPS also prides itself on its neighborhood schools, which build community and offer their own unique educational opportunities.