

**Stamford Public Schools
Student and Staff Achievements
June 2010**

- Two students in **Stamford Public Schools** won top honors at National History Day, held at the University of Maryland last week. Their projects, which required extensive primary and secondary research on a historical topic, were evaluated by professional historians and educators as being among the very best in the region, the state, and now the country. The student winners are:

Donal Mahoney, Turn of River Middle School, 8th place, Junior Individual Documentary, The innovation of Dr. Norman Borlaug and the Green Revolution. Advisor: Thomas Johnston.

Dashiell Jepsen, Westhill High School, 5th place, Senior Paper, Harry Truman: A Legacy of Civil Rights Innovation. Advisor: Sheryl Berkley.

- A team of seven **Roxbury Elementary School** fifth graders placed fourth in the World Finals of Odyssey of the Mind, held last month at Michigan State University. Odyssey of the Mind encourages creative problem solving, and is sponsored by Stamford Youth Foundation and Parent Teacher Council. The team won for their performance of an eight-minute play called "Food Court," which dealt with healthy versus unhealthy foods. Roxbury's winning team members are: **Michou Anilus, Abigail Aronica, Christopher Cordone, Elizabeth Cordone, Brendan Gray, Ian Ostheimer, and Akhil Uppuluri.**
- The **Westhill High School** Girls Softball Team is the new State Class LL Champion. **Allison Macari's** two-out, two-strike single in the fifth inning brought in two runs to break a tie and lead the Vikings to a 4-2 win over Newtown. It is the team's first championship since 1992. The team's Captains are **Jen Joseph** and **Julianne Vincent**. The head coach is Tom Pia, whose assistants include Todd Jones, Ali Walsh, and Katherine Begetis. The winning team members are: **Julianne Vincent, Jen Joseph, Emily Spoto, Allyson Souza, Cassandra Kish, Eileen Tublin, Kelly Andrianos, Brittany Horn, Morgan Kurtz, Allison Macari, Erin Downey, Nicole Delmazio, Katy Brainard, Elizabeth Joseph, Allie Schecter, Megan DeAessandro, and Tammy Wise.**
- **Andrew Hendrickson** of the **Westhill-Stamford** co-op Boys Swim Team won the State Class LL Championship in the 500 yard freestyle event and finished in the top 10 in the State Open Championships. The team's overall record was 8-2, which led them to finish 3rd in the State Class LL. Andrew's coach is Rick Lewis, who was named Most Outstanding Coach in the FCIAC this year.
- **Jon Petrini** and **Flash Hoyos** of **Westhill High School** recently won the State Class LL Boys Tennis Doubles Championship. Jon and Flash played at the number 1 and number 2 singles spots throughout the regular season. The pair defeated their opponents from Glastonbury, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2. Their coach is Patrick Vician.

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- Nine teams of **Stamford Public Schools** staff members joined more than 4,000 area and regional residents in the Hope in Motion Walk/Run/Ride, the 15th annual fundraiser for the Bennett Cancer Center. Eight of the teams were organized by Hedy Siegel, Newfield Elementary School Media Specialist, and raised \$7,517. Additionally, Davenport had a special team organized by Nancy Boccuzzi and Emily Ferro that raised another \$8,035. The following school captains deserve commendation for their coordination of this effort.

Hedy Siegel	Newfield Elementary School
Joan Messanelli	Dolan Middle School
Lauren Pappalardo	K.T. Murphy Elementary School
Annea Rosenberg	Scotfield Magnet Middle School
Laura Lynam	Stark Elementary School
Kathy Dodd	Toquam Magnet Elementary School
Sharon Wade	Turn of River Middle School
Alison Corbo	Westhill High School
Nancy Boccuzzi	Davenport Ridge Elementary School
Emily Ferro	Davenport Ridge Elementary School
Janet Schneider	Westover Magnet Elementary School

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