

Gulf of Maine Research Institute hosts scientists, students for symposium

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PORTLAND (WGME) -- Professional scientists and aspiring ones were all under one roof in Portland Monday.

The Gulf of Maine Research Institute hosted its "Findings from the Field Symposium."

Middle and high school kids from Maine and New Hampshire showed off their science projects to professional scientists from the Gulf of Maine Research Institute and NASA.

The students studied things in their own communities like invasive species, how temperatures affect bee pollination of blueberries and much more.

The kids brought their findings to the pros to use in their own research.

"There are no other science journals for students that are going through this process," Gulf of Maine Research Institute Science Instruction Specialist Catherine Bursk said.

"It's definitely cool that we have input on like public, on like, what people see," Lincoln Akerman School student Colby Swazey said.

"I plan on going into science for my career, so being able to do something outside of school like this is very helpful to get me ready and get feedback on what I can do better," Baxter Academy student Odin Bravo said.

"We're just really grateful to be here. It's a really good opportunity," Lincoln Akerman School student Haylee Knowles said.

A member of NASA's jet propulsion team was also there working with the students.