



The New York State Court System's

annual *media* contest

To Promote Jury Service

HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS OF THE NEW YORK STATE COURTS' MEDIA CONTEST 2006/2007

IN THE FALL OF 2006, THE NEW YORK STATE COURTS invited students in selected counties (Bronx, Broome, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond and Schenectady) to submit various components of a jury service campaign to raise awareness and encourage jury service. The students learned about the jury system as their teachers guided them through the process of redesigning jury summonses, creating posters, and developing public service announcements, Internet banners and juror orientation videos.

TEACHERS IN GRADES 9-12 WERE PROVIDED WITH RESOURCES TO FACILITATE CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS to spark student interest in our jury system and help youngsters develop creative entries to raise awareness about the importance of citizen participation in jury service. The Commissioners of Jurors in each participating county and their judging panels reviewed the submissions and selected the student winners.

THE 11TH GRADE CLASS OF MS. CARRIE

SANCHEZ AT FOREST HILLS HIGH SCHOOL in Queens County submitted the winning entries in two categories. Yuliya Aksakalova, Andrew Shamsheer and Ashley Velasquez received First Place Certificates for their submission in the category **Hard Copy Redesign Jury Summons**. Their peers Sherefa Brown, Patrick Chu and Rachel Mangeluzo were awarded Certificates of Merit in the same category. In the category **Juror Orientation Video**, Ms. Sanchez's students Sara Ahmed, Lorraine O'Connell and Diana Yakubova were awarded First Place Certificates. "The students enjoyed the project and have come to understand the importance of jury duty and more about how the system works," Ms. Sanchez said.

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF MR. STEPHEN RYAN AT LEON M. GOLDSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL in Kings County, 12th grade students Michael Parker and Michael Gorelik submitted the winning entry in the category **Interactive Jury Summons**.



Winners of the High School Media Contest to Promote Jury Service in Queens County receiving certificates and prizes during the annual Law Day commemoration. This year's Law Day theme: Empowering Youth, Assuring Democracy. From left to right: Forest Hills High School 11th grade students Yuliya Aksakalova, Sherefa Brown, Rachel Mongeluzo, Ashley Velasquez, Andrew Shamsheer, Lorraine O'Connell, Patrick Chu, Sara Ahmed and Diana Yakubova. Back row (left to right): Gloria D'Amico, Queens County Commissioner of Jurors, Alexis Cuffee, Second Deputy County Clerk and Carrie Sanchez, Teacher.

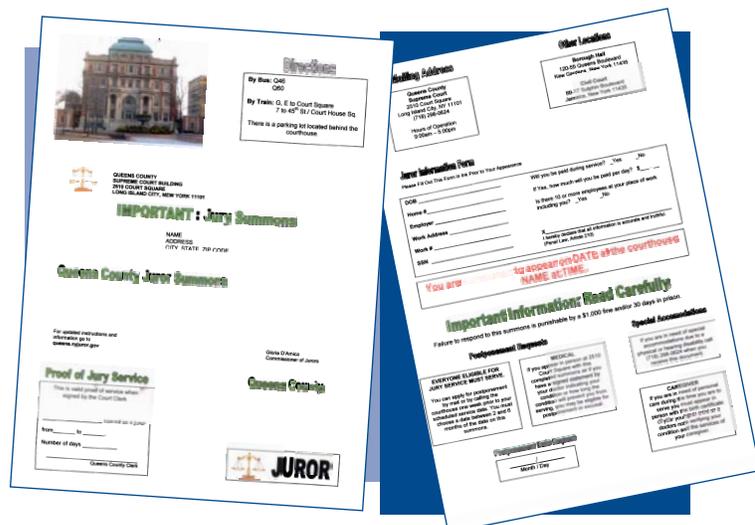
THE STUDENT WINNERS RECEIVED CERTIFICATES, PRIZES AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS. In addition, their entries may be displayed in venues throughout the State. The next Media Contest to Promote Jury Service will be launched in the fall of 2007. Visit www.nyjuror.gov/contest for more information.



First Place Winner Interactive Jury Summons



First Place Certificate Hard Copy Jury Summons



Certificate of Merit Hard Copy Jury Summons



Nancy T. Sunshine, Kings County Commissioner of Jurors, (second right) and Loretta Argiro, Assistant Deputy Chief County Clerk, (left) at Leon M. Goldstein High School on May 29, 2007 recognizing the contest winners, Michael Parker and Michael Gorelik (middle) and their 12th grade teacher, Mr. Stephen Ryan (far right).

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