



SAAWA Essay Writing Contest 2025 Award Winners

Is Artificial Intelligence a Threat to Human Job Security in the Present or Future?

First Place:

- Arav Shelat - Jericho High School

Second Place:

- Sharanya Shanmugavel - Jericho High School
- Emma Yan - Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School

Third Place:

- Olivia Kim - Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School
- Adittya Nischal - New Hyde Park Memorial
- Aaila Rehman - Wheatly High School

Honorable Mention:

- Rishmeet Kaur - Valley Stream North Jr. / Sr. High School
- Sanjana Kunam - Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School
- Rebekh Anna Thomas - New Hyde Park Memorial
- Vihaan Singh - Hicksville High School
- Mary Bisogno - Saint Anthony's High School
- Madyson Gavilanes - Saint Anthony's High School
- Saman Khalill - Bay Shore High School
- Jasmine Trusty - Uniondale High School
- Nicholas Scaccia - Carle Place High School
- Julia Cestone - Eastport-South Manor High School

Innovation in Breast Cancer Research Award

- Anchita Agarwal - Jericho High School

Humanity in Science Award

- Brandon Lam - Paul D. Schreiber High School



SAAWA South Shore Science Fair 2025 Award Winners

Biology

First Place:

- Adaobi Okammelu - Valley Stream North High School

Second Place:

- Vanessa Maltez - Long Beach High School

Third Place:

- Erin Garnier - Valley Stream North High School
- Kayla DiMaio and Anais Kapto - Valley Stream Memorial Junior High School

Honorable Mention:

- Michelle Vera Evangelista - Seaford High School
- Navrosedip Kundlas - Valley Stream North High School
- Presley Crawford, William Villegas and Dominique Sheppard - Uniondale High School
- Avery Bjelland and Lea Cardenas - Malverne High School
- Leah Pisano - Lynbrook High School South

Behavioral and Social Sciences

First Place:

- Elin Kim - Lynbrook High School South

Second Place:

- Aleeza Dhillon - Valley Stream North High School

Third Place:

- Saman Khalil - Bayshore High School

Honorable Mention:

- Matthew Solomon - Seaford High School
- Raj Kumar Singh - Valley Stream North High School
- Lara Vardar - Lynbrook High School South

Earth and Environmental Sciences

First Place:

- Camryn Rose Sainsbury - Seaford High School



Second Place:

- Aidan Tarsia - Long Beach High School

Third Place:

- Brandon Haviken - Lynbrook High School South

Honorable Mention:

- Jaaziah Bennett and Matthew Carreon Sanchez - Valley Stream Memorial Junior High School
- Celine Buly - Valley Stream North High School
- Sami Mohammed- Lynbrook High School South

Physical Science

First Place:

- Abigail Reichbach - Valley Stream North High School

Second Place:

- Cian Edward Thomas Dobbin - Seaford High School

STEM

First Place:

- Devin Byrne - Lynbrook High School South

Second Place:

- Ethan Rodriguez - Bayshore High School

Third Place:

- Cathlyne Cueto - Lynbrook High School South

Honorable Mention:

- Kyle Ryan Simcox - Seaford High School
- Markus Daly - Malverne High School



SAAWA Junior Division Science Fair 2025 Award Winners

Biology

First Place:

- Baran Eriskin, James McCreesh and Austin Samartano - Commack High School

Second Place:

- Valeria Paez Martinez, Aarya Raina and Liam Shih - George W. Hewlett High School
- Luke Zhong - Great Neck North High School

Third Place:

- Riann Stubbs - Freeport High School
- Kyra Hylton - Elmont Memorial High School

Honorable Mention:

- Thea Olmsted - Long Beach High School
- Kate Spieler - North Shore High School
- Adam Camisi and Jasmine Wang - Roslyn High School
- Emma Wang and Anna Wang - Manhasset High School
- Sia Kripalani - The Wheatley School
- Angel Kohli - Seaford High School
- Natalia Hamue, Diana Lima and Kimberly Sandoval - Mineola High School
- Carew Davis - Oyster Bay High School

Behavioral and Social Sciences

First Place:

- Andrelis Gutierrez Castro and Iris Iglesias Vasquez - Freeport High School

Second Place:

- Mairead Hill-Hotz - St Anthony's High School

Third Place:

- Leah Chan and Gefen Portnoy - Roslyn High School
- Chloe Mullady - St Anthony's High School
- Nelson Zaim - St Anthony's High School

Honorable Mention:

- Zara Cooper, Abby Sonoda and Anne Goldstein - Roslyn High School
- Jillian Wagner - St Anthony's High School
- Helen Su - Great Neck North High School



Earth and Environmental Sciences

First Place:

- Carina Dai, Sofia Carlese, and Antonia Gorecki - Roslyn High School

Second Place:

- Hailey Hwang, Joanna Huang, and Bella Ouyang - Roslyn High School

Third Place:

- Cassel Koss - Long Beach High School
- Brianna Cosme - W. Tresper Clarke High School

Honorable Mention:

- Erica Verbsky, Hailey Hwang, and Nathalie Zhang - Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School
- Bella Vyas and Alayna Vyas - New Hyde Park Memorial High School
- Winston Lin, Mohammad Faiz and Sebastian Mendoza-Reyes - George W. Hewlett High School
- Sofia Khan, Ava Joseph, and Giuliana Corrales - New Hyde Park Memorial High School
- Erik Ravn - Chaminade High School

Physical Science

First Place:

- Liam Connolly and Yi Chen - Manhasset High School

Second Place:

- Nicole Charalambous and Harsita Thulasidas - Bethpage High School
- Vikram Gauld and Charlie Kong - Manhasset High School

Third Place:

- Junyuan Deng and Tianyi Liu - Manhasset High School
- Mohammad Shayaan, Saad Siddiqui, and Navreet Singh - Bethpage High School

Honorable Mention:

- Prisha Chadha and Olivia Brigati - Commack High School
- Evan Sedgwick - Paul D. Schreiber High School
- Samir Bhuiyan, Nikhil Pillay, and Aayan Mansi - W. Tresper Clarke High School
- Lunis Martinez - Freeport High School

STEM



First Place:

- Saveet Gupte - Bethpage High School

Second Place:

- Orla Gajwani - Roslyn High School

Third Place:

- Tracy Jiang, Nikhil Peter, and Vidhi Sevak - Bethpage High School
- Jadon Maroto and Aditya Ghotra - Oceanside High School

Honorable Mention:

- Jack Yin - Roslyn High School
- Samvath Karanam - Hauppauge High School
- Charles Byers - Paul D. Schreiber High School
- Walter Lai - Jericho High School
- Christy Fu, Aashrita Koyi, and Joanna Kwak - Jericho High School

SAAWA Senior Division Science Fair 2025 Award Winners

Biology

First Place:

- Aafia Ahmed - Elmont Memorial High School

Second Place:

- Emaan Tehseen - Elmont Memorial High School
- Sophia Akmal - Syosset High School

Third Place:

- Jonah Sethna and Andrew Li - Manhasset High School
- Sarah Joseph - Great Neck South High School
- Noa Karp - Roslyn High School

Honorable Mention:

- Sarah Kruger - Roslyn High School
- Kylie Wen - Mineola High School
- Aryana Adur - Jericho High School
- Justin Zhao - Jericho High School
- Trisha Sampure - Garden City High School
- Lauren Krupski - North Shore High School
- Emily Telon Jacinto - Freeport High School



Behavioral and Social Sciences

First Place:

- Shruti Singh - The Wheatley School

Second Place:

- Yael Novak - Roslyn High School

Third Place:

- **Mannat Jain** - Garden City High School

Honorable Mention:

- Inderpal Chadha - Herricks High School
- Demetri Tymchynyuk - Syosset High School
- Quinton Hu - Paul D. Schreiber High School
- Benjamin Moses - Paul D. Schreiber High School
- Allyssa Aquino - MacArthur High School

Earth and Environmental Sciences

First Place:

- Catherine Chen - Manhasset High School

Second Place:

- Julia Corra - Paul D. Schreiber High School

Third Place:

- Kahela Michel - Elmont Memorial High School

Honorable Mention:

- Regina Huang and Maya Shah - Manhasset High School
- Belen Vazquez and Krisha Wadhwa - Manhasset High School
- Varda Qudratullah - Elmont Memorial High School
- Ryan Donohue and Colton McCurley - Chaminade High School

Physical Science

First Place:

- Daniel Sawicki - St Anthony's High School

Second Place:

- Madison Qu and Mia Hoang - Manhasset High School



- Roy Choi - Manhasset High School

Third Place:

- Serin Jo - Roslyn High School
- Lucienne Keyoung and Isabel Gonzalez - Manhasset High School

Honorable Mention:

- Chase Ridley - Elmont Memorial High School
- Samantha Stoneking and Kristina Theodosopoulos - Manhasset High School
- Sophie Hu - Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School
- Antonio Savastano - Chaminade High School
- Zahin Gani - Jericho High School

STEM

First Place:

- Cynthia Qian - Jericho High School
- Julia Xu - Great Neck South High School
- Anish Pahari - Jericho High School

Second Place:

- Tommy Yuan - Jericho High School
- Nandini Khaneja and Benson Chou - Great Neck South High School

Third Place:

- Chloe Lee and Olivia Zhen - Great Neck South High School
- Joshua Chang and Shichen Liu - Great Neck South High School
- Alec Josen - Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School

Honorable Mention:

- Max Lippman - Roslyn High School
- Vivian Leung - Paul D. Schreiber High School
- Ayan Mahajan and Henry Gucker - The Wheatley School
- Yeewan Melody Chen - Syosset High School

Volunteer Service Awards

Distinguished Volunteer Service Award

- Grace Nolan - St. Anthony's High School



Leadership Volunteer Service Award

- Catherine Dinh - Mineola High School

Outstanding Volunteer Service Award

- Anthony Caizza - St. Anthony's High School

Honorable Mention:

- Brandon Lam - Paul D. Schreiber High School
- Allison Hernandez - Commack High School
- Mishaal Hammad - Valley Stream Central High School

SAAWA Mini Grant Recipients

Madysen Gavilanes - Saint Anthony High School

Anish Musthyala - Syosset High School

Bir Sidhu - John F. Kennedy Middle School

Sameha Vundecode - Smithtown High School West

Joyce Xu - William A. Shine Great Neck South High School

Xiaowu (Walter) Lai - Jericho High School

Manasvi Dendukuri and Jasmine Dhingra - Jericho High School

Alexa Tan - Jericho High School

Jolyna Weng, Joanna Kwak, Christy Fu, and Hannah Kim - Jericho Senior High School

Jivika Raut and Jivika Raut - Jericho Senior High School

Jeffrey Yu - Jericho Senior High School

Anchita Agrawal - Jericho Senior High School

Michael Lyakhov - Great Neck North High School

Nikhil Peter, Vidhi Sevak, and Tracy Jiang - Bethpage High School