

Stamford Public Schools Student and Staff Achievements March 2010

- Three teachers in Stamford Public Schools have been selected to receive the Connecticut Science Teachers Association's "Excellence in Secondary Science Teaching Award" for 2009-2010. The award is given to three teachers in the state each year who have not only demonstrated excellence in classroom science teaching, but who have also contributed professionally by providing workshops and/or other support for colleagues, have demonstrated dedication to personal and professional growth by participating in conferences and workshops, and have been productive participants in extra-curricular activities and community projects. The winners this year are **Louise McMinn** from **Scofield Magnet Middle School**, and **Emily Lisy** and **Matthew Lisy** from the **Stamford Regional Agriscience and Technology Center at Westhill High School**. The CSTA believes it is an unprecedented event to have three awardees from the same school district. All three winners will be honored at an awards banquet in May at the Yale Peabody Museum.
- The Third Annual Stamford Robotics Junior First Lego League Expo took place in February with 30 teams and 180 students participating. Students shared their interest in science, technology, and LEGOs with reviewers and audience members. In addition to support provided by the sponsors, the Stamford Public Education Foundation, Parent Teacher Council of Stamford, Pitney Bowes, and Kiwanis, participants received significant assistance and encouragement from more than 80 middle and high schoolers, many of whom are former FLL and Jr. FLL participants themselves. The older students served as volunteers, junior mentors, reviewers, and program and event coordinators. Tonight we would like to honor them for their community service and for making the Expo such a success.

Event Volunteers

Event volunteers specifically helped out with the day of the event or pre-event setup and support.

Adam Shapiro, AJ Velarde, Alex Tannenbaum, Alexandra Salvatore, Andrew Trinh, Annaliese Schulster, Brandon Cortes, Clifford Magloire, David Gebhardt, Douglas Graves, Eric Altamura, Evin Magaliff, Grace Altamura, Guadalupe Lazcano, Jocelyn Palma, Jonathan Kuehn, Joseph Zuchelli, Joshua Buffaloe, Kaitlyn Fitzpatrick, Kareem Hekal, Katherine Cutrone, Kathy Leydon, Kelly Austrie, Kelly Smith, Kenny Litt, Kyle Murray, Kyle Urbano, Laurie Pochette, Mackenzie Kuehn, Matthew Ordway, Medlyne Alexis, Michael Ordway, Michael Altamura, Nicholas Kuehn, Ruth Charles, Salvatore Migliaccio, Sanjana Vora, Scott Hara, Timothy Lanzaro, Tyler Tuccinardi, Victoria Esposito, and Wesley Bemus.

Junior Mentors

Junior Mentors worked with individual teams throughout the season to help the coaches and help the teams prepare for the Expo.

Abdias Thelemaque, Abigail Niesen, Alex Rivera, Alexandra Hoherchak, Alyssa Stern, Angelo Louis, Cara KupperSmith, Carla Valdez, Corina Restrepo, Eliza Pohle, Felicia Tam, Gabrielle McKenna, Henry Pohle, Jasmine Magloire, Jorge Cautla, Joshua Lewis, Kelsey Bittel, Lindsay Petrizzi, Michael Melendez, Michael Nelson, Rachel Berkrot, Smelanda Jean Baptist, Stephanie Boyton, Stephen Zuchelli, Tanner Polo, Tyler Bruno, Zaire Ragin, and Dawn Winsor.

Program & Event Coordinator

Program and Event Coordinators designed the activities for the Expo, organized the volunteers, and all the other tasks associated with managing the event.

Dawn Winsor	Program & Event Coordinator
Jyotsna Winsor	Program & Event Coordinator
Rachel Winsor	Program & Event Coordinator

Reviewers

Reviewers worked side by side with adult reviewers to review each team's project, bringing their unique perspective as former FLL or Jr. FLL participants. Reviewers presented the awards to each team.

Johanna Piedra	Reviewer
Kristofor Bittel	Reviewer
Kurt Bittel	Reviewer
Matthew Tuccinardi	Reviewer
Monica Lloyd	Coach for Two Toquam Teams