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## Massachusetts Team Wins 2022 National *You Be The Chemist* Challenge®

*Team members earn scholarships after wowing industry panel*

ARLINGTON, VA – The Chemical Educational Foundation® (CEF) announces a team of four students from Massachusetts, the Chemistry Enthusiasts, who rose to the top of 9,000 students to win the 2022 National *You Be The Chemist* Challenge and a \$12,000 scholarship. When asked what advice they have for future participants, student Srinidhi Iyer said, “It is most important to just have fun, be confident, manage time well and efficiently, and never see the Challenge as a test but rather a major opportunity to grow as a young chemist in the making.”

Chemistry Enthusiasts is one of the teams of fifth- through eighth-graders who participated in the Challenge this year, including in Regional events where they answered 40 questions and produced a 3–5-minute video on states of matter in space.



L-R: Shakthi Saravanan, Aaryan Arora, Aarushi Khatri, Srinidhi Iyer

The five finalist teams met today in Houston, Texas, the home of NASA’s Johnson Space Center, where they participated in interviews with a panel of representatives from the chemical and space industries. Presenting Sponsor Univar Solutions also hosted a private tour with hands-on activities at their flagship Solution Center in Houston.

“We are so proud of our *You Be The Chemist* Challenge participants. The passion for science that the Challenge nurtures and the teamwork demonstrated will help serve as a strong foundation for their education and careers,” said CEF Executive Director Dwayne Sattler. “We thank our Presenting Sponsor Univar Solutions, and the teachers, parents, and volunteers for making the Challenge a success.”

In addition to Univar Solutions, CEF thanks our Trailblazers Azalis Americas, Barentz, BASF, and Dow, and our Innovators Brenntag North America, Corteva Agriscience, LyondellBasell, PPG, Procter & Gamble, and Shell USA, whose support helps to make the *You Be The Chemist* Challenge a success.

Princeton Charter School from New Jersey won second place in the competition and Jefferson Middle School from Michigan won third. Please [click here](#) to see a list of state winners and their videos.

CEF is a nonprofit dedicated to building the future STEM workforce. *You Be The Chemist* programs are designed to inspire students, engage educators, and strengthen communities to build a better world through the science of chemistry.

For more information on CEF or on next year’s Challenge, please visit [www.chemed.org](http://www.chemed.org). The 2023 National Challenge will take place on June 13 at the Westin Memorial City in Houston, TX.

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