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## DSBN SCHOOLS TAKE HOME TOP AWARDS IN REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIRS

What do McKay Public and A.N. Myer Secondary and Sir Winston Churchill Secondary Schools have in common? Students from these three DSBN schools took home top honours in the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair (NRSEF) held on April 4<sup>th</sup>. This regional fair, supported and sponsored by local businesses, institutions and organizations, allows students from all publicly funded and private schools across Niagara to showcase their skills and talent.

Nyle Collins, a grade 7 student in McKay Public School's Extended French program received a total of five awards for his project "The Learning Behaviours of Rats". Nyle's awards include the Canada-wide Science Fair Award, Sci Tech Ontario Stepping Stone Award, Pfizer Canada Award of Excellence, Brock Social Science Award and the Canada Trust Junior Division Trophy. Quite an accomplishment for this young student!

Jennie Kim, representing A.N. Myer with her project "Evaluation of the Shelf Life of Canadian Therapeutic Honey" earned an Entrance Scholarship to Brock University, along with the Canada-Wide Science Fair Award in her division, the Canadian Militia Award and the James Withrow Trophy in the Senior Division.

Sir Winston Churchill students Supritha Nilam and Bindu Kowuru were awarded the Niagara District 9 Ontario Horticulture Society Award and the Niagara College Trophy for the Intermediate Division with their project on "The Secret of Seed Germination." Sir Winston Churchill SS and A.N.Myer SS shared the school award for Outstanding Representation at the Secondary Level and McKay Public School received the Junior School Award for Outstanding Representation.

Eleven DSBN schools were among the NRSEF 2006/07 prize winners with top individual winners, Nyle and Jennie, moving on to compete at the Canada Wide Science and Engineering Fair in Truro, Nova Scotia in May.

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