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# Three Schools Win Rhode Island Video Challenge Awards

Scituate High School, North Kingstown High School & Deering Middle School in West Warwick Named Energy Champions

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Three Rhode Island schools, including Scituate High School, North Kingstown High School and Deering Middle School in West Warwick, were honored today for the energy efficiency videos that students developed as part of National Grid and SmartPower's Rhode Island Video Challenge.

The Rhode Island Video Challenge is a competition that launched last fall and an extension of the extremely popular statewide energy efficiency campaign "Find Your Four!" Students at these three schools were the top contributors of creative and engaging videos that showed the ease of finding four ways to reduce energy use. In total, Rhode Island students, classrooms and schools submitted 36 custom-made and unique videos to the competition. Rhode Islanders cast over 10,000 votes for their favorite videos.

Today's schools are being honored for their participation in the Rhode Island Video Challenge with grants to be used for sustainability programs of their choosing. Each school also received a sign announcing their accomplishment as a "Rhode Island Energy Champion."

## Grants included:

- \$2500 Grant First Place and Winner of Most Submitted Videos: Scituate High School
- \$1000 Grant Second Place Winner: North Kingstown High School
- \$500 Grant Third Place Winner: Deering Middle School in West Warwick

"The Rhode Island Video Challenge has been a great program to engage students and community members throughout the state in ways that we can all be more energy efficient. Students developed some amazing and creative videos showing how to reduce energy use," said Timothy F. Horan, president of National Grid in Rhode Island. "Energy efficiency is an important part of our New England Energy Strategy, so these types of programs help everyone understand how easy it is to make simple changes in their everyday energy usage."

"Today we honor these students for their achievements and for leading the way in promoting energy efficiency through their creative videos" said Brian F. Keane, president of SmartPower. "We also honor the teachers and school administrators who inspired students to contribute to making Rhode Island the third most energy efficient state in the country."

The Rhode Island Energy Challenge is a community energy efficiency campaign that asks each of us to take four actions in our homes to reduce our energy use. Since 2013 over 4000 Rhode Island residents have pledged to be more energy efficient at http://www.findyourfour.com/.

#### **About SmartPower**

SmartPower, named the "Best Non-Profit Marketing Firm in the United States," is dedicated to promoting clean, renewable energy and energy efficiency. SmartPower's award-winning, research-based campaigns have engaged people across the country, building the clean energy marketplace and helping Americans become smarter about their energy use. SmartPower is leading the Rhode Island Energy Challenge in partnership with National Grid. For more information, please visit www.smartpower.org.

### **About National Grid**

National Grid (LSE: NG; NYSE: NGG) is an electricity and natural gas delivery company that connects nearly 7 million customers to vital energy sources through its networks in New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. It is the largest distributor of natural gas in the Northeast. National Grid also operates the systems that deliver gas and electricity across Great Britain.

Through its U.S. Connect21 strategy, National Grid is transforming its electricity and natural gas networks to support the 21<sup>st</sup> century digital economy with smarter, cleaner, and more resilient energy solutions. Connect21 is vital to our communities' long-term economic and environmental health and aligns with regulatory initiatives in New York (REV: Reforming the Energy Vision) and Massachusetts (Grid Modernization).

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