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Students exhibit creativity, excitement for learning at Spaulding Academy Science Fair

NORTHFIELD — Spaulding Academy & Family Services recently held the 2022 Spaulding Academy Science Fair, which brought families, friends, and community partners to campus to experience student science projects. Serving as guest judges were New Hampshire Department of Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut; Ron Magoon, president and CEO of Franklin Savings Bank; Dan Kaplan, director of Information Technology, Associated Grocers of New England; and Tilton-Northfield Fire Department Firefighters Timothy Ames, Tyler Bannister, Travis Gosine, and Theodore Partingt.

The Science Fair is a school wide, experiential learning event that allows students of all abilities and ages (kindergarten through grade

12) to explore scientific concepts using the scientific method. Projects included hypotheses, written summaries, posters, and experiment demonstrations and covered various themes including chemical reactions, fossils, heat exchange, and the ocean floor.

“It was an honor to participate in the Spaulding Academy Science Fair as a guest judge,” Edelblut said. “Along with my fellow judges, I was deeply impressed by the creativity and thought that went into each student’s project. It was a testament to the dedication of both the students and faculty.”

Some of this year’s projects examined the best starter for making rock candy, how plants grow based on different substrates, what foods

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mold the fastest, and “art bot” inventions, which are motor-driven bots that draw art.

“The Science Fair is a wonderful opportunity for our students to get excited about science through research and hands-on demonstrations,” said Garrett Lavallee, director of Special Education. “The children and staff of Spaulding Academy and our guests were thrilled to be together again for this enriching event after two years of virtual

Science Fairs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful to our judges for sharing their time to learn about our student-led projects.”

For more information about Spaulding Academy & Family Services, visit SpauldingServices.org.

About Spaulding Academy & Family Services

Spaulding Academy & Family Services is a leading provider of educational, residential, therapeutic and community-based programs and services for fami-

lies, and children and youth with neurological, emotional, behavioral, learning or developmental challenges, including Autism Spectrum Disorder and those who have experienced significant trauma, abuse or neglect. Established in 1871, Spaulding Academy & Family Services is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit that was formerly known as Spaulding Youth Center since 1958. Its scenic hilltop campus is located on over 500 acres in Northfield, NH and welcomes boys and girls from ages 4 to 21 from around the

state of New Hampshire and beyond. In addition to programs provided on the Northfield campus, Spaulding Academy & Family Services’ community-based programs include foster family licensing, Individual Service Option (ISO) foster care, ISO in-home services, child health support services, and more for children ages 20 and younger and their family. For information about Spaulding Academy & Family Services, visit www.SpauldingServices.org.