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Exeter/West Greenwich High School awarded 1st Place in Rhode Island's First High School Wind Turbine Competition- KidWind Regional Virtual Challenge!

North Kingstown, RI- The North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce's WindWinRI program hosted Rhode Island's first regional High School Simulation Wind Turbine Competition with KidWind- an educational organization focused on teaching the world about renewable energy and helping thousands of educators bring wind and solar power to life in the classroom.

On May 10th, at the North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce's WindWinRI High School Wind Turbine Competition ceremony, Rhode Island Secretary of State Nellie M. Gorbea provided remarks as well as Michael Arquin, Founder and Director of KidWind and the National Wind Turbine Competition.

"This event is such an exciting look into Rhode Island's future. We have our state's emerging leaders gaining valuable experience in the field of renewable energy – which is going to be a vital part of our economy and infrastructure going forward," said Rhode Island Secretary of State Nellie M. Gorbea.

The following schools received awards: Exeter/West Greenwich High School- 1st place, Charles E. Shea High School in Pawtucket (multiple teams)- 2nd and 3rd place, and Block Island High School- honorable mention.

"There are 800 students who are competing in the National KidWind Simulation Challenge. To date, some of the Rhode Island students have been ranked in the top ten of this competition. Many thanks to the teachers and students and to the North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce's WindWinRI program for hosting Rhode Island's first High School Wind Turbine competition. We hope that these teams, who all qualified, will continue to compete in our National KidWind Challenge in June," said Michael Arquin, Founder and Director of KidWind.

For more information about the WindWinRI Offshore Wind Energy Career Pathway, please visit www.windwinri.com.

The North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce is one of Rhode Island's leading business membership and trade organizations located in North Kingstown, RI that includes the Quonset Business Park that employs more than 10,000 people within over 200 businesses. Quonset, the home to Port Davisville, has served as the staging, storage, and assembly area for wind turbine equipment.

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