

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

- **Rick Lewis**, the Boys Swim Coach for the combined high school team since 1979, has been chosen by his peers as Coach of the Year in Boys' Swimming by the Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference. Mr. Lewis will be honored in June and will be considered for the Most Outstanding Coach in the FCIAC award for the school year 2009-2010. The Boys' swim regular season record was 8-2 and they finished 2nd in the FCIAC and 3rd in State Class LL.
- **Richard Ira** and **Brian Niguidula**, both grade 6 students at **Scofield Magnet Middle School**, have been named regional winners in the Toshiba/NSTA Exploravision Competition. Richard and Brian designed the Community Algae BioReactor as a future invention that would provide alternative fuels. Both will proceed to the national level of competition where their invention will go head to head with those created by five other teams from around the country. Richard and Brian each received a Flip Camera for their win and they earned a laptop for their school. Last month, a representative from Toshiba visited Scofield and presented them with their award. Their mentor is **Louise McMinn**.
- **Westhill High School's** Debate Team won the Connecticut Debate Association State Finals Debate Tournament last month, which included nearly two hundred students from twenty schools. The resolution of the tournament focused on a recent controversial Supreme Court decision, with students debating whether the United States should significantly limit corporate spending in federal elections. **Skyler Ross** and **Joanna Koczuk** took on a pair of Wilton debaters during the final round, debating the negative viewpoint that corporate spending should not be limited, and won in a 3-2 decision by the judges. Additionally, Sklyer won second place for Varsity Speaker. This is Westhill's first state title in debate. The team's advisor is **Aaron Hoffman**.
- **Stamford High** marketing students participated in the Connecticut DECA Career Development Conference. **Deepika Sivakumar** placed second in the Apparel and Accessories individual event. **Walter Barber** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Restaurant Services event. **Stephanie Haynes** was a finalist in the Advertising Campaign event. **Eric Keller** was a finalist in the Food Marketing event. Students competed in competency-based areas including Accounting Services, Financial Analysis, Management Team Decision Making, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Retail Merchandising, Restaurant Services, Apparels, Advertising Service, and Entrepreneurship. DECA's advisors are **Howard Levy** and **Donald Saldicco**.
- Students from **Westhill** and **Stamford High** were top winners at the recent Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference.

**From Westhill:**

**Karen Roones**, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Personal Finance

**Stephen Cheng**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Personal Finance

**Ritika Gawande** and **Margaret Brain**, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Global Business

**Michael Conetta**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Business Law

**Jonathan Arons** and **Tyler Landle**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Banking and Financial Systems

**Andrew Masi** and **Robert Kober**, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Entrepreneurship

**From Stamford High:**

**Jayant Rao**, 1st place, Business Math

**Samuel Sterman**, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Public Speaking I

**Eric Keller**, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Technology Concepts

**Chad Weissman and Christina Gencarelli**, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Emerging Business Issues

**Jeff Cooper and Joseph Osburn**, 5th place, Entrepreneurship.

Local Chapter, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Annual Business Report

All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners are eligible to compete in the National Leadership Conference in Tennessee this summer. Westhill's advisors are **Kim Kumar** and **Karen Kurtz**. Stamford High's is **Mary Cantow**.

- Several students from Stamford Public Schools scored in the top 20% in the National Financial Capability Challenge. The NFCC is a personal finance exam which illustrates the relevance of financial capability and demonstrates financial knowledge. Additionally, some students have been invited to attend the National Financial Capability Challenge Awards Ceremony at the New York Stock Exchange on Friday. As part of the honor, those students will take part in a learning program and be present for the ringing the 4pm closing bell, which signals the close of trading on the Exchange. Students scoring in the top 20% include:

**From AITE (teacher: Ray Milo)**

**Kevin Kendall, James Barker, Christopher Kremer, Jorge Vazquez**

**From Stamford High (teacher: Mary Cantow)**

**Kayla Vozella and Marc Guirand**

**From Westhill (teacher: Kim Kumar)**

**Margaret Brain, Karen Roones, Nicolas Amarante, Michael Conetta, Ritika Gawande, Robert Kober, Andrew Masi, Marvin Monzon, Tahjna Scott, Kazi Shahjahan, and Yves Victorin**

**Kevin Kendall and Marc Guirand** have been invited to attend the award ceremony this coming Friday at the New York Stock Exchange.