03/25/2020, Jersey Shore Junior Science Symposium (JSJSS)

At the invitation of the Jersey Shore Junior Science Symposium (JSJSS) Executive Committee, NJ Post SAME Board Member COL (R) John Booth participated as a Judge of New Jersey High School Student Presentations during the 4th Annual JSJSS at Ocean County College (OCC), Toms River, NJ.

The JSJSS recognizes students for their original research achievements in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). In 2020, 86 students from 13 NJ High Schools, submitted their STEM research papers for participation in the JSJSS competition. After an extensive review process, 10 students were chosen to be Paper Presenter finalists and 6 were chosen to be Poster Presenter finalists.

This year, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic in the United States, the normal two-day symposium agenda of the students presenting the results of their research projects live and on stage in the OCC Grunin Theatre to an audience of 400+, including judges, was replaced by each student submitting a video of their presentation to the JSJSS Executive Committee. The videos were then posted on-line for access by over 20 JSJSS volunteer judges. After viewing the presentations on-line, each judge submitted a scoring evaluation of each presentation to the Executive Committee who compiled the results and determined the ranking of the 10 Paper Presenters and the 6 Poster Presenters.

The NJ Post SAME provided $50 checks to each of the 10 Paper Presenters.

Under normal conditions these students would be awarded an expense-paid trip to the 58th National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) in Norfolk, VA during April 15-17, 2020. The National JSHS presentations were cancelled and the top 2 finalists received an invitation from the National JSHS to present their papers via video, and finalists 3, 4 and 5 were invited make a video poster presentations. Ryan Park won 1st (first) place in Computer Science at Nationals. Winner of a $12,000.00 Scholarship.

The top 5 Paper Presenters were:

1st-Mr Ryan Park, Milburn High School
2nd-Mr Jason Ping, Bergen County Academies
3rd-Ms Kannammai Pichappan, Bergen County Academies
4th-Ms Crystal Pan, Toms River High School North, and
5th-Mr Sourish Jasti, Holmdel High School
The top 3 Poster Presenters were:

1st-Mr Arya Tschand, High Technology High School

2nd-Ms Sophia Capili, Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science High School

and tied for

3rd-Mr Sam Anchapolovsky, Bergen County Academies &

-Mr Jordan Wang, Bergen County Academies

Pictured left to right in the JSJSS Student Presenters Group Photo are top row: Mr Jason Ping, Mr Raehash Shah, Mr Sourish Jasti, Mr Edward Kim, Mr Apollo Lee, Mr Haocheng (Roger) Yang; middle row: Mr Maximilian Zhang, Mr Samuel Anchapolovsky, Mr Ryan Park, Mr Jordan Wang, Mr Arya Tschand; bottom row: Ms Kannammai Pichappan, Ms Ju Young Lee, Ms Sophia Grace Capili, Ms Jessica Yatvitskiy, Ms Crystal Pan.