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Students Test Rocket Skills at CNY Rocket Team Challenge



SYRACUSE, NY (June 3, 2019) - Nearly 500 students turned out Saturday, June 1, 2019, for the Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science & Technology's (MOST) **17th annual Central New York (CNY) Rocket Team Challenge** held atop Syracuse University's Skytop Field from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students at both the junior level (grades four through eight) and senior level (grades nine through 12), competed on launch trajectory, rocketry knowledge, launch performance, and other criteria.

CNY Rocket Team Challenge is organized by the MOST and Syracuse Rocket Club.

Here are your 2019 CNY Rocket Team Challenge winners:

Senior Level Winners

First place: Lasallian Stallions, Christian Brothers Academy, with team members Michael Berger, Michael Bolton, Ben Mustico, and Freddy LeBlanc, all 10th-graders.

Second place: Neil deGrasse Tysonettes, Mexico High School, with team members Kimberly Heagerty (12th-grade), McKenna House (11th-grade), Jade

Windey (11th-grade), Julianna Hernandez (10th-grade), Molly Henderson (10th-grade), Tessa LeClair (10th-grade), and Alayna Walker (ninth-grade).

Third Place: Glamorous Glennis, Civil Air Patrol, with team members Edward Plogman (12th-grade), Jonathan Manna (11th-grade), Daniel Nans (9th-grade), James Nelson (9th-grade), John Woodruff (9th-grade), Symeon Barrett (eighth-grade), Marissa Labonoski (eighth-grade), and Ryley Fadden (seventh-grade).

Fourth place: Space Jam, Auburn High School, with team members Gabriella Martinez, Bri Pickard, Tom Pilbeam, and Amber Polypchek, all 11th-graders.

Junior Level Winners

First place: BSA Troop 18 Cazenovia, with team members Adam Tunnicliff (eighth-grade), Micah Hamm (seventh-grade), Zander Hollman (fifth-grade), and Kylie Belden (fifth-grade).

Second place: Sky High, Gillette Road Middle School, with team members Nicholas Fiori, Samantha Atherton, Josie Lachut, Xavier Coakley, Derek Eells, Jaden Gunnip and Nathan Bustin, all sixth-graders.

Third place: Sally Smithers, Onondaga Hill Middle School, with team members Ashleigh Belcamino, Liz Gluz, Kaelin Felio, Jane Angell, and Katie Hagman, all eighth-graders.

Fourth place: Bishop Ludden 6 Ross. Bob Ross. Obviously!, Bishop Ludden Junior-Senior High School, with team members John Daher, Kiley Monroe, Ryan Brady, Achol Aroman, Tess Murry, and Sarah Fink, all eighth-graders.

Special Awards

Best Performing Recycled Rocket: BSA Troop 18 Cazenovia.

Most Technical Team, Senior Level: Roscosmos, Bishop Ludden Junior-Senior High School.

Most Technical Team, Junior Level: Team Takeoff, Donlin Drive Elementary.

Best Design, Senior Level: Full Medal Jackets, Syracuse Academy of Science.

Best Design, Junior Level: APOLLO-G, Pine Grove Middle School.

Best Rocket Team Name: Mango Dragonfruit Refresher With Lemonade, Institute of Technology at Syracuse Central.

Best Rocket Aesthetic: The Planets Are Aligned, Bishop Ludden Junior-Senior High School.

Closest Landing to Launch Site: Apollo, Christian Brothers Academy.

Furthest Landing from Launch Site: Sky High, Gillette Road Middle School.

Highest Flying LOC IV Rocket: Glamorous Glennis, Civil Air Patrol.

Highest Flying Graduator Rocket: Neil deGrasse Tysonettes, Mexico High School.

Editor's Note

Select photos from 2019 CNY Rocket Team Challenge available [here](#).

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