

## Tidewater Science Fair

Governor's School students competed at the **60th Annual Regional Tidewater Science Fair** at Old Dominion University on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Over 250 projects competed under the direction of 180 judges from the local professional community and an estimated \$6,000 in prize money was awarded. Rachel Reon, Isle of Wight County Governor's School student, received the First Award of Excellence, placed First in the Animal Science Senior Division, and was awarded the Virginia Dental Association Science Talent Award. Rachel qualifies to compete at the Virginia State Science & Engineering Fair. Other Governor's School winners include: Bryce Davis, Kecoughtan HS; Graham Young, Tabb HS; Sheridan Klock, Lafayette HS; and Maruchi Kim, Grafton HS. [Click here](#) to see the entire list of awards including Honorable Mentions.

## NASA Knights Win Again

New Horizons' Team 122 competed in the **FIRST Robotics Peachtree Regional Competition** in Georgia on March 6<sup>th</sup> and once again received FIRST's most prestigious award, the Chairman's Award. The team ended up 8<sup>th</sup> in the Robotics competition, won in the quarterfinals, but lost in the semis. By winning the Chairman's Award, the team has an automatic invitation to compete at Nationals in St. Louis. Additionally, Joanne Talmage, New Horizon's Instructor and team leader, won the Woody Flowers Mentor Award for leading, inspiring, and empowering students using excellent communication skills. [Click here](#) to visit the NASA Knights website.

## CTE Student of the Week

Cody van Leliveld, Warhill High School senior and New Horizons' CTE student, was featured as "CTE Student of the Week". Initiated by the Virginia Career Education Foundation, this honor recognizes outstanding seniors completing a CTE program in Virginia. [Click here](#) to read more about Cody.



## Community Involvement

Cherie Fletcher's Nursing Assistant students, along with the help of Welding and Auto Body students, raised \$500 to be donated to the American Red Cross. Penny Cooke's Early Childhood Education students collected over 3,000 canned food items to be donated to the Peninsula Food Bank.

## Science & Humanities Symposium at JMU



Governor's School students presented at the **Virginia Junior Science & Humanities Symposium** at James Madison University on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Hannah Wissmann, Governor's

School student from Warwick High, received an Outstanding Research Award in Engineering and Carly Sawyer, Governors' School student from Grafton High, received an Outstanding Research Award in Biological Sciences & Medicine. Carly was also named alternate for the National Science and Humanities Symposium to be held in San Diego.

## Great Computer Challenge

Governor's School (GSST) students competed in the **Great Computer Challenge** held at Old Dominion University on March 5<sup>th</sup>. This was an excellent opportunity for GSST students to apply the analytical and problem solving skills they have developed through GSST's Scientific Programming strand. Students competed in the categories of Scientific/Non-Business Programming, Desktop Publishing/Presentation, Web Design, Java Programming, and Graphic Arts. First Place winners include: Nicholas Grigorian, Grafton HS; Maruchi Kim, Grafton HS; Brian Whitlow, Tabb HS; Connor Lauzon, Kecoughtan HS; Katie Paugh, Gloucester HS; Jacquelyn Rakentine, Gloucester HS; and John Spaetzel, Jamestown HS. [Click here](#) for the full list of winners.

## Business Feature

The **Pomoco Auto Group** continues its exceptional business partnership with New Horizons! The New Horizons Educational Foundation recently welcomed Mr. Rick Gallaer, President of **Pomoco**, as one of its newest Board Members. **Pomoco** has been a generous supporter of the Foundation's Golf Classic, which in nineteen years has raised over \$350,000 for scholarships and honorariums. **Pomoco** is also involved with the Automotive Youth Excellence in Service mentorship program (AYES) which, under the leadership of Bobby Bowen, Service Director at **Pomoco**, provides a number of NHREC automotive students a six to eight week paid summer work experience. Numerous NHREC graduates have been employed, and continue to work at **Pomoco**. Mr. Bowen is also Vice-chair of the NHREC Automotive Advisory Committee and has chaired the Automotive Service Technician State Skills USA competition three out of the last four years.