



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As most of you have no doubt heard, Ms. Indrani Das, a senior in the Academy for Medical Science Technology, was awarded the top prize in the 2017 Regeneron Science Talent Search sponsored by the Society for Science & the Public. The Regeneron Science Talent Search is the oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors. Founded in 1942, the Society has presented students the unique opportunity to present their scientific research to nationally recognized scientists, fellow students, and the public.

What you may not know is that Ms. Das was chosen from an original pool of more than 1,700 high school senior entrants from around the country who were selected on the basis of their excellent academic records, potential scientific promise, and outstanding recommendations from faculty and other scientists. Her original research project, investigating a potential treatment for brain cell death caused by injury or neurodegenerative disease, was conducted in our own BCA Laboratory of Cell Biology with the assistance of her research faculty mentor, Donna Leonardi.

As Maya Ajmera, President and CEO of Society for Science & the Public and Publisher of Science News has stated, "Now more than ever, we need our nations' best and brightest young minds to pursue their interest in science and use their talent to solve our world's most intractable problems." At Bergen County Academies, we are committed to providing students the academic and technical education required to attain those academic and professional goals.

I know I speak on behalf of the faculty and administration of Bergen County Technical School when I express our pride in Ms. Das's accomplishments and wish her the best of luck as she pursues her postsecondary education.

Sincerely,

Howard Lerner, Ed.D.  
Superintendent