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### **Students from Princeton Junction and Medford Lakes Selected for National Youth Science Camp**

Commissioner of Education Vito A. Gagliardi, Sr. today announced that two high school students have been selected to represent New Jersey at the National Youth Science Camp this summer.

Selected were Emily Huang, a senior at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School-South, and Nathan Shupe, a senior at Shawnee High School.

"Over the years, the National Youth Science Camp has given talented science students opportunities to be recognized for their expertise and to further their learning," Dr. Gagliardi said. "I applaud Emily and Nathan for their achievement, and I hope they will find their experience this summer to be both rewarding and inspiring."

"Science is the blueprint of beauty, and this is why I love science," said Emily Huang. "Science does not reveal all of the answers to us, but its beauty lies in the fact that they are there, waiting beneath the surface. The beauty and grace of science make it easy for an inquisitive mind to love."

"I want to become an astronaut and travel in space," said Nathan Shupe. "As far back as I can remember, I was fascinated by movies, books and programs about space. Attending the National Youth Science Camp Program is a great honor and intellectual challenge in my quest to achieve my goal of space travel."

Two alternate delegates from New Jersey were also selected. They are Monica Li, a student at Burlington Township High School, and Lauren Montalvo of Ridgewood, a student at the Academy of Holy Angels.

Emily and Nathan will join 100 other students from other states for a four-week summer forum at the National Youth Science Camp, located in the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia. Participating students will exchange ideas with leading scientists and other professionals from academic and corporate backgrounds. Lectures and hands-on research are presented by scientists who work on some of the most provocative topics in science today. Student delegates are challenged to explore new areas in the biological and physical sciences, art, and music with resident staff members. Delegates also present seminars covering their areas of research and interest.

This year's camp will run from June 28 to July 23, 2001. The program is administered in New Jersey by the Department of Education's Office of Innovative Programs and Practices.