

Stamford Public Schools
Student and Staff Achievements
May 2010

- **Rippowam Middle School** is a statewide winner in the Connecticut Challenge to Educational Citizenship Program. The award is given to any student-organized activity that represents a good deed and encompasses citizenship, a commitment to others, civic awareness, leadership, responsibility, and teamwork. Rippowam won for its 'Helping Hands, Caring Hearts' program, a year-long endeavor to maintain and improve a positive school climate. Among other components, the program includes monthly character development activities, a peer mediation program, a student-led anti-bullying group, student fundraising for social causes, and a Positive Behavioral Supports team consisting of staff members who oversee the school's projects and activities. The school will receive the award at a ceremony at the State Capitol on June 10.
- Ten students from **Rippowam Middle School, Turn of River Middle School, the Academy of Information Technology & Engineering, and Westhill High School** won top awards at the State History Day competition, held May 8 at the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford. Students selected a topic within this year's theme which was 'Innovation: Impact and Change'. They then participated in primary and secondary research in libraries, archives, and museums. Students also conducted oral history interviews and visited historic sites. Nine students placed either 1st or 2nd place, qualifying them to compete at National History Day, at the University of Maryland from June 13 – 16. Several students received additional special awards for outstanding their work.

Student winners are:

- **Chris Kremer, AITE**, Outstanding Entry Related to African American History – The New Deal: Civil Rights Innovation in Connecticut (Senior Paper) Claude Morest, advisor
- **James Solis, AITE**, 2nd place, Tesla (Senior Paper) Claude Morest, advisor
- **Dashiell Jepsen, Westhill**, 1st place, Harry Truman: A Legacy of Civil Rights Innovation (Senior Paper) and the award for Outstanding Entry in Civics, Government, or Citizenship. Sheryl Berkley, advisor
- **Brendan George, Rippowam**, 2nd place, A World Beneath Our Feet: The New York City Subway System (Individual Performance) MaryAnn MaGuire, advisor
- **Lindsay Swatland and Megan O'Neill, Rippowam**, 1st place, Anesthesia, Comparison of Past and Present (Junior Group Performance) MaryAnn Maguire, advisor
- **Donal Mahoney, Turn of River**, 2nd place, The Innovation of Dr. Norman Borlaug and the Green Revolution (Junior Individual Documentary) Thomas Johnston, advisor
- **Prashant Toteja, Turn of River**, 1st place, The Integrated Circuit: Far Reaching Implications (Junior Individual Documentary) Thomas Johnston, advisor

- **Meredith Addison and Eliza Engel, Turn of River**, 1st place, Innovation in Snowboarding and How It Changed Skiing (Junior Group Documentary) and the Bill Brayfield Award for First Place Junior Group Documentary