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## Walt Whitman HS Students Named Winners Of Suffolk County Energy Drink PSA Contest *Filmmakers and Teacher Honored by Legislator D’Amaro*



*Legislator Lou D’Amaro, right, honors (from left) Walt Whitman High School Video Production teacher Erica Cryer and students Sabrina Greenberg and Jordan Roiland as the 2016 winners of the Suffolk County “Truth about Stimulant Drinks” public service announcement contest*

*(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... June 3, 2016)* – Senior Sabrina Greenberg and Junior Jordan Roiland, students at Walt Whitman High School in the South Huntington School District, and their advisor Erica Cryer were recently honored by Suffolk Legislator Lou

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D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) as the 2016 winners of the Suffolk County "Truth about Stimulant Drinks" video contest. The presentation took place at the Suffolk County Legislature's General Session on Wednesday, June 1 in Hauppauge.

In conjunction with a public awareness campaign, the County Legislature annually invites high school students to create a 30 second public service announcement (PSA) video incorporating their interpretation of the negative health effects associated with consuming stimulant drinks.

A submission is selected from each legislative district to go on and compete at the County level where one video is ultimately chosen from amongst all of the district winners to be shown as a PSA on Cablevision. This marks the second consecutive year that a student in Legislator D'Amaro's district was declared the winner by the Legislature's non-partisan Budget Review Office. Last year's honor went to the Deer Park High School SADD Club.

In recognition of this achievement, Legislator D'Amaro presented each student with a Proclamation and also presented Ms. Cryer with a Proclamation for display in the school. The winning video was shown at the meeting following the presentation.

"Despite the warnings, stimulant drinks remain popular beverages, particularly among young people," said Legislator D'Amaro. "Some can contain up to 800 milligrams of caffeine, the equivalent of eight cups of coffee, as well as many other additional ingredients which may cause harmful side effects when consumed in high quantities or combinations."

These adverse health impacts may include: insomnia, headaches, restlessness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, irritability and rapid heartbeat.

"The students did an outstanding job demonstrating the potential harmful effects of energy drink consumption," said Legislator D'Amaro. "Their creative video will surely resonate with their peers and hopefully make them stop and think before they reach for an energy drink."

Whitman High School Students win PSA Contest

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*Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro represents the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Budget & Finance committee and a member of the Veterans committee of the Suffolk County Legislature.*