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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The **Windstorm Challenge** is a free event made possible by sponsors committed to innovation, engineering, and sustainability. Your support enables Maine students from diverse backgrounds to participate, while also providing classroom resources and travel assistance. Sponsors play a key role in preparing the next generation of engineers and climate leaders to tackle global environmental challenges.

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Platinum

\$2,000 | Feature your logo on our event T-shirts, receive a personal social media shoutout, and have your name displayed on all print materials. You'll also have the opportunity to serve as a judge at the 2025 Windstorm Challenge.

Diamond

\$1,500 | Enjoy recognition through a social media shoutout and your name on all event print materials. Plus, you'll be invited to join the judging panel at the 2025 Windstorm Challenge.

Gold

\$750 | Your sponsorship includes a social media shoutout and your name featured on all event print materials.

Silver

\$250 | Gain visibility by having your name included on all print materials for the event.

Lunch

\$2,500 | Receive all Platinum-level benefits plus exclusive signage at the lunch area, ensuring high visibility throughout the event.

Materials

Thank you to our partners at The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) for supporting as our Materials Sponsor!



Planetarium

\$1,750 | Get all Platinum benefits and exclusive signage at the Versant Planetarium, giving your brand exposure at one of the most exciting event attractions.

Basin Sponsor

\$2,500 | Receive all the benefits of the Platinum sponsorship, along with exclusive signage in the W2 Testing Basin, where student designs are tested against wind and waves.

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SUPPORT YOUR TEAM!

Any contribution will help expand the Windstorm Challenge and STEM carnival for our students! Support your individual team or the program as a whole with any contribution!





What is the **WINDSTORM CHALLENGE?**

The Windstorm Challenge invites middle and high school students to design and build floating platforms for scale model wind turbines. The competition encourages participation from students with diverse interests and experience, offering two divisions: High School and Middle School. Both tracks follow similar rules, and the top three teams in each will be recognized at the end of the event.

Participants have access to an optional curriculum that explores engineering processes, sustainability, and wind energy technology. High school students who complete the curriculum and assessments can earn University of Maine micro-credentials.

Impact

For 10 years strong, the Matthew R. Simmons Windstorm Challenge prepares Maine's next generation of innovators, engineers, and clean energy leaders. In 2024, over 1,000 participants engaged in hands-on projects that taught STEM principles and floating offshore wind technology. The event fosters creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving, with a focus on inclusivity for students from all backgrounds.

High school participants can earn micro-credentials, and the winning team receives a four-year work-study internship at the Advanced Structures and Composites Center, valued at \$20,000 per student. By connecting students with UMaine's programs, the challenge inspires future leaders in sustainability and renewable energy.

