

Annual Bike Helmet Giveaway

On May 12, members and staff of the Rhode Island Medical Society once again gave away bicycle helmets to Rite Care children in what has become an annual tradition of RIMS and the RIMS Foundation. This year's event, held outside Thundermist Health Center in Woonsocket, saw RIMS give away its 6000th bike helmet since the program's inception. The give-away is made possible each year by the generosity of RIMS members and the support of the RIMS Foundation. The Rhode Island Medical Society salutes and thanks the physicians who contributed this year to the bicycle helmet fund of the RIMS Foundation. ❖



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Soyun Kim, third-year medical student at Brown, and K. Nicholas Tsiongas, MD, RIMS President-elect, volunteered at the helmet distribution.



Jacques Bonnet-Eymard, MD fits a helmet properly for optimum safety.

Wheeler student wins 2007 Tar Wars Poster Contest

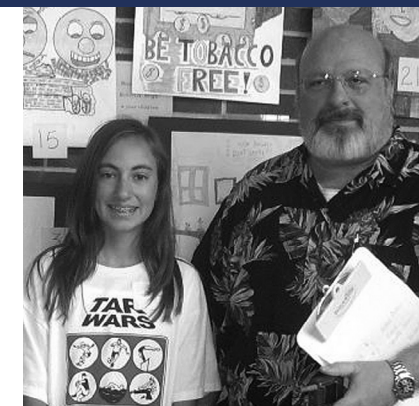
Helena Castro, a fifth-grade student at Wheeler School, won the 2007 Tar Wars poster contest held at the Thundermist Heath Center in Woonsocket. Castro was among 35 students from elementary schools across the state to compete in this annual event sponsored, by the Rhode Island Medical Society, the Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Legacy Foundation. Tar Wars, a tobacco-free education program that discourages tobacco use among the country's youth, is coordinated nationally by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

As the first-place winner of the 2007 Tar Wars Rhode Island poster contest, Castro and her family traveled to Washington, DC, July 16-17 at RIMS Foundation expense to take part in the National Tar Wars poster contest event. The national competition is a two-day event that recognizes contest winners from all over the U.S. and

Canada. Students are provided an opportunity to voice their opinions about tobacco use to their congressional leaders, participate in tobacco-free workshops, and meet other state winners who share their tobacco-free views. The first-place winner of the national contest receives a grand prize trip to Disney World. The Rhode Island Medical Society itself will also be presented with a special award at this summer's national contest.

The Tar Wars program in Rhode Island is 14 years old and counts more than 29,000 alumni who have heard the Tar Wars message. Each year, RIMS members visit classrooms throughout the state and talk with students about the importance of being tobacco-free and making positive decisions about their health and well-being.

RIMS salutes and thanks the following physicians for giving of their time and resources to make the Tar Wars program a success again this year. ❖



2007 Tar Wars Rhode Island poster contest Helena Castro with Arthur Frazzano, MD, chair of Tar Wars.Rhode Island

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2007 Tar Wars Rhode Island Poster Contest judges and contest winners. (Back row from left to right) Margaret A. Sun, MD, President RI Academy of Family Physicians; K. Nicholas Tsiongas MD, RIMS President-elect; Andrew Snyder MD, President RI Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Barbara Morse Silva, Health Check 10 Reporter; and David Bourassa MD, Chief Medical Officer Thundermist Health Center. (Front row left to right) Third-place winner Nancy Hernandez from Ella Risk Elementary School in Central Falls; second-place winner Zoey Arnold-Conner from International Charter School in Pawtucket; and first-place winner Helena Castro from The Wheeler School in Providence.