



RIMS hosts Tar Wars Poster Contest

The Rhode Island Medical Society, in partnership with the Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians and the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, hosted its 13th Annual Tar Wars Rhode Island Poster Contest on Saturday, May 6.

The contest was held on the grounds of the Notre Dame Ambulatory Center on Broad Street, in Central Falls from 10:30 to 11:30 am. 48 fifth-grade students from school districts throughout the state competed to win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC to participate in the National Tar Wars poster competition on July 17–18.

Competition judges included Mario Hilario, Channel 10 news reporter and weekend anchor, Dr. Sarah Fessler, Vice President of the Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians, RIMS President Kathleen Fitzgerald, MD and Vice President K. Nicholas Tsiongas, MD. The event was chaired by Arthur Frazzano, MD, a former RIMS President and Chair of Tar Wars Rhode Island. Over 50 Rhode Island Physicians were involved with the event.

Over the past 13 years, more than 29,000 Rhode Island fifth graders have participated in the Tar Wars Rhode Island program. Presented by local physicians, Tar Wars teaches children to better understand the dangers of tobacco use, how to make positive lifestyle choices, and how they can be advocates in their communities. This important tobacco-free educational program not only has a tremendous impact on children’s health but also provides a chance for local physicians to spotlight their involvement in the community.

The Tar Wars program is funded through the Rhode Island Medical Society Foundation, along with donations from the Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians and the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. ❖

First Place: Allison Duchesne
William Winsor Elementary School, Greenville

Second Place: Erin Shaw
Cluny School, Newport

Third Place: Mikayla Baiocchi
Eldredge Elementary School, East Greenwich



Tar Wars Rhode Island Chair Arthur Frazzano, MD is pictured with Tar Wars Poster Contest winner Allison Duchesne of William Winsor Elementary School. Allison and her poster will go on to compete in the National Tar Wars poster competition on July 17–18 in Washington DC.

Tar Wars Physician Volunteers

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