

Results of the 2018 NZIFST/CREST Student Product Development Challenge Lower North Island and Nelson

For the first time ever, we held a judging event in Wellington, to accommodate teams from the Lower North Island and Nelson. The event was hosted by Wellington High School and the Central Branch of NZIFST.

The six projects were judged by Lee Huffman, Ben Sutherland, Megan Sinclair and Richard Love. Chief Judge Lee Huffman commented: "Overall these projects and teams seemed to be to a higher level this year. I do not remember scores as high as these in past years."

Several teachers and students from Wellington High took the opportunity to have a look at the projects, as did teachers from other schools who are interested in entering the Challenge. After the judging, Carol Barnao outlined the diverse opportunities available in the food processing industry, using her own career as an example. Jessie McKenzie presented the teams with their Team Silver Challenge CREST Awards.

NZIFST congratulates all the students and teachers for their perseverance and hard work in completing the Challenge.

Highly Commended

School	Garin College
Project	Kete Moana
Teacher	Annie Knight
Students	Ajay Skilton-Bolland, Noah Bramwell, Kane Chilton
Mentor	Daniela Stringer, Sealord
Sponsor	Newly Weds Foods & David Munro



The team with their teacher

Outstanding

School	Garin College
Project	MK Honey
Teacher	Annie Knight
Students	Pepa Whitteker-Edgar, Jasmine Stephenson, Levi Smith
Mentor	Maria Coleman & Kim Allan, Nelson Honey
Sponsor	Hawkins Watts & Sally Hasell



The team with their teacher

Outstanding, joint First Prize

School	Nelson College for Girls
Project	The Herd
Teacher	Jo Beggs
Students	Meg Cook, Samantha Waite, Ella Reardon, Nikki Wynen
Mentor	Kristy Giles, Appleby Farms
Sponsors	Appleby Farms & Goodman Fielder



The team with their teacher and mentor

Highly Commended

School	St Oran's College
Project	Dressing to Impress
Teachers	Jess Patel & Keith Deverall
Students	Samantha Jordan, Taryn Norton
Mentors	Carmen Boyd & Marylou Manahan, GROENZ
Sponsor	Axieo



The team with mentor Carmen and their teachers

Outstanding, joint First Prize

School Wellington High School
Project Reme Reka
Teachers Natalie Randall & Bob Naylor
Students Mollie Hobley, Ashleigh Iwikau
Mentors Angela Yang & Hillary Tuason, MPI
Sponsor Beef + Lamb New Zealand Inc



The team with their teachers and mentors

Outstanding

School Woodford House
Project Saucy Voodles
Teacher Nicola Williams
Students Gabriella Gray, Holly Lin, Claudia Eames
Mentor Sandra Chambers, GreenMount Foods
Sponsor Davis Food Ingredients & Sally Hasell



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 local 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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