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# Sachem North Wins LI Envirothon Competition

Takes first for fifth straight year, looks to capture state honors.

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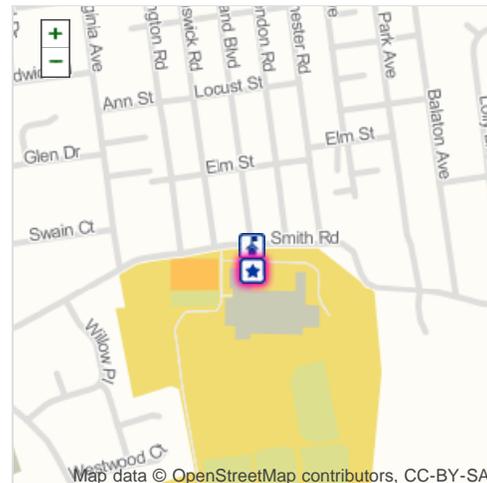
Sachem High School North's Envirothon team finished first place at the Long Island Regional Envirothon Competition April 28 at the USDAN Center for the Creative and Performing Arts.

The competition consists of an oral presentation based on a current event issue and tests on five environmental fields of study including soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatics, and a current event on hydrology of groundwater.

For the fifth consecutive year, North placed first in Suffolk County, and each team member won a \$500 scholarship, a digital camera, and a printer for the school.

"The members of the team are all very dedicated and hard working students who go above and beyond to study and research multiple aspects of the environment that is not covered by the New York State curriculum," said North advisors Colleen Lohr and Jaime Bhalla in an email. "We are extremely proud of the girls and look forward to competing at the state competition."

The girls will compete for New York title on June 2 and 3 at Keuka College. Team members included seniors Anne Liberti and Jessica Thomas, junior Jessica McGlinchey, sophomore Ruchi Shah, and freshman Sharon Luebs.



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