

Results of the 2018 NZIFST/CREST Student Product Development Challenge in Auckland and Hamilton

Judging of the Auckland and Hamilton Challenge was hosted by the Auckland branch of NZIFST and Diocesan School for Girls on 26 September.

We were delighted to have two schools from Hamilton entering a team for the first time. The twelve teams who completed the Challenge were judged by Nick Devcich, Hannah Hayes, Ruth Leary, Sue Camblin, Jayne Glasson, Ursula Hosking, Jeremy Smith, Kerryn James, Rachel Gillies, Jono Au-Young, Margie Hunt, Jig Bauzon.

After the judging, Joanne Finer from Fonterra talked about the important role of innovation in New Zealand's food processing industry, and where that career can take you (to speak at the United Nations!), before the teams were presented with their Team Silver Challenge CREST Awards.

NZIFST congratulates all the students and teachers for their perseverance and hard work in completing the Challenge. They provided everyone who attended the judging event with a delicious twelve course smorgasbord.

Highly Commended

School	Carmel College
Project	Black Magic
Teacher	Sandy Goonan
Students	Hannah Gulley, Mia Jones, Rose Li
Mentor	EeLaine Yeoh, Fonterra Brands Tip Top
Sponsor	Fonterra Brands



The team with their mentor and product

Outstanding – second prize

School Carmel College
Project Heart of the Mediterranean
Teacher Sandy Goonan
Students Josie Aiello, Lara Evans, Frances Gilvray, Georgia Mehrrens
Mentor Maddi Brown, Fonterra Brands Tip Top
Sponsor Invita



The team with their teacher (left) mentor (right)

Commended

School Carmel College
Project The New Yorker
Teacher Sandy Goonan
Students Maria Ferreira, Gabrielle Lobo, Christina Pan, Tina Yaakob
Mentor Nazanin Rafati, Fonterra Brands Tip Top
Sponsor Givaudan



The team with their teacher and product

Highly Commended

School	Carmel College
Project	Power Bites
Teacher	Sandy Goonan
Students	Heather Lock, Elyse Ridling, Brinelle D'Souza
Mentor	Pip Duncan, vegetables.co.nz
Sponsor	vegetables.co.nz



The team with their teacher and product

Highly Commended

School Carmel College
Project Waff-Fills You Up
Teacher Sandy Goonan
Students Lauren Nuttney, Sophie Morrison, Ashley Muchakwa, Hannah Shaw
Mentor Pip Duncan, vegetables.co.nz
Sponsor vegetables.co.nz



The team with their teacher and product

Highly Commended

School Diocesan School for Girls
Project Dilly Dally Doughnuts
Teacher Sheridan Alexander
Students Sophia Francis, Emily Doughty, Gabby Hayton
Mentors Elise Waddell & Isabel Buerschgens, Sensient Technologies
Sponsor Sensient Technologies



The team with their mentors

Commended

School	Diocesan School for Girls
Project	Profiteri
Teacher	Sheridan Alexander
Students	Kate Mills, Olivia Chitty
Mentors	Elise Waddell & Isabel Buerschgens, Sensient Technologies
Sponsor	Food NZ



The team with their mentors

Highly Commended

School	Diocesan School for Girls
Project	Syrup Kitchen
Teacher	Sheridan Alexander
Students	Briar Adams, Elizabeth Wright, Emma Collard
Mentors	Elise Waddell & Isabel Buerschgens, Sensient Technologies
Sponsor	Foodtech Packtech



The team with their teacher and product

Outstanding – third prize

School	Rototuna Senior High
Project	Feijoa Frenzy
Teacher	Jenny Mangan
Students	Gaith Laith, Liam Anderson
Mentors	Chathurika Samarakoon, Wintec; Amaana Pilli & Alina Rajan, Waikato University
Client	Zealong Tea Estate (Annalese Webber)
Sponsor	Plant & Food Research



The team with client Annalese (left) and their teacher (right)

Commended

School	Te Kura Maori O Nga Tapuwae
Project	Scrump o Bite
Teacher	Blanche D'Cunha
Students	Ameera Danford, Saylem Napia, Te Poto Taylor, Erikah Hewett Martin
Mentors	Sarah Beaton & Amie Duan, Hawkins Watts
Sponsor	Hawkins Watts



The team with their teachers

Outstanding – first prize

School Waikato Diocesan School for Girls
Project Symbio Probiotic
Teacher Katie Edmondson
Students Shannen Johnson, Armani Martin, Jaime Brough
Mentor Yi-Chern Lee, Fonterra
Sponsor Fonterra Brands



The team with their teacher (left) and mentor (right)

Highly Commended

School Westlake Boys High School
Project Brawnie
Teacher Sharim Mendoza
Students Daniel Gutierrez, Nicholas Johnson, Ben Dalton, Oli Parsons
Mentor Mitchell Thompson, Sensient Technologies
Sponsor ADM



The team with their teacher

You can read the teams' posters on the right hand side of this webpage.

NZIFST thanks everyone from the wider food industry who contributed to making the Challenge a success. They include staff from the Massey University School of Food and Nutrition, who provided the teachers with professional development; the mentors who guided the teams through the product development process, shared their expertise and hosted site visits; the sponsors of the teams; the suppliers who provided the teams with ingredients/packaging and technical support; the judges; and members of the Auckland branch of NZIFST who helped with the organisation of the judging event. The collaboration between all of these people, organisations, CREST and schools, is what makes the Challenge such a valuable programme.

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