

2025 Connecticut Science Fair Association Annual Report



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SCIENCE &  
ENGINEERING  
— FAIR —



## President's Message

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I celebrate our successes in the 2025 Fair and look forward to the 2026 Fair, our 78th in our long and rich history! Each year, our Fair continues to showcase the brilliance, creativity, and determination of students from across our state. The 2025 competition was a shining example of this spirit, with more than 400 projects demonstrating innovation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

I am especially proud of our finalists, who impressed judges with their depth of knowledge and originality. Our top winners represented Connecticut at the International Science and Engineering Fair, earning four awards in the categories of Biomedical, Translational Medicine, Animal Science, and Engineering Technology. Their accomplishments remind us that the future of discovery and innovation is in very capable hands.

This year, we continue our tradition of virtual preliminary judging, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to interact with expert judges from academia and industry. Finalist judging will once again be held in person at Quinnipiac University, where the energy and excitement of live competition bring out the very best in our participants.

None of this would be possible without the tireless dedication of our volunteers and Board of Directors. Their commitment ensures that the Connecticut Science and Engineering Fair remains a premier event that inspires and empowers the next generation of scientists and engineers.

As we embark on the 2026 fair, I look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students and witnessing the innovative ideas that will shape the future. Congratulations to all who will participate—you are the heart of this fair, and your curiosity and perseverance make us proud.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad Guilani, President  
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## 2025-2026 Activities

### 2025

77<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Science and Engineering Fair –

*Conducted in hybrid format, March, 2025*

International Science and Engineering Fair – *Held in person in Columbus, Ohio*

GENIUS Olympiad – *Held in person in Rochester, NY*

### 2026

78<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Science and Engineering Fair – *scheduled to be conducted in hybrid format, March 2026*

International Science and Engineering Fair – *scheduled to be conducted in person in Phoenix, AZ, May 2026.*

GENIUS Olympiad – *scheduled for June 2025 at Rochester Institute of Technology*

## Fair's Mission

The Connecticut Science Fair Association, Inc. is a nonprofit educational organization that serves the youth of Connecticut by providing opportunities for recognition for students whose interests are in the scientific and engineering disciplines. Our annual Connecticut Science and Engineering Fair provides a yearly statewide science and engineering competition open to 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students residing, or enrolled, in Connecticut schools and a school in Fishers Island, New York.

The Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair (CSEF) is a charter member of the International Science and Engineering Fair, an activity of the Society for Science. Each year we provide our top winners with all-expense paid trips to participate in the International Science and Engineering Fair and GENIUS Olympiad.

Our volunteers work to interest youth in careers in science and engineering through our yearly Fair, teacher and student workshops, presentations, and website [www.ctsciencefair.org](http://www.ctsciencefair.org)

We are all-volunteer with all funds directed to student awards, Fair operation, student/teacher workshops, educational presentations, and participation by CSEF winners in international student science and engineering competitions.

## Financials<sup>‡</sup>

2025 Fiscal Year October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025

### Income:

Grant & Award Contributions	\$ 90,500
Donations for special awards	\$ 24,768
Project registration	\$ 26,920
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$142,188</b>

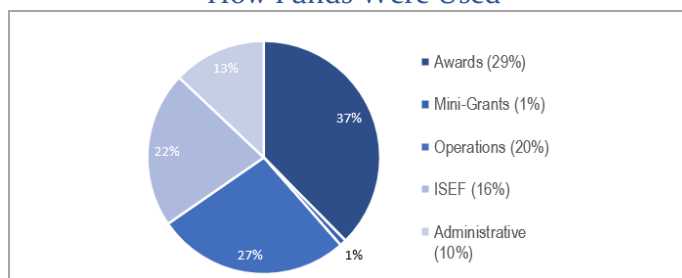
### Expenses:

Student Awards- Trophies, plaques	\$ 41,221 <sup>§</sup>
Mini-Grants	\$ 1,000
State Fair Operating Expenses	\$ 29,421
International Science and Engineering Fair	\$ 23,724
Administrative	\$ 14,206
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$109,572</b>

<sup>§</sup> Includes only awards administered by CSEF. Special awards which are conveyed directly to the students by the sponsoring organizations have an estimated value of approximately \$1,000,000 including college scholarships.

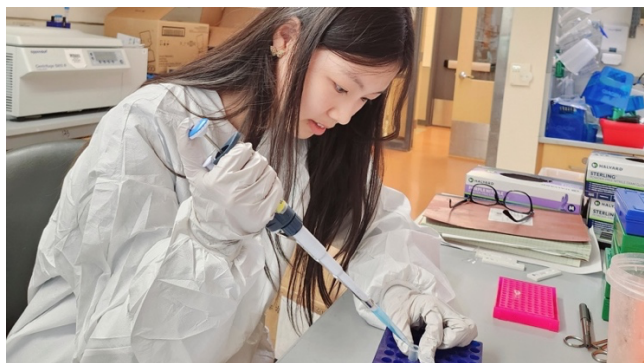
<sup>‡</sup> Financials are subject to final review and audit.

## How Funds Were Used



## 2025 Accomplishments

- **612** students, **309** female, **293** male, and **10** other/not reported from **108** schools and regional fairs presented projects at our State Fair held March 1-15.
- The Urban School Challenge program was expanded to include public schools from the 33 towns in the Alliance District Program as defined by the state of Connecticut. Top placing students compete at the International Science & Engineering Fair and GENIUS Olympiad. Two schools were awarded \$500 minigrants to fund research program supplies and travel to compete at Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair (CSEF).
- An estimated 6,500 students compete in school and regional science fairs to qualify for the Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair.
- **Over 400** awards and scholarships having a total value of approximately \$1,000,000 were presented at the 2025 State Fair. **73** award sponsors including professional societies, businesses, colleges, individual contributors, Fair alumni, and Fair funding made this outstanding program possible.
- We served as qualifying competition for International Science & Engineering Fair, GENIUS Olympiad, Thermo Fisher Junior Innovators Challenge middle school competition, and the National Stockholm Junior Water Prize.
- Seven student projects were selected to attend the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Columbus, Ohio.
- Five CSEF student projects were selected to compete at GENIUS Olympiad.
- A CSEF middle school students was a national finalist in the Thermo Fisher Junior Innovators Challenge.
- Approximately three hundred scientists, engineers, and educators served as judges.
- Fourteen fair categories were conducted this year, providing recognition opportunities for multiple technical disciplines and urban settings.



## Sponsors and Supporters

### Major Category Awards

Alexion  
CMS/Dorothy Minervino  
Pepsico  
The Jackson Laboratory  
Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering  
OTIS

### Special Category Awards

EnergizeCT  
Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetland  
Commissions  
Infosys Foundation USA  
Petit Family Foundation  
Pfizer  
Stanley Black and Decker

### Alumni/Friends

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### College Scholarships

Quinnipiac University  
University of Hartford  
University of Connecticut  
University of New Haven

## 2025 Recognition Awards

### 5 Years Student Participation

Suchita Srinivasan, Cheshire High School

### 4 Years Student Participation

Temiladeoluwa Adeniran, Engineering & Science Univ Magnet School  
Titiladeoluwa Adeniran, Engineering & Science Univ Magnet School  
Sahithi Aliminate, Engineering & Science University Magnet School  
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Andrei Balas, Hamden Hall Country Day School  
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Neev Makin, Hamden Hall Country Day School  
Alejandro Mayorga, Wooster School  
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Sophia Vash, Hamden Hall Country Day School

### 10 Year Service Award

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Alireza Senejani  
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James Zibluk

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Jack Solomon

### 20 Year Service Award

Matthew Jacobs

### 30 Year Service Award

Fay Gagnon  
Scott Tracy, Astronomical Society of Greater Hartford

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