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Legislator Darden Honors Local Students and Advisor

New City, NY (August 5, 2010) – Rockland County Legislator William Darden presented Certificates of Appreciation to two Spring Valley High School Students for honors received at the NAACP Academic, Cultural, Technological Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) held in July in Kansas City, Mo., prior to the annual convention of NAACP. Chairwoman of the Legislature Harriet Cornell joined Darden to present the certificates in a ceremony that took place prior to the August 3 meeting of the Legislature.

Brian Borsiquot, a June graduate, won the ACT-SO gold medal for his original essay about the decline in reading among America's youth. Borsiquot will attend Harvard University in the fall.

Sarah Omer, a Spring Valley High junior, received an award in the painter/photographer category and received a scholarship to attend a summer visual arts program at the Maryland Institute College of Art.

"These students represent the fine quality of the education that is present in the East Ramapo School District," said Legislator Darden. "They have taken advantage of their education and we can expect that they will advance and accomplish great achievements in their lifetime. They are role models and deserve recognition for their efforts."

Darden and Cornell also presented a Distinguished Service Award to Doria Hillsman, a science teacher at Spring Valley High and ACT-SO student advisor. Ms. Hillsman, who is also an Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at Rockland Community College, attended the annual convention as the representative of the Nyack branch of the NAACP.

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