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DOE Selects New Jersey's 2004 National Youth Science Camp Student Delegates

The Department of Education is proud to announce the selection of Stanislaw Gabryszewski and Bob Zhao as New Jersey's 2004 delegates to the 40th session of the National Youth Science Camp held near the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, West Virginia. Their selection recognizes the two students as the two most promising young scientific leaders in New Jersey's 2004 high school graduating class.

"We are so very proud of Stanislaw and Bob, both for their superior achievement in science and their overall success in all academic disciplines at their respective high schools," said Commissioner of Education William L. Librera. "The fact that both students are attending New Jersey public high schools and have achieved on such a grand scale clearly illustrates that good, academically challenging schools produce first rate student achievement and graduates that can compete with students anywhere."

New Jersey's delegates were selected by a department review committee from among a number of applicants. All applicants had to submit a formal application certifying their senior status in high school, an essay expressing why each applicant wanted to be selected, a resume, and two letters of recommendation.

Stanislaw Gabryszewski, a senior at Linden High School in Union County, has won awards in the New Jersey Science League and at the National Science Olympiad. He has also won the 2002 and 2003 Merck State Science Day Award and a National Foreign Language Award. In addition to his science and academic achievements, Stanislaw also serves as an officer in his school's German and Diversity clubs and as a volunteer at the Summer Internet Academy for young students.

Bob Zhao, a senior at East Brunswick High School in Middlesex County, created his own website, practically writing all of its code. He was a national finalist in the US national Chemistry Olympiad. Bob was given an award at the New Jersey Science League for being in the top 10% academically statewide in Chemistry 1 and 2 as well as a Board of Education resolution honoring the same achievement. In addition to these achievements, Bob volunteers at St. Peter's University Hospital, the East Brunswick Museum, and the East Brunswick Public Library. He is also an accomplished musician.

Established in 1963 as a part of West Virginia's Centennial Celebration, the National Youth Science Camp annually provides for 102 student delegates-two from each state and the District of Columbia-a four-week summer forum where delegates exchange ideas with leading scientists and other professionals from academic and corporate worlds. Scientists from across the United States share their work with the delegates on such major issues as the fate of the rain forests, robotics, fractal geometry, and the human genome project. Delegates also present seminars covering their own areas of interest and research.

The National Youth Science Camp also has an outdoor component that offers backpacking, caving, rock climbing, and mountain biking.

The two New Jersey delegates will be flown to Charleston, West Virginia on Thursday, June 24 and will return on Monday, July 19, 2004. The National Youth Science Foundation, based in Charleston, West Virginia, covers all expenses, including travel.

For more information about this exciting program, please contact the Public Information Office at (609) 292-1126 or access the National Youth Science Camp website at:

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