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## Student and Staff Achievements October 2017

### ***“Ten Teens to Watch” in *Stamford* magazine***

Each year *Stamford* magazine features 10 Stamford teens who were nominated by their schools for their accomplishments and potential. In addition to academic achievement, the magazine also recognizes other fields of excellence, such as athletics, philanthropy, art, music, entrepreneurship, and drama. This year, from among the many submissions received from both Stamford public and private schools, the following five Stamford Public Schools seniors were chosen and featured in the September/October issue of the magazine.

#### **Westhill High School**

- **Meghan Prabhu**

#### **Stamford High School**

- **Kiran Jagtiani**
- **Jordan Ordonez**

#### **Academy of Information Technology & Engineering**

- **Antonia Berlage**
- **Natalia Kotowska**

### **SSEP Mission 12 Patch Competition**

**Stamford High School (SHS) Senior Krantz Medeus and Toquam Elementary School Fourth Grader Alexander Barker** were recently selected as the winners of the Student Space Flights Experiments Program (SSEP) Mission 12 Patch Art Design Contest. The contest was conducted by the Stamford High School Art Department in conjunction with SHS participation in the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education Mission 12 to the International Space Station SSEP program. The winning designs were selected out of a total of 544 entries from across the district by a panel of judges from the Stamford community. The patches will be worn by astronauts on Mission 12.

## **2018 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists and Commended Students**

Three **Westhill High School (WHS)** seniors, **Sarthak Behl, Bailey Paulk** and **Erica Shaulson**, were named as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. The semi-finalists 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 are among the 34,000 students nationwide recognized for their exceptional academic promise and have been named Commended Students:

### **AITE**

- **Annabel Devault**
- **Alexander Graf**
- **Ashneal Powell**

### **SHS**

- **Corey DeCamp**
- **Mark Gjuraj**
- **Emily Wharmby**

### **WHS**

- **Sophia Ciokajlo**
- **Sahithi Kollipara**
- **Koshik Mahapatra**
- **Reshmi Ranjith**
- **Nikhil Tungaturthy**

## **Global Navigator Scholars**

This summer, 13 **Academy of Information Technology & Engineering (AITE)** students were awarded Global Navigator Scholarships to study abroad. The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) awarded 13 scholarships totaling \$43,330. Scholarship recipients were selected by CIEE based on merit and financial need. Each student participated in a program in one of three areas: Language and Culture; Service and Leadership; or Global Discovery across eight different countries. These programs range from three to four weeks.

- **Valery Aguilar, Digital Film Making & Documentary in Seville, Spain**
- **Brenda Alvarado, K-Pop Immersion in Seoul, South Korea**
- **Rebekah Bacon, Children's Rights & Education in Legon, Ghana**
- **Maggie Baron, Children's Rights & Education in Legon, Ghana**
- **Seth Christofor, French Language & Culture in Toulouse, France**
- **Ryan Edkins, Spanish Language & Peruvian Culture in Cusco Valley, Peru**
- **Donia Elmansy, Global Entrepreneurship in Berlin, Germany**
- **Elisa Gutierrez, Chinese Language & Culture in Nanjing, China**
- **Briana-Frankie Morganstern, German Language & Culture in Berlin, Germany**
- **Evan Padilla, French Language & Culture in Toulouse, France**
- **Luis Quesada, K-Pop Immersion in Seoul, South Korea**
- **Benjamin Sorkin, Italian Language & Culture in Ferrara, Italy**
- **Aaron Thomas-Russell, German Language & Culture in Berlin, Germany**