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World Artificial Intelligence Competition for Youth

THE 8TH WORLD ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMPETITION FOR YOUTH WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT

(GLOBAL 2025)



Dear WAICY Family,

As WAICY 2025 comes to a close, our hearts are full.

This year has shown us — once again — the incredible power of young people united by passion, creativity, and the shared belief that **technology can make the world better**.

In 2025, **more than 132,000 students from 103 countries — across every continent** — joined WAICY. That means every corner of the world was represented in this celebration of imagination and innovation. In just five years, our competition has **more than doubled** its global reach, reflecting a growing movement that continues to welcome new voices every year.

We are especially inspired by the remarkable growth across Africa this year. Students from the continent contributed **10 award-winning projects**, each rooted in hope and local impact. Their work reminds us that when opportunity reaches more places, brilliance shines from everywhere.

To our partners — thank you for believing in young innovators. Because of your support, WAICY now connects learners in **more than 150 countries throughout the year**, expanding access where it is needed most.

To our teachers — **over 4,000 educators** guided WAICY students this year. You planted seeds of curiosity, encouraged ideas to grow, and stood proudly as students presented solutions that could improve lives worldwide.

To our incredible volunteers and judges — your dedication ensured that **over 10,000 submitted projects** were seen, celebrated, and thoughtfully evaluated. You make every student feel valued — and that changes futures.

And to our brilliant students — **you are the reason WAICY exists.**
Your courage to try, to learn, to build — and to care about others — inspires us more than you know.

From climate action tools to creative AI art…
From cultural preservation apps to AI systems supporting wellbeing…
From tiny prototypes to polished solutions ready for the real world…
You showed what's possible when young people come together with purpose.

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WAICY is no longer just a competition.
It is **a family** — one that spans oceans, cultures, and languages.
It is a place where young innovators realize they are not alone —
they are part of something bigger.

As we enter our **9th year**, we look ahead with open hearts and bold ambition — to bring AI opportunities to every learner everywhere, especially in communities where access has been limited for far too long.

Thank you for your passion.
Thank you for your belief.
Thank you for sharing this journey with us.

Congratulations to every student, teacher, volunteer, judge, and partner.
You are building a future filled with hope — and we are honored to be building it with you.

With warmth and deep appreciation,

WAICY 2025 Organizing Committee

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HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORY

(AI SHOWCASE TRACK) - GLOBAL

Gold Award
PilotTalk (Cody Li) United States

Silver Award
thelo (Aram Asatryan, Erik Khanoyan) Armenia

Bronze Award
Ethos (Batul Raja) United States
Yoltli Ai (Caleb Israel Yepez Guajardo) Mexico

4th Place Recognition
AIdrate (Elias Kangah) (NEOM Community School)Saudi Arabia

5th Place Recognition
Computerpreter (Victor Young, Forest Young) United States
Devanagari Scribe (Alex Wycoff) United States
AI Mirror (Lukas Leung) United States
EvacuationHub-DisasterScope (Myron Lai) United States

AI Excellence
Devanagari Scribe (Alex Wycoff) United States

Impact Excellence
thelo (Aram Asatryan, Erik Khanoyan) Armenia

Design Excellence
FetchAFriend (Brooklynne Pierce, Isabella Xu, Zailey Lawrence, Rachael Pichette) United States

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HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORY

(AI-GENERATED ART TRACK) - GLOBAL

Gold Award

Thrice Upon a Blooming Bloom (Claudia Jing Man Lo) United Kingdom

Silver Award

The Unseen Ahead (Naavya Dhanuka) India

Bronze Award

The Verdant Commons (Louis Gunawan) Indonesia

World Unseen (Ho Tsz Yan Antonia) (Diocesan Girls' School) Hong Kong

4th Place Recognition

Tradition as Our Roots, AI as Our Branches (NAYLA ALVALETA AQMIER) Indonesia

5th Place Recognition

Unlimited Perspectives (Linn Huckaby) United States

The Quantum Loom: Weaving the Fabric of Spacetime (Afia Adiba Hafsa) Bangladesh

The Light Below (Jayne Fredlina Thejalaksana, Kayla Fiorenza Octherananda Priyanto, Laura Nathania Wihardja) Indonesia

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HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORY

(AI-GENERATED VIDEO TRACK) - GLOBAL

Gold Award

Hexed, Hopeful, Hidden (Kaitlyn Xanthe M. Olaño) (Numou Education Center) Saudi Arabia

Silver Award

Dreaming Home (Hao Ning) United States

The Extinction (Fajr Fuad Alabdullah) (Numou Education Center) Saudi Arabia

The Unseen Self (Wendi Lin) United States

Bronze Award

Unethical Intelligence (Youseif Ayman Ahmed, Mohamed Khaled Kaaniche) Egypt, Tunisia

Imagine A World Without Pain (Alina Zheng, Alan Zheng) United States

4th Place Recognition

The Unknown World (Ian Chuang, Hasaan Shahzad, Eric Wang) (Meadowridge School) Canada

5th Place Recognition

The Origin Of Human Language (Mohammad Afraz) Saudi Arabia

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HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORY

(AI LARGE LANGUAGE MODEL TRACK) - GLOBAL

Gold Award

SFUSD Thai Family Liaison (Arjun Raj) United States

Silver Award

ArchaeoTou (بدر سلطان الحنكاوي محمد فهد الفوزان وسام تركى المطيري مروان رائد المطيري عمر سالم الدوسرى) (EVAAZ Academy) Saudi Arabia

BridgeBot (Ria Lewis) United States

Bronze Award

Life and Social Skills for Teenagers (صالح ابراهيم صالح الرفيدان محمد خالد محمد المحيميد ياسر خالد بن عبدالله النجران, Anas Abdullah Jabr Al-Harbi) (EVAAZ Academy) Saudi Arabia

AI-Powered Maritime Performance Optimization System (Georgios Iraklis Michalopoulos) Greece

4th Place Recognition

Lab Safety Assistant (Victor Young, Forest Young) United States

Artistic Swimming Figure Judging Bot (David Liu) United States

Project CASSIE: A Chatbot System with Analytics-Driven Prompt Engineering for Personalized Blood Glucose and Insulin Management for Type 1 Diabetics (Ariya Tikoo) United States

5th Place Recognition

EcoBuddy: AI Climate & Sustainability Action Assistant (Austin Lin, CHAO TZU-CHING, Alvin Wang, HUANG KO-CHING) Taiwan

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CATEGORY

(AI SHOWCASE TRACK) - GLOBAL

Gold Award
frIend hAnd (Simão Campos, Duarte Jerónimo, Silvino Costa, Pedro Maia, Filipa Ascensão) Portugal

Silver Award
EverNear (Jonathan Yu) United States

Bronze Award
KiddoWise (Aruoriwo Asakpoku, Orafiri Audrey Tamuno, Ademola Darasimi Faith, Divine Ebi) Nigeria

4th Place Recognition
EcoSort (Bryan Chen, Brian Lin) Canada

5th Place Recognition
Bot 44 (Aariz Mazumder) (NEOM Community School) Saudi Arabia

AI Excellence
frIend hAnd (Simão Campos, Duarte Jerónimo, Silvino Costa, Pedro Maia, Filipa Ascensão) Portugal

Impact Excellence
Farm Eye (Sochikammara Favour Uzoma, Sharon Chris-Wilson, Dawn-Ella Tarilade Kebbi, Onuh Oyiwodu Abigail, Esomchi Cherish Oluomachi) Nigeria

Design Excellence
PK-Workout (Amr Nashed) (Numou Education Center) Saudi Arabia

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CATEGORY
(AI-GENERATED ART TRACK) - GLOBAL

Gold Award
When The Universe Looks Back (Laura Chen) United States

Silver Award
Echoes from the Underworld River (Chanice Loretta Zakaria) Indonesia

Bronze Award
Intelligent firefighting giant robot (Alina Li) United States

4th Place Recognition
AI Elderly help (Ayesha Muneeruddin, Reema Alshaikh, Juwan, Alma Alhajiri) (NEOM Oxagon School) Saudi Arabia

5th Place Recognition
Worlds unseen (Madison Fae Effendy) Indonesia
Journey through ancient Egypt pharaohs, faith and wonders (Shahan Zagham, Malik Muhammad Hashim, Abdul Hadi Faisal) Pakistan

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CATEGORY
(AI-GENERATED VIDEO TRACK) - GLOBAL

Gold Award

The Sword That Seals The Darkness (Maximillian Moreno Widjaja) Indonesia

Museum of Emotions (Reem Alsayed, Shekha Mohammed) (Numou Education Center) Saudi Arabia

Silver Award

THE DREAM DIVER (Siyoun Song) United States

Bronze Award

AI Localized Weather Control (Jun Yu CHEN) Canada

A Magical Encounter in The Enchanted Forest (Gwenn Freya Alfian) Indonesia

4th Place Recognition

The Coin that Means the World (Andrew Li) United States

Life of a Leaf (Phoebe Guan, Alice Yang) China

Deeply Confused (Mohamed Walled Sonkr) (Numou Education Center) Saudi Arabia

5th Place Recognition

FROM UNSEEN TO UNFORGETTABLE (Dana Turki Al Harbi) (Numou Education Center) Saudi Arabia

Táphia (Iris Kong) China

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CATEGORY
(AI LARGE LANGUAGE MODEL TRACK) - GLOBAL

Gold Award

Safeline (Mohammed Omair AlQahtani) (Numou Education Center) Saudi Arabia

Silver Award

Untitled (Saudi Najdi culture, civilization, and heritage) (نايف نواف العتيبي خالد حمدي العوضي ياسين محمد أحمد) (EVAAZ Academy) Saudi Arabia

PromptMasters (Inventive Learning) Pakistan

Bronze Award

Untitled (health and fitness coach) (راكان احمد سعيد القرني) (EVAAZ Academy) Saudi Arabia

Green Energy Smart Advisor for Communities and Schools (فيصل فهد الفوزان ناصر ثامر الزغيبى فارس محمد البشرى فيصل محمد البشرى, Faisal Khaled Al-Salama) (EVAAZ Academy) Saudi Arabia

AI Business Maker (معاذ خضران المالكي يوسف أحمد القاضي عبدالله عماد بن حرشان, Nora Naif Al-Wuhaibi) (EVAAZ Academy) Saudi Arabia

4th Place Recognition

TechBot – The Smart PC Technical Assistant (Nawar Ammar Yaseen, يزيد عاطف عبدالله عمار علي القحطاني) (EVAAZ Academy) Saudi Arabia

Syntra (Inventive Learning) Pakistan

5th Place Recognition

Untitled (Hamad Al-Rahal, smart and friendly tour guide) (اسامة فطاني) (EVAAZ Academy) Saudi Arabia

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATEGORY

(AI SHOWCASE TRACK) - GLOBAL

Gold Award
ScreenAwair (James Yang, Naomi Yang) United States

Silver Award
Lugagge Sense (Hiba Mohammed, Muhammad Hadi) (NEOM Community School) Saudi Arabia

Bronze Award
LAN-GI (Zara Adeel) (NEOM Community School) Saudi Arabia

4th Place Recognition
Easy Connect (Al Anoud Al Marzouki, Talah Alsanea, Hana Al Saud, Taliah Bushnag) (Misk Schools) Saudi Arabia

5th Place Recognition
Acropolis Insight (Dimitris Karampelas, Dimitris Konstantellos) Greece

AI Excellence
Sanrio Guardian Angel (Meral Khalid Ibrahim Khalel, Areen Sufyan Mahmoud Altahaml) Libya

Impact Excellence
CLASSROOM DETECTOR (Kiimaayrah Jalan) India

Design Excellence
MemoCare (Tauha, Ali, Waiz & Ibrahim) Pakistan

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATEGORY

(AI-GENERATED ART TRACK) - GLOBAL

Gold Award

Forming A Civilization in Another Planet (Elina Hosseini, Melika Hosseini) Iran

Silver Award

World of Touch and Sound (Nawaf Alkadi, Abdulaziz Alzarea) (Numou Education Center) Saudi Arabia

Bronze Award

WHISPERS OF THE AURORA (Krystine Gabrielle G. Ilaga, Djianna Elyse A. Belen) (Numou Education Center) Saudi Arabia

4th Place Recognition

A Magical Ride in the Sky (Noura Alyafei) Qatar

5th Place Recognition

The Gaze of the Unseen Beach (Leen Noureldin) Qatar

world unseen (Tamim Nawfaf Bin Mubarak Al Thani, Mohammad Khalid Al sada) Qatar

HIYO: The World of My Dreams (Hiyaan Trivedi) India

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATEGORY

(AI-GENERATED VIDEO TRACK) - GLOBAL

Gold Award

THE GREATEST GIFT (Logan Shin) United States

Silver Award

The Magical School (Omar Wagdy Mohamed Reda) Saudi Arabia

WHO IS THE OWNER? (MIN KIM) South Korea

Bronze Award

Deep Sea Exploration (Evan Shao) Canada

4th Place Recognition

A LITTLE WORLD (WON KIM) South Korea

5th Place Recognition

friend ship (sibghat ullah) Pakistan

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATEGORY
(AI LARGE LANGUAGE MODEL TRACK) - GLOBAL

Gold Award
AI Conservation Ranger (Charity Buckley) Kenya

Silver Award
Sleep Buddy (Abdullah Al Humaid, Mohammed Al Thunayan, Mohammed Al Saawi, Nayef Al Mulla, Bader Alkowaiter) (Misk Schools) Saudi Arabia

Bronze Award
The Ocean Health Detective: Finding Bad Pollution in Sea Life! (Evan Shao) Canada

4th Place Recognition
Sparky - The Kindness Coach (Ayeena Ahsan) Pakistan

**No additional awards were issued by the judges.*

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OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION AWARDS:

GLOBAL

Inventive Learning (Pakistan)
Numou Education Center (Saudi Arabia)
SkillEdu VARSITY (India)
Streams Academy International (Pakistan)
Rosslyn Academy (Kenya)
Misk Schools (Saudi Arabia)
NEOM Community School (Saudi Arabia)
EVAAZ Academy (Saudi Arabia)
NEOM Oxagon School (Saudi Arabia)
Coding and More (India)
Fundão (Portugal)

OUTSTANDING JUDGING AWARDS:

GLOBAL

James Ehrlich (Stanford University)
Amalia Toutziaridi (MIT University)
Dr.Reem Almahmud (King Saud University)

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARDS:

GLOBAL

Hugo Rodrigues(Portugal)
Somkenechukwu Chukwudera Mamah (Nigeria)
Shatha Alhakbani (Saudi Arabia)
Sedra Abdul Basir (Saudi Arabia)

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WORLD'S LARGEST YOUTH AI COMPETITION CROWNS GLOBAL INNOVATORS IN WAICY 2025

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United States Lead Record-Breaking Year

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

United States — December 2025. The World Artificial Intelligence Competition for Youth (WAICY), the largest global AI competition for students, celebrated a historic year as **more than 132,000 young innovators from every continent** showcased their talent and vision for the future of artificial intelligence. Students applied AI to real-world challenges in climate, health, education, inclusion, and cultural heritage — demonstrating that youth are not only prepared for the future of AI, they are **actively leading it**.

Now entering its 9th year, WAICY continues to expand access and impact across **three student levels** — Elementary, Middle, and High School — and **four AI innovation tracks**: AI Showcase, AI-Generated Art, AI-Generated Video, and AI Large Language Models.

Participation from Africa saw its **biggest growth ever**, with strong contributions from Nigeria, Kenya, Libya, Tunisia, and Egypt — marking a major milestone for AI inclusion worldwide.

> **"Having more than 132,000 participants representing every continent is truly remarkable. As we enter the 9th year of WAICY, we are inspired to expand opportunities so every young innovator, everywhere, can participate in shaping the AI future."**
> *— WAICY 2025 Organizing Committee*

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WAICY 2025 – AWARDS COUNT BY COUNTRY

(Tied rankings reflect equal awards performance — standard global format)

Rank	Country	Awards & Recognitions
1	Saudi Arabia	**26**
2	United States	**24**
3	Indonesia	**7**
4	Pakistan	6
5	Canada	5
6	India	3
6	Qatar	3
8	Armenia	2
8	Portugal	2
8	Nigeria	2
8	China	2
8	Greece	2
8	South Korea	2
14	United Kingdom	1
14	Mexico	1
14	Hong Kong	1
14	Bangladesh	1
14	Egypt	1
14	Tunisia	1
14	Kenya	1
14	Taiwan	1
14	Libya	1
14	Iran	1

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🌍 WHAT THE STUDENTS BUILT

- **Climate solutions** — early wildfire detection, ocean health protection
- **Healthcare & accessibility** — AI supporting wellbeing and autonomy
- **Cultural heritage preservation** — safeguarding languages and stories
- **Creative AI media** — cinematic storytelling and visual art
- **Digital inclusion** — tools for underserved learners and communities

> "We're not waiting for the future — **we're building it**."
> *— 13-year-old WAICY Finalist, Nigeria*

🚀 THE FUTURE: EXPANDING GLOBAL ACCESS

WAICY equips youth with:

✓ Practical AI creation skills
✓ Ethics and responsible development mindsets
✓ Collaboration across borders
✓ Opportunities for global recognition

In 2026, WAICY will launch:

- **Regional AI Innovation Hubs**
- **Expanded Africa and Asia outreach**
- **New teacher-training pathways**

Ensuring **every** student — everywhere — can shape the AI-powered future.

ABOUT WAICY

Founded in 2017 at **Carnegie Mellon University**, the World Artificial Intelligence Competition for Youth empowers students to use AI for social good. Today, WAICY reaches **over 150 countries**, redefining global STEM education by making AI learning **accessible, ethical, inclusive, and inspiring** for all.

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