

# **Bishop Stang Science Students Qualify for Regional Science and Engineering Fair**

A dozen students from Bishop Stang High School have qualified and will participate in the 58th annual BCC/Rensselaer Region III Science and Engineering Fair, which will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019, at Bristol Community College in Fall River.

The students will present seven different projects at the fair. The participants from Bishop Stang are all members of the Honors Biology Classes and are currently in the 9th grade. These projects include the following topics:

- "How Climate Change Affects Water Quality" by Sofia Coholan
- "Natural Microbial Agents " by Lavina Burman and Matalin Silvia
- "Biodegradable Plastic from Banana Peels" by Ellie Sullivan and Izabel Paiva
- "Creating Bio-gas as an Alternative Fuel" by Samantha Gonsalves
- "Using Hydropower to Lift a Load" by Abigail Elias and Olivia Costa
- "What's Blocking that Signal?" by Joey Landry
- "Water Filtration: Homemade vs. Commercially Made" by Braydon Borba and Dylan Minor, and
- "Decellularization of Spinach and its application to Tissue Transplants" by Camille Gendron

The students are taught by Mrs. Donna Habershaw, who has been teaching in the Science Department at Bishop Stang for 18 years. Mrs. Habershaw expressed excitement these students are being recognized for their work, "This is an outstanding group of students, and I am happy they will have this opportunity to

show their work, and to meet other students from different high schools who also have an interest in the sciences. They are a hard-working group who deserve recognition, and they will represent our school well.”

Photograph attached:

Front Row: (left to right) Sofia Coholan, Lavina Burman, Ellie Sullivan, Abigail Elias

Back Row: (left to right) Joey Landry, Braydon Borba, Dylan Minor, Izabel Paiva, Camille Gendron, Matalin Silvia, Olivia Costa (Missing from the picture is Samantha Gonsalves)

Bishop Stang High School

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