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# Sachem's Best

## SACHEM NORTH ENVIROTHON TEAM WINS LI REGIONAL COMPETITION

John Dolan, Principal of Sachem High School North, is pleased to announce that the school's Envirothon team has placed first in Suffolk County for the fifth consecutive year! Congratulations to seniors Anne Liberti and Jessica Thomas, junior Jessica McGlinchey, sophomore Ruchi Shah and freshman Sharon Luebs on their impressive performance at the Long Island Regional Envirothon Competition on April 28 at the USDAN Center for the Creative and Performing Arts.

The Sachem North High School students competed against 21 other teams from high schools across Long Island. The Envirothon Competition consists of five subject stations, where students are asked a series of multiple choice questions about a specific field of environmental study: soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatics, and the hydrology of groundwater. Many of the questions are hands-on, involving the use of equipment, maps and audio-visual devices. The event also includes an oral presentation based on a current event issue, in which students develop a solution to an environmental problem and present their results to the judges.

For their success at the competition, each team member will receive a \$500 scholarship, a digital camera and a printer for the school. Under the direction of advisors Colleen Lohr and Jaime Bhalla, the team is currently preparing for the state championships, to be held at Keuka College on June 2 and 3.

Congratulations to the team, and best of luck at the state championships! Fifth grade students at Gatelot Elementary join Ms. Fedun after her presentation about the water cycle.



L to R) Jessica Thomas, Jessica McGlinchey, Ruchi Shah, Sharon Luebs, Anne Liberti, and alternate Kimberly Kanakos.

## ASPIRING HIGH SCHOOL FILM MAKERS

Sachem High School East students Nicholas Merola and William Grimaldi were presented with certificates of achievement signed by Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy along with ten other Long Island high school students at the fifth annual "First Exposure Film Series" produced by the Suffolk County Film Commission. Awards were presented by Michelle Isabelle-Stark of the Suffolk County Film Commission.

Their winning film was selected from a group of over two hundred high school student produced films. The program hosted at the West Hampton Beach Performing Arts Center on May 16 featured the best work of Long Island high school film makers. This program highlights the amazing creativity of Long Island students, supported by some of the best schools and faculty in the nation.

William Grimaldi will be returning to Sachem East in the fall to complete his senior year and Nicholas Merola will be attending the Film School and Media Arts program at Drexel University. Congratulations to both students on a job well done.

## SACHEM COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Here is the Chinese Auction you waited all year for! Over 150 new prizes! The auction will be held at the Patchogue Manor, 9-11 Railroad Avenue in Patchogue, on Wednesday, August 11, 2010. Doors open at 6:30pm and calling begins at 7:45pm. Admission is \$6, which includes 1 sheet of 25 tickets and refreshments. Please, no one under 8 years of age. All must pay admission. For more information, please call Sachem Community Youth Services at (631)585-1811. *The Sachem Community Youth Services is dedicated to providing positive outlets and alternatives for youth. Through our programs, we encourage children and adolescents to strive towards being responsible, involved, and productive members within their communities.*

## CAYUGA ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

Congratulations to seven talented artists and writers from Cayuga Elementary who represented their school at the County level of the PTA Reflections Program. This year's theme was "Beauty is...", and students were encouraged to define beauty in their own creative way.



Cayuga's award-winning submissions for the kindergarten through second-grade division were produced by Matthew Demilt (Literature), Jeffrey Guo (Photography) and Alexa Adler (Visual Arts). In the third through fifth-grade division, Sara Kimura (Photography), Brienne Pfeifer (Literature), Catherine Gildersleeve (Film Production) and Ryan Thompson (Visual Arts) also won awards.



William Grimaldi (left), Nicholas Merola (right)



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## SACHEM NORTH FRESHMAN CLASS HONORS MILITARY WITH NEW ARMED FORCES GARDEN

The Freshman Class of 2013 at Sachem North High School has constructed a monument at the high school that honors the men and women of the Sachem community who have served in the armed forces. On Thursday, May 20, a ceremony was held to officially unveil the new Armed Forces Dedication Garden.

Many invited guests, including elected officials, service men and women, and district officials, joined students and staff at the ceremony to show their support for the Freshman Legacy Project. Congratulations to everyone involved in this outstanding project, which will remain a point of pride within the community.



## SACHEM EAST HIGH SCHOOL CREATES A BUZZ

On Wednesday, April 28, more than 40 students and staff at Sachem East High School – including building Principal Rory Manning and Assistant Principal Lou Antonetti – shaved their heads to raise a total of \$13,439 to support youngsters living with cancer.

The St. Baldrick's event was held in honor of all Sachem East students who are battling cancer. One student in particular, Gerard Ahearn, is currently a senior at Sachem East who was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma in eighth grade. Gerry recently underwent brain surgery in his fight against cancer, and he attended the event with his family. Many of Gerry's peers, including his athletic coach, took advantage of the opportunity to show their support. Local businesses, including barber shops and hair salons, also donated their time and effort for the cause.

Students and staff far surpassed their original goal of \$10,000 and raised a total of \$13,439 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation! All of the proceeds from the event will help fund childhood cancer research in an effort to find cures and improve the quality of life for patients and survivors across the nation.

Congratulations to all of the participants, fundraisers, donors and the enthusiastic audience that helped make this event such an amazing success!

See pictures to the right.



Seniors Emily Werkmann and Beverly Agtuca

## SACHEM'S SUCCESSFUL SCIENTISTS PLACE AT PRESTIGIOUS STATE COMPETITION

Congratulations to Sachem East High School science research students who recently presented at the 2010 New York State Science & Engineering Fair (NYSSEF), which was held at the New York Hall of Science.

Sachem East senior Beverly Agtuca received first place honors in the Intel Division, and she was named the winner of the In vitro Biology Award. Senior Emily Werkmann also placed first and was named the first alternate for the prestigious Intel International Science & Engineering Fair. Emily also won the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Award and the Stockholm Water Prize.

"We are very proud of our science research program and we are thankful for the continued support from the Sachem community," praised Principal Rory Manning. "Congratulations again to these students and their families."



Above and below, participants in St. Baldrick's event.



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## **LOCAL STUDENT, CODY M. POMEROY RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR**



*Sachem H.S. East Student recognized for superior academic achievement by The National Society of High School Scholars*

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) announced that Sachem High School East student Cody M. Pomeroy of Holbrook, has been selected for membership. The Society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

“On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice and commitment that Cody has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence,” said Mr. Nobel. “Cody is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future.”