

Connecticut Invention Convention

The Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC), internationally recognized, organization started in 1983. Today, the program is open to all K-12 students statewide, and is designed to develop, encourage, and enhance creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills through invention, innovation and entrepreneurship.

The Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC) provides students with a unique means to discover new skill sets and creatively apply these in real-life settings while nurturing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). CIC is standards-based and enables students to research, analyze and effectively focus on and solve their real-life problems.

The CIC Annual State Final event gives up to 1,000 students an opportunity to present their prototypes to their peers and adult judges. This event, also known as The Connecticut Invention Convention, is hosted by the University Of Connecticut School Of Engineering and gives students and parents an introduction to careers in engineering.

On May 4th 2019, Norwalk Public Schools participated in the 36th Annual Connecticut Invention Convention hosted at the University of Connecticut. Students representing Naramake, Cranbury, Wolfpit, Rowayton, and Kendall Elementary participated in one division, while students from Nathan Hale, Roton and Ponus completed in the older division.

Norwalk students did an exceptional job during the completion, and represented themselves with class and dignity throughout. Several students were able to successfully explain their prototypes and win an award, the CIC Recognized Inventor Award. These students demonstrated to the judges their knowledge of science, and engineering principles, as well as the ability to identify a real world problem and create a potential solution.

The Ponus Ridge contingent of students included 6th graders Gabriela Carroll-DeLa Rosa, Brianna Ramos, Abeera Deura, 7th graders Sofia Kiraly and CJ Gulyas and 8th graders Antony Arias and Alejandro Maya. Each of these students designed, built and presented their CIC invention to a panel of engineers and various other esteemed judges. Both Sofia Kiraly and CJ Gulyas won their individual CIC judging circle, which qualified to possible represent Norwalk in National CIC competition.

Antony Arias and Alejandro competed in their judging circles but unfortunately failed to win this individual honor. However both students did receive the Early College Credit Award. This award provides both students with the opportunity to peruse college credit in the academic field of Science and Engineering while attend high school.