

Councilwoman Kepert, Councilwoman Bonner and the Brookhaven Town Board Honor Longwood HS 2014 ASE AstroSat Challenge Winners

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Farmingville, NY - At the January 8 Town Board Meeting, Councilwomen Connie Kepert and Jane Bonner presented Certificates of Congratulations to Longwood High School juniors Ruojing (Jenny) Fang (left) and Yunjie (Jack) Su (right) for winning the 2014 ASE AstroSat Challenge. The Longwood High School Climate Group, under the guidance of Advanced Science Research teacher Dr. Lucinda Hemmick, was selected as one of only 15 teams nationwide to participate in the challenge. As winners of the 2014 competition, Jenny and Jack will program satellite sensors to collect scientific data, such as cloud signatures and surface temperatures of the earth over a one week period. The data collected will be used to provide important new information about climate change.

"Congratulations to Jenny and Jack on this exciting win," said Councilwoman Kepert. "This is an excellent and unique opportunity to take their expertise beyond the classroom and collect data that can be analyzed and used to provide valuable insight into climate change."

"I applaud Jenny and Jack for such an outstanding achievement," said Councilwoman Bonner. "Their hard work and dedication to science is inspiring and a great example for their peers to follow. It's safe to say that they are on their way to a bright future."

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