Johns Hopkins awards talented students

Twenty-eight fifth- through eighth-grade students in Pittsford school district have been recognized for academic excellence in the 2001 Young Student Talent Search conducted by the Johns Hopkins University Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth.

Award recipients were honored in a recognition ceremony June 2 at Roberts Wesleyan College. Those students recognized scored at or above the top 30 percent on the PLUS Academic Abilities Assessment for fifth- and sixth-grade students and in the top 22 percent on the college SAT for seventh- and eighth-grade students. This testing focuses on verbal and mathematical skills.

Students selected for recognition in this competition were Dhivya Arumugam, Deboki Chakravarti, Margaret Ding, Evan Drahzal-Gasseter, Lili Dworkin, Amelia Fogg, Rachel Gottlieb, Valerie Jordan, Robert Laposta, Kyle Matthews, Jonathan Mazumdar, Jeffrey Melville, Brett Morrison, Andrew Oskouli, Ashwin Phatak, Nisha Phatak, Matthew Rubenstein, Michael Schwert, Emily Sigler, Andrew Ward, Erin Wong and Raymond Zhong from Pittsford Middle School. Pittsford elementary students recognized were Gabrielle Dagama, Laryssa Filipksi and Keith Mehalek from Mendon Center Elementary School; Laura Hansen and Chris Peyser from Thornell Road Elementary School; and Edward Ryan from Allen Creek Elementary School.

Approximately 90,000 students from 19 states and the District of Columbia participated in CTY's academically talented competition in 2000. Students in Pittsford's five elementary schools and Pittsford Middle School took part in the Young Student Talent Search.