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### **State Board of Education Recognizes January Students of the Month**

The State Board of Education today recognized two outstanding students from the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School District during its regular monthly meeting in Trenton.

Kimberly Lin and Joyce Holowatch, two 10th-graders at the Middlesex County Academy for Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technologies, both participated this summer in TechXploration, a summer science program for girls.

Their assignment was to design and build a prototype for an amusement park ride. Twenty-six students were divided into teams of five; Lin and Holowatch's team won the competition and were selected to travel to Washington, D.C., where they presented their project at the Advanced Technical Education Principals Investigators National Conference.

"The State Board is most impressed by the accomplishments of these two talented young adults," said Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman, president of the State Board of Education. "Over the summer, while many students are perhaps entertaining thoughts of beaches and free time, Kimberly and Joyce were advancing their education. Their dedication is inspiring."

Kimberly Lin has made the honor roll every quarter of her high school career, and is heavily involved in the Interact Club, Roborocks 2006 and the math league.

Joyce Halowatch stays equally busy as a yearbook photographer, member of the Interact and Ski Clubs, and soccer manager. She, too, has made the honor roll every marking period.

Both students major in Electrical/Computer Engineering at the academy.

"These two young women have bright futures ahead of them - there's no doubt about that," said Commissioner of Education Lucille E. Davy. "They're dedication to their potential field of work is inspiring, and we are thrilled to recognize them."

Each month during the school year, the State Board of Education recognizes an outstanding student or students from one of the 21 counties in the state. Last month, the Board recognized Christina DiDonato, a senior at Hammonton High School in Atlantic County.