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Deer Park Student Honored by Legislator D'Amaro As 'Pool Smart' Poster Contest County Winner



Pictured front, Deer Park 3rd Grader Juliana Gentile was recently honored by Legislator D'Amaro for being named County winner in the 2013 "Be Pool Smart" poster contest. From left joining them are Steven (holding the winning drawing), Elizabeth and Jaclyn Gentile and, from JFK Intermediate School, Christine Carr, Anna Marino, Art Teacher Laurie Schwartz and Principal Susan Bonner. Not pictured is teacher Michelle D'Auria.

(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... June 10, 2013) – John F. Kennedy Intermediate School student Juliana Gentile was recently honored by Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-North

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Deer Park Student Wins County Poster Contest

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Babylon) before the entire Legislature for winning the County's 2013 "Be Pool Smart" poster contest. Established in 2007, the competition invites elementary school students to promote the importance of pool safety by creating a poster that illustrates one or more safety tips.

One poster is selected from all of those submitted to be used as part of a countywide message from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services in its seasonal safety campaign. Entries were submitted by students from Countrywood Primary School and Maplewood Intermediate School in the South Huntington School District, John F. Kennedy Intermediate School in the Deer Park School District and from Robert Moses Middle School, DeLuca Elementary School and Parliament Place Elementary School in the North Babylon School District. Initially, Juliana's colorful and creative design was named District 17 winner and then was selected by the non-partisan Legislature's Budget Review Office as the County winner.

Each contest participant received a Certificate of Distinguished Achievement, presented to them at a ceremony at their respective schools, and Juliana was awarded a special Suffolk County Proclamation from Legislator D'Amaro at the Legislature's June 4th meeting. She was joined by her parents and sister, as well as JFK Principal Susan Bonner, Art Teacher Laurie Schwartz and teachers Christine Carr and Anna Marino at the presentation ceremony. Juliana's poster will be incorporated into the County Health Department's next *Pool Safety: Tips to Prevent Drowning* brochure.

"The 'Be Pool Smart' poster contest is a fun way to engage children in spreading the important message about how a few simple steps and precautions can help us avoid tragedies around swimming pools," said Legislator D'Amaro. "All of the entries were wonderful but Juliana's eye-catching design really stood out. She is well-deserving of being named the County winner, and I look forward to seeing her design on the cover of our next brochure."

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Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro represents the 17th Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington, Huntington Station, South Huntington, Melville, West Hills, Cold Spring Hills, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is chairman of the Ways & Means committee and vice chairman of both the Parks & Recreation and Economic Development & Energy committees of the Suffolk County Legislature.