

### **Bacon Academy TEAMS in Top 5% Nationwide**

The Bacon Academy TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) students competed in the annual competition at the University of New Haven. Both Bacon Academy A and B teams placed within the top 5% of the 660 teams that participated nationwide under the leadership of TEAMS coach Amy Hopkins, Bacon Academy science teacher.

The 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade A Team members are Matt Lund, Jeff Noonan, Mitchell Hallee, Alex Levine, Alyssa Kranc, Danny Barrack, Connor Gallacher, and Nick Hemm. The A Team ranked in the top two percent nationwide with placing 19<sup>th</sup> out of the 660 total teams.

The 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> B team from Bacon Academy members are Michael Maffuid, Ryan Litwin, Colin Hiscox, Megan Stevens, Ashley Laliberte, Kat Konon, and Stefanos Stravoravdis. The B Team placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 29 teams throughout the state and on the national level, the final ranking for the B team was 15<sup>th</sup> out of 72 teams in their division and 29<sup>th</sup> out of the 660 teams.

TEAMS integrates STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education with practical experiences of real-life engineers. The competition challenges middle and high school students to work collaboratively and apply their math and science knowledge in practical, creative ways to solve everyday engineering challenges. The competition is sponsored by the Technology Student Association.

# Congratulations!

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Team A (from left to right): **Alex Levine, Jeff Noonan, Danny Barrack, Conor Gallacher, Nick Hemm, Mitchell Hallee, Matt Lund, and Alyssa Kranc**



Team B: (left to right): **Ryan Litwin, Stefanos Stravoravdis, Megan Stevens, Kat Konon, Ashley LaLiberte, Colin Hiscox, and Michael Maffuid**