

South junior among top 20 chemistry students

Williamsville South High School junior Elizabeth Peng has been selected as one of 20 finalists in competition for a place on the U.S. team for the 2007 International Chemistry Olympiad.

Also named a finalist was St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute student Brian Chmielowiec.

The announcement was made by Mariusz Kozik, professor of chemistry at Canisius College and local IChO coordinator, and David Nalewajek of Honeywell's Buffalo Research Laboratory, which sponsors the Chemistry Olympiad in Western New York.

The 20 finalists will meet for a two-week study camp in June at

the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. At the conclusion, the four top students will be named to represent the United States at the international finals that will take place in July in Moscow, Russia.

The finalists were selected from more than 1,000 outstanding high school students nationwide who were chosen from an original pool of about 10,000 students.

Chmielowiec and Peng are the 13th and 14th finalists from WNY since the region entered the com-



Peng

petition in 1985. Past finalists include two gold, one silver and two bronze medalists in the international finals.

This is the first time in the history of the WNY region that more than one student qualified for the study camp.

The United States has participated in the IChO for 24 years. The Olympiad involves a series of exams, laboratory tests and other activities aimed at identifying the best chemistry students from around the world.



Forster



Kelly



Kern



Till

Students awarded scholarships from Western Division

Western Division Federal Credit Union has awarded scholarships of \$750 to eight local high school seniors for outstanding academic performance.

Each applicant was judged on his or her four-year cumulative scholastic performance, community service, leadership roles and an essay.

For more than 10 years Western Division has aided students in Western New York with higher education needs.

"We are a strong believer in education," says Craig Mellen-thien, president and CEO of Western Division. "Our young adults are our future; their success is our success."

Winners included Kelsey Till of Williamsville North High School, Marisa Kelly of Sweet Home High School, Kristen Kern of Williamsville South High School and Elizabeth Forster of Williamsville East High School.

Amherst, Williamsville resident receive UB awards

Several students from Amherst and Williamsville received awards at the University at Buffalo School of Management commencement ceremony on May 12.

They include:

Siddharth Sirsikar of Williamsville who won the Charles H. Diefendorf Award in Finance.

Wahono Saputra of Williamsville who won the Sidney N. Kahn Memorial Award for Excellence in Sales and Marketing.

Dinesh Gauri and **Jingguo Wang**, both of

Amherst, who were the co-recipients of the Ph.D. Student Achievement Award.

Vincent LoRusso of Amherst who won the University at Buffalo Accounting Association Michael S. Dockery Memorial Senior Award.

Sudha Bommi of Amherst who won the Dr. Marcel and Mrs. Kathryn Vinokur Award to Promote Global Understanding.

Hariom Manchiraju of Williamsville who won "The Wall Street Journal" Award for Academic Excellence by an MBA student.

Millard Fillmore

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The ER is scheduled for completion in December 2007, and will include 38 new treatment rooms. Also being added are five operating rooms.

The former entrance to the hospital has been moved during construction. When entering from Maple Road, the new entrance is to the far left of the building. Browning said the valet service remains in place, and carts go around the parking lot to provide rides to the front entrance. The entrance is marked with a white sign and patients are to follow the tunnel into the hospital.

"The disruption has been minimal ... the volume has increased," Lane said.

The project is scheduled for completion in June 2008. The new second floor, which will have 68 new beds, should be completed in May 2008. Individual rooms and nursing units will also be renovated with completion marked for December 2008.

Lane said the project's scope was based on an analysis of the area's needs that was done by a national consulting firm.

Prior to, and during the expansion project, the staff has been credited by Browning and Lane for their exceptional service. The hospital was not large enough for the patient volume each year but it was handled because of the staff, they said.

"We also want to thank the community for their continued support. It's never easy to go through a project like this," said Lane, who was named president in January. "Without their support this wouldn't have come to fruition."

Ciminelli Construction is the lead contractor for the project which began in April 2006, after a couple years of plan refinement.

For information during the construction project visit <http://suburban.kaleidahealth.org> or call 568-3600.

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