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### **Cos Cob Student Represents Connecticut in Prestigious Water Science Competition**

Verna Yin, Cos Cob, CT, a student at Greenwich High School has been selected as a 2018 state winner of the U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize – the nation’s most prestigious youth award for a water-related science project for her project *Filtration of Heavy Metals from Drinking Water with Used Coffee Grounds Embedded in Discarded Polyurethane Sponges*. Her teacher is Andrew Bramante and she is sponsored by the CT Water Pollution Abatement Association and the CT Association of Water Pollution Control Authorities.

Verna Yin, one of 57 state winners announced by the Water Environment Federation (WEF), represented Connecticut at the national finals June 16 at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where students from 47 states and Puerto Rico competed. The winner received \$10,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Stockholm to represent the United States at the international competition, which will take place during World Water Week on August 26-31.

The Stockholm Junior Water Prize aims to increase students’ interest in water issues, research, and careers, as well as to raise awareness about global water challenges. The competition is open to projects focused on improving water quality, water resource management, water protection, and drinking water and wastewater treatment.

“The state winner’s study was very timely and relevant to issues facing the water quality community”, said Mary Barry, NEWEA Executive Director. “As a professional association of water quality experts, we were extremely proud to send Verna Yin to the national competition.”

In the United States, WEF, and in New England, NEWEA, organize the SJWP competitions with support from Xylem Inc. WEF and NEWEA are not-for-profit technical and educational services organizations dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the global water environment. NEWEA, the organizer of the CT competition, is one of WEF’s 81 Member Associations.

NEWEA proudly recognizes these individuals for their efforts towards this mission in 2018. Congratulations! For more information about the competition, please visit [www.SJWP.org](http://www.SJWP.org).

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