

2023 Community Projects Champions

Honorable Mention

Senior Division

Students: **Parvathy Unnikrishnan & Radhika Unnikrishnan**

Coach: **Shyamala**

School: **Weddington High School**

Grow FPS in the Carolinas

Like in all areas, pandemic had a huge impact in NC FPS participation rate. After identifying the growing need for an increase in participation for the Carolinas' Future Problem Solving Program, our team decided to begin the project Grow FPS in Carolinas in order to improve membership. Through outreach events at school and local community, we were able to recruit many teams and individuals in NC and SC state. This team created a magical way to grow our FPS program not just in North Carolina but also in South Carolina! By coaching teams and individuals themselves, they are spreading the message and passion of what it means to be a problem solver while growing greatness for the future of FPS!

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Middle Division Individual

Student: **Aadarsh Lakshmanan**

Coach: **Gururajan**

School: **Metrolina Regional
Scholars Academy**

Reducing the Food Waste Going to Landfills

North Carolina suffers from problems with methane emissions due to the large amount of food waste ending up in landfills. 15% of methane emissions come from Landfills, and 21.5% of landfill result from Food Waste. My mission is to educate the community on how to reduce waste going to landfills so that the people of Charlotte Mecklenburg county can be safer and more healthy so that we can move towards a zero-waste environment in 2023 and beyond.