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NESEA Announces Finalists in *IMAGINING TOMORROW: ALTERNATE ENERGY FUTURES*[™]: A Creative Writing and Video Contest for High-School Students in Massachusetts

GREENFIELD, MA — April 22, 2007 — Eight student authors and fifteen video teams have qualified to be finalists in the *IMAGINING TOMORROW: ALTERNATE ENERGY FUTURES* contest, being held for the second year in Massachusetts. All entries had to have energy issues, policies, or technologies for the basis of their work. All students were required to include an afterward that explained their starting point for their idea and what they learned in the course of the project.

An awards reception for all finalists, their teachers and guests will be held at the Genzyme Corporate Center in Kenmore Square, Cambridge, MA on May 11, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Finalists in the creative writing category were: Emily Allen, Arlington High School, for her story "Broken Man"; Amanda J Bennett, Deerfield Academy, for her story "Ethanol with a Side of Trouble, Please"; Alison M Crandall, Lee High School, for her story "Summer Rain"; Katherine B. Kinkel, Wellesley High School, for her story, "The Sovereignty of the Faithful"; Amanda Cain-Mailly, Marlborough High School, for her story "Going Backwards"; Julie Cain-Mailly, Marlborough High School, for her story, "The Diary of Jane"; Colleen M Ottomano, Hopkinton High School, for her story, "Tennis Matches and Space Bugs"; and Megan M Roy, Shrewsbury High School, for her story, "The Panic of 2020".

Priya Chakraborty, Woodward School for Girls, received an honorable mention for her story "Story of a Family in California".

Finalists in the video category of PSA (Public Service Announcements) were eight teams from Mt Greylock High School in Williamstown, MA, all students of Michael J. Powers, M. Ed., Instructional Technology Specialist; and two entries from Northampton High School in Northampton, MA, students of Jane Madden, a member of the Technology and Business Faculty.



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The five finalists in the category of video shorts - 4-6 minutes in length - were four teams from Northampton High School, all students of Michael Jacobson-Hardy, a member of the Technology and Business Faculty; and one entry from Landmark School in Prides Crossing, Luke McMahon, a student of Sallie Pettengill.

The PSA teams from Mt Greylock were led by Erin K. Bates, for "Wobal Glarming"; Brittany R. Calderwood for "Global Warming"; Danny Chhuon for "Global Warming PSA"; Michael J. Leja for "Earth in Twenty Years"; Lindsay A. Maynard for "Global Warming PSA"; Charlene E. Michon for "Days of Summer"; Sean Peitier for "Where'd That Snow Go", and Cameron P. Szymanski for "Global Warming". The PSA entries from Northampton are Mike Helly, "Global Warming Opinions", and Colin Sullivan, "Blue Pill, Red Pill".

The team leaders for the shorts from Northampton are Matt Motamedi for "Wood Chip Burner" and "Solar Panels at JKF School"; Bryan Magdelensky for "Grease Cars"; and Tom Klenkotka for "Winds: Tomorrow's Clean Power", all documentaries. The entry from The Landmark School by Luck McMahon was a story, "Heat".

Winners in each of these three categories will be announced at the awards reception in May, with cash awards to all winners and finalists.

Chris Mason, Education Director at NESEA, said "It is wonderful to see these students thinking about the issues of clean energy and global warming in such a creative way. We are especially delighted that students in their documentaries are learning so much about options that already exist for alternate approaches to energy and energy sources."

The video portion of the *IMAGINING TOMORROW: ALTERNATE ENERGY FUTURES* program was supported by a grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC); the awards reception is made possible in part by a grant from the Genzyme Corporation. Funding for the creative writing program is from The Foresight Project, a non-profit corporation based in Massachusetts, which in turn is supported by donations from individuals and corporate sponsorships. For more information on supporting *IMAGINING TOMORROW*, contact info@theforesightproject.org.

As part of the *IMAGINING TOMORROW* program supported by MTC, NESEA also made Clean Energy awards in partnership with the Massachusetts State Science and Engineering Fair. Regional award winners were acknowledged in a separate announcement.

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