

THE WEST WEEKLY



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Student Spotlight: A Summer of Science for Giuliani Panzini

This summer, Giuliana Panzini participated in the High School Research Program at Brookhaven National Lab from July 7 to August 15. Mentored by a mechanical engineer in the Magnet Division, her project was to design a Beam Tube Insulator to protect the lab's particle beam. Giuliana used CAD and 3D modeling to design components, learned about magnet production on the workshop floor, and even attended staff meetings to experience the daily life of an engineer. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement!



Student Spotlight: DeDonato's Gold Award Project Dresses for Success

Congratulations to Smithtown West student Alexandra DeDonato on her impactful Girl Scout Gold Award project! In partnership with the Smithtown High School West DECA chapter, Alexandra organized a successful clothing drive that collected over 110 pieces of professional attire.

All donations benefited Dress for Success Brookhaven, supporting women entering the workforce. What a fantastic display of leadership and community service!





Marcus D'Errico Earns All-County Golf Honors (pictured on the left)



Green Team Beach Cleanup

What a successful community cleanup! A huge thank you to the 274 volunteers who collected an incredible 81.3 pounds of debris. This event was made possible by the Green Team, in partnership with local marine conservation organizations AMSEAS and NYSMEA. Thank you to everyone involved for their outstanding community service!

A Celebration of Italian- American Heritage

Smithtown HS West celebrated Italian-American Heritage Month in style this October! Led by the Italian Honor Society and the students of Signora Cava's classes, the festivities kicked off with decorations highlighting famous Italian-Americans throughout our hallways. A lively "Musica Day" filled the passing periods with songs from legendary artists like Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra. The month culminated with an Italian-American Spirit Day, where students were invited to wear red, white, and green, and a gift card was awarded to the most spirited participant.

