Student and Staff Achievements
February 2018

CMEA Western Regional Festival and All-State Competition

Thousands of students across Connecticut recently auditioned before a panel of professionals to be considered for the Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA) Western Regional High School Festival. Six SPS high school students qualified for the festival. Two of the six, Stamford High School (SHS) Junior Katy Aillery and Westhill High School (WHS) Sophomore Ava Spinelli Mastrone, subsequently qualified for the CMEA All-State competition, which will be held in April.

Choral students, qualifying under the direction of Choir Directors Gloria Sinaguglia, SHS and Jonathan Curri, WHS:
- Katy Aillery, SHS Junior, Soprano
- Jayce Schwartz, SHS Junior, Bass
- Mary Chobanyan, WHS Freshman, Soprano
- Ava Spinelli Mastrone, WHS Sophomore, Soprano

Instrumental students, qualifying under the direction of Band Directors George Beratis, SHS and Michael Wyatt, WHS:
- Joan Perez, SHS Junior, Alto Saxophone
- Noah Schaffer, WHS Senior, Snare Drum and Accessories

Student Spaceflight Experiments Program of Mission 12

Stamford High School (SHS) was recently selected out of 11,000 applications nationwide, to participate in the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education (NCESSE) Mission 12 to the International Space Station (ISS). As the winners of the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP), a U.S. national student scientist initiative, students of SHS Teacher Sue Dougherty, designed an experiment to be conducted aboard the ISS by astronauts in space this summer. In addition, the students have been invited to present their research at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., as part of a three-day Science Symposium.

- John Bolognino
- Matthew Dattolo
- Augustus Lewis Doricko
- Vedant Gannu
- Lalith Goli
- Ryan Hoak
- Grihith Manchanda
- Jordan Ordonez
- James Pease
- Alejandro Ross
- Adarsh Sushanth
- Imtiaz Uddin
- Patrick Zaleski
Veterans History Project

Westhill High School (WHS) students recently participated in the Veterans History Project (VHP), sponsored by Congressman Jim Himes. The United States Congress created the VHP in 2000 as part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. The project’s mission is to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans so future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. WHS students, under the guidance of WHS Teacher Lisa Forbes, interviewed area veterans and those interviews have become part of the Library of Congress collection.

- Antonio Alfaro
- Jhoselyn Bazan
- Bridgette Calderon
- Glindis Vega Dominguez
- Maria Vega Dominguez
- Nahomy Jaramillo Garcia
- William Gold
- Lester Ramirez Guererro
- Julia Lopez Morales
- Jose Angel Pinero Zelaya

Connecticut Career and Technical Education Competencies and Performance Assessment

The Connecticut State Department of Education recently recognized Stamford High School (SHS) for its students’ outstanding performance on the 2017 Connecticut Career and Technical Education Competencies and Performance Assessment in the area of Culinary. The school was honored at the Connecticut Career and Technical Education Conference late last year.