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### **High School Seniors from Hackettstown and Livingston Selected to Participate in National Youth Science Camp**

Two talented high school seniors have been selected to participate this summer in the National Youth Science Camp. Stephanie Lo, a senior at West Morris Central High School and Angela Wu, a senior at Livingston High School, will represent New Jersey at the camp, which is held near the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, West Virginia.

"We congratulate Stephanie and Angela for earning such a prestigious award," said Acting Commissioner of Education Lucille E. Davy. "For more than 40 years, the National Youth Science Camp has provided a nationally respected program of the highest caliber for our top science students. I encourage our students to take advantage of this opportunity to meet their peers from other states and to gain knowledge and inspiration from the camp's talented staff."

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

Stephanie Lo, a senior at West Morris Regional High School in Morris County, is ranked first in her class academically. She is a member of several academic honor societies and is an Advanced Placement national scholar. She has successfully passed eight AP exams with scores of 4 or 5 (AP exams are scored on a range of 1-5). Stephanie's extracurricular interests revolve around music and ballet, in addition to science. She is founder and first violinist of the Valley String Quartet, and is a member of several orchestras, serving as concertmistress of the orchestra and pit orchestra of her high school, and assistant concertmistress of the Stone Soup Symphony orchestra. She is a senior corps member and soloist with the New Jersey Civic Youth Ballet. Her science affiliations include participation in the Science Olympiad, in which she placed first in a regional chemistry lab competition.

Angela Wu will be the salutatorian of her graduating class of 355 students for Livingston High School's Class of 2006. She has won honors in a variety of activities, including, chemistry, world languages (French), math, music (piano) and business. This year, Angela has attended the science honors program at Columbia University. In addition to her academic and extracurricular activities, Angela has volunteered for several community activities. She is a member and current co-president of the Organization of Student Tutors, and has worked as an assistant instructor of math and reading at the Maplewood / Millburn Kumon center. She helps children with their science inventions and invention projects, and actively participates in Livingston Chinese Association activities and events at the Livingston Huaxia Chinese School.

Established in 1963 as a part of West Virginia's Centennial Celebration, the national Youth Science Camp annually hosts two student delegates from each state and from the District of Columbia for a four-week summer forum. The 102 delegates exchange ideas with leading scientists and other professionals from the academic and corporate worlds on topics such 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 camp also gives the delegates opportunities to participate in outdoor activities such as backpacking, caving, climbing and mountain biking.

New Jersey's delegates will travel to Charleston, West Virginia on June 25 and return on July 16. The National Youth Science Foundation covers the expenses.

For more information about the program, contact the Public Information Office at 609-292-1126 or visit the National Youth Science Camp online at:

[www.nysc.org](http://www.nysc.org)

