

Hillcrest Cool It Challenge Team Takes First Place in Hartford

The Cool It Climate Change Challenge Team of Hillcrest Middle School competed with 17 middle and high school teams comprised of more than 200 students from across Connecticut in the 2008 Cool It Climate Change Challenge, which was held at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford on Saturday, May 17th.

The team took home first place honors in the competition's Collaboration and Innovation categories, earning \$1,000 in prize money to make Hillcrest "green."

Working with advisor Brian Hendrickson, team members Priya Gupta, Chitra Nidadavolu, Rakshana Selvarajan, Julianne Boggs, Chris Bodnar, Zack Kaesmann, Jake Cohen, Kathy Nickson, Pat Heeks, Amber Domond, and Kanul Jhaveri are pictured in the accompanying photo with First Selectman Ray Baldwin and Superintendent Ralph Iassogna.

The Cool It Challenge Team's winning presentation was displayed outside of the Hillcrest main office last week for students, faculty, and parents to see the team's prize-winning work focused on helping their school fight global warming.

The Cool It Challenge is funded primarily by the [Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation](#). The program is administered by the [Institute for Sustainable Energy](#) at [Eastern Connecticut State University](#). Program partners include [Clean Air-Cool Planet](#) and the science centers of the [Connecticut Science Center Collaborative](#). More information about the Cool It Climate Change Challenge is available at www.coolitchallenge.org.