RI student wins national Tar Wars® tobacco education contest

Kinjal Gupta, from the Metcalf School in Exeter, is the 2013 winner of a nationwide Tar Wars® poster contest sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Kinjal and her family attended the event in Washington, DC on July 15, where the winners from 36 states competed for the national title. Kinjal, 10, is the daughter of Dheera and Deepali Gupta of West Greenwich RI. As the national poster contest winner, she received $1,500.

It is the second time in three years that the Rhode Island state winner placed first in the national Tar Wars® poster competition.

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The American Medical Association (AMA) will direct bill its Rhode Island members for their 2014 dues. Beginning August 2013, AMA members will receive a separate dues statement from the AMA instead of paying AMA membership dues through the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) membership invoice. This is simply an operational change so that both RIMS and AMA can concentrate on their respective member satisfaction. There remains no requirement for RIMS members to join the AMA.

Please let us know if you have questions concerning this change by emailing Megan Turcotte or phoning 401-331-3207.