

Stamford Public Schools Student and Staff Achievements November 2009

- Students from the **Academy of Information Technology & Engineering** joined public health nurses from the Stamford Department of Health and Social Services in creating a resource to help prevent the transmission of flu. Students in **Steve Castagneto's** Media Technology class produced, directed, shot and edited a video based on a program developed by Springdale nurse **Virginia Swensson** and Stark nurse **Ingrid Louis**, with creative assistance from Springdale music teacher **Alexandra Sandy Errico**. The video educates elementary students about germs and how to avoid them with proper hand washing. Copies will be made and distributed to Stamford's elementary schools and hopefully beyond. Students involved in the production include **William Abreu, Wesley Bemus, Gregory Cayo, Miluska Ciurlizza, Jessica D'Andrea, Alexander Friedenberg, Zachery Gold, William Harris, Michael Kelly, Evan Magaliff, Clay Morsey, Ross Neugeboren, Jason Pratley, Amanda Santillan, Michael Schmidt, Kelly Smith, Alex Soto Reyes, Carolina Solohub, Dennis Teubert, Bethsabe Vilana, and Brian Weston**.
- Thirty-seven students in Stamford Public Schools were recognized by State Commissioner of Education Mark McQuillan for their exceptional performance on the 2009 Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT). The CAPT is administered each March to grade 10 students throughout Connecticut. The CAPT requires more from students than other traditional tests. While traditional assessments typically measure what students know, the CAPT uses state-of-the-art assessment techniques, such as performance tasks, to also measure what students can do with what they know. Scores are categorized in five levels, ranging from Below Basic to Advanced. The following students scored at the Advanced level in all four content areas tested: Mathematics, Reading, Writing, and Science.

From Westhill High School:

Jacqueline Abbott, Anika Advani, Annie Cohen, Regan Downey, Erin Downey, Zachary Eisen, Kirsten Eriksen, Allison Garvey, Michelle Greenman, David Katz, Claire Mahoney, Caitlyn McCafferty, Jessica Megale, Jennifer Osher, Keben Perez, Elizabeth Quartararo, Rebecca Savransky, Jacqueline Schechter, Anna Schlessinger, Molly Stanton, Kyle Sturrock, Shareef Twal, and Richard Zheng

From the Academy of Information Technology & Engineering:

Samuel Oster and Michael Taufen

From Stamford High School:

Kristen Anderson, Erin Barney, Erica Blumrosen, Kathleen Clark, Alyssa Gautrau, Morgan Gulliver, Claire Hosinski, Michael Kinzler, Zachary Leeds, Zachary Lyman, Victoria McGovern, and Morgan Temple