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### 🏆 Canada's Top Student Innovators Announced in the 17th Schools of the Future Student AI + STEM Innovation Challenge

**Greater Toronto Area**, June 27, 2025 – MindShare Learning Media & Consulting is proud to announce the National Winners of the 17th Annual Schools of the Future Student AI + STEM Innovation Challenge, marking a powerful conclusion to the 2024–2025 school year.

This year's competition called on students from coast to coast to reimagine inclusive, sustainable, and tech-powered future cities using AI, STEM, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



🎉 1st Prize Winner:  
School: McCrimmon Middle School  
Grade: 8  
Teachers: Unber Khan, Nicole Quimet  
Board: Peel District School Board  
Theme: *Culturally Responsive & Relevant Sustainable Future Cities*



🥈 2nd Prize Winner:  
School: McMurrich Junior Public School  
Grades: 4 & 6  
Teachers: Zelia Capitao-Tavares, Kamla Rambaran  
Board: Toronto District School Board



🥉 3rd Prize Winner:  
School: St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic Elementary School  
Grades: 3–6  
Teacher: Lisa Wollziefer  
Board: Waterloo Catholic District School Board

*"What an inspiring way to end the school year—celebrating the brilliance of these young minds who are already designing a better future for us all "* said Robert Martellacci, Founder & CEO of MindShare Learning. *"Through creativity,*

*compassion, and technology, they've shown us the true potential of student voice and innovation."*

Over \$1 million in prizes have been awarded to date, thanks to the generous support of our Lead Sponsor: Dell Technologies, and valued partners including Nelson, Steelcase Learning, Logics Academy, SMART, AWS, LEGO Education, Spectrum Video, TakingITGlobal, Smith System, Attach for STEM Kits, InspireTech, News-O-Matic, and C21 Canada.

For more on the winners and their projects, visit: [www.mindsharelearning.ca](http://www.mindsharelearning.ca)

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