

**PENNSYLVANIA STUDENTS WIN 2012-13 SIEMENS AWARDS
FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT****Siemens Foundation Recognizes Jedidiah O. Thompson of Devon and
Lily Zhang of Wexford for STEM Achievement**

ISELIN, NJ, February 6, 2013— Jedidiah O. Thompson, a senior at Conestoga High School in Berwyn, and Lily Zhang, a senior at North Allegheny Senior High School in Wexford, today were named the Pennsylvania state winners of the 2012-13 Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement, a signature program of the Siemens Foundation administered by the College Board. The awards recognize the nation's top achievers in Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) courses in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with a \$2,000 college scholarship to one male and one female student in each state. Two national winners (one male and one female) are also recognized, each receiving a \$5,000 scholarship. This year, 101 high school students in all 50 states – including 93 seniors and 8 juniors – were honored.

“We commend this year’s Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement winners on their hard work and dedication to STEM subjects, and we thank the teachers, parents and schools who supported their scholarship,” said Jeniffer Harper-Taylor, president of the Siemens Foundation.

“We are proud to join our partners at the Siemens Foundation in recognizing these exceptional students. Today’s award-winners have the foundation to achieve great success in some of today’s most exciting, innovative careers,” said David Coleman, president of the College Board.

**JEDIDIAH O. THOMPSON**

Total AP Courses Taken to Date (all disciplines including STEM): 15

Favorite AP Class: Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism

Advice to other AP students: AP classes are challenging, but the hard work is worth it in the end. Don't give up after the first week.

Proudest Accomplishments: President of Science Olympiad with numerous medals and of Junior Classical League with numerous citations

Plans for College Study: Physics and the Classics

Anticipated Career: Physics professor

Favorite nonacademic pursuits: Squash, reading science fiction, and mentoring other students in physics

**LILY ZHANG**

Total AP Courses Taken to Date (all disciplines including STEM): 18

Favorite AP Class: Chemistry

Advice to other AP students: Maintain good study and work habits. To truly succeed in these classes, it has to be about more than the grade.

Proudest Accomplishments: Final round winner of the 2012 National Forensics League Speech and Debate Tournament; 2009 World Piano Competition Level Ten Solo Gold Medalist; United States Institute of Peace National Peace Essay Contest Second Place National Winner

Plans for College Study: Biochemistry and Philosophy

Anticipated Career: Medicine

Favorite nonacademic pursuits: Speech and Debate; volunteer dance Instructor of the Pittsburgh Chinese School Dance Group; pianist

The Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement

Established in 1998, the Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement (http://www.siemens-foundation.org/en/advanced_placement.htm) awards \$2,000 college scholarships to students from each of the 50 states who have earned the greatest number of scores of 5 on exams in the following AP® courses: Biology, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Environmental Science, Statistics, Physics C Mechanics and Physics C Electricity and Magnetism. Each state potentially has two winners, one male and one female.

For complete information and photos of this year's Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement winners, please visit: <http://www.multivu.com/mnr/60242-siemens-foundation-award-students-for-advanced-placement-exceptional-stem>

The Siemens Foundation

The Siemens Foundation provides more than \$7 million annually in support of educational initiatives in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in the United States. Its signature programs include the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology, Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement, and The Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge, which encourages K-12 students to develop innovative green solutions for environmental issues. By supporting outstanding students today, and recognizing the teachers and schools that inspire their excellence, the Foundation helps nurture tomorrow's scientists and engineers. The Foundation's mission is based on the culture of innovation, research and educational support that is the hallmark of Siemens' U.S. companies and its parent company, Siemens AG. For more information, visit www.siemens-foundation.org. Follow the Siemens Foundation on Twitter [@SFoundation](https://twitter.com/SFoundation) and Facebook at [SiemensFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/SiemensFoundation).

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