

Student and Staff Achievements October 2018

36th Annual National Academic Championship

Rogers International School Sixth Graders **Emma Argenio, Frank Bear, Grady Connell, Ronan Connell, Tyler Denison, Tallulah Lintern, Arush Rao, Lola Shanley, Lucas Tan and Tomas Zaleski** placed third in the *Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl Northeast Division* earlier this year to qualify for the 2018 Annual National Academic Championship. Under the direction of Rogers Teachers **Michael Argenio** and **Cara Denison**, the students traveled to Washington, D.C., in June to compete in the 36th Annual National Academic Championship, where Argenio's team placed 5th overall and Denison's team placed 13th overall.

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists and Commended Students

Two **Westhill High School** (WHS) seniors, **John Coleman** and **Julien Matrullo**, were recently named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, these students comprise the highest-scoring entrants in each state and represent less than one percent of the top-scoring U.S. high school seniors. Additionally the following seniors have been named Commended Students and are among the 34,000 students recognized nationwide for their exceptional academic promise.

Academy of Information Technology & Engineering

- **Julia Kempton**

Stamford High School

- **John Bolognino**
- **Samantha Heller**
- **Juliette Lipson**
- **Grihith Manchanda**
- **Roith Naralasetty**

Westhill High School

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| • Ashley Choi | • Catherine Gaia |
| • Liam MacDonald | • Christopher Matrullo |
| • Hannah Nekritz | • Christian Smina |
| • Emma Rose Strom | • Neev Suryawanshi |
| • Kevin Zyskowski | |

WHS Teacher Recognition

Earlier this month the quick actions of **Westhill High School** (WHS) Physical Education Teachers **Marcia Sher-Kalter** and **Kevin DeAngelo** saved the life of a WHS student. The student, who was swimming during physical education class, got out of the pool, collapsed and stopped breathing. Mrs. Sher-Kalter served as the first-responder by administering CPR until the student began breathing and regained consciousness. Mr. DeAngelo immediately called 911, notified the school nurse and took charge of the remaining students. The student has fully recovered. Lori Delvaglio of the American Red Cross will present an award to the teachers.