Imagine Tomorrow inspires new ideas in young minds.

Demand for clean energy, the threat of global warming, and the question of how to transition from a fossil-fuel-based economy: these tough problems need innovative solutions. This annual statewide competition challenges high school students to find answers.

Working together, students seek innovative ways to shift the public mindset, reshape governance and policy, reengineer technologies, and redesign communities and ways of life.

The competition has won enthusiastic endorsement from corporate and government leaders, faculty scholars, and educators throughout the state, as well as from the state’s brightest high school students.
Competition snapshot

2009 Topic: Power Your Future. Competing teams will address a range of energy-related challenges.

Teams: Each may include two to five students in grades nine through twelve. An adult advisor must be affiliated with each team.

Judges: Business and opinion leaders from throughout the state, as well as Washington State University faculty, judge competition entries.

Awards: Thousands of dollars are awarded to winning teams and their schools. Judges honor winning teams for each challenge and name one team the Grand Prize winner.

IMAGINE TOMORROW 2008 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

From an Imagine Tomorrow 2008 advisor

"My three students...realized for the first time that no matter how poor you are or how young you are, you can still act on a good idea and be part of the momentum for positive change....It was wonderful for these boys to earn the praise and attention of some very important people and to realize their potential. None of these boys thought they had exceptional skills or ideas, and two had no plans for college. Now they are excited about their future and are working toward scholarships, internships, and college applications."

Darlyn Wendlandt, advisor
Heritage High School, Vancouver, Washington

Students and educators reap great rewards.

Making ideas matter
Students from all backgrounds and high school grade levels learn how to translate their ideas into productive results.

Engaging future innovators
The competition motivates students to create solutions to complex issues. They learn critical thinking skills directly applicable to their future success in college or employment in any sector.

Supporting educators
Teachers gain tools to inspire students to think bigger, to take initiative to get information from diverse resources, and to jointly develop new and big ideas.

Lighting the way
More students become aware of careers related to technology, environment, energy, policy, and the world around them.

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