

2026 Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair

78th Year

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Connecticut Science Teachers Association's Marty Tafel Student Research Award

Ms. Louise McMinn
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EnergizeCT Technical High School Science & Technology Awards

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CSEF Board of Directors Award

Dr. Frank LaBanca
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Ilona Prosol
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GENIUS Olympiad

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Terri Clark
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Maplesoft Awards for Applied Mathematics and Modeling

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Pfizer Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Awards
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