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CAPS Selects Torrey Pines High School Student Marci Rosenberg California's "Outstanding Young Scientist"

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Torrey Pines High School (San Diego) junior Marci Rosenberg was awarded the prestigious "Outstanding Young Scientist" Award by the California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS) at a luncheon ceremony today at the Sacramento Zoo's Kampala Center.

Rosenberg, 16, was selected for her project titled "Bioremediation: Comparison of Conditional Changes on Rate of Oil Degradation" which examined the most effective ways to protect water sources from oil spills. Rosenberg specifically focused on how naturally occurring bacteria is able to break down different oils. She concluded that an increase in bacteria leads to an increased rate of oil degradation.

For being named CAPS Outstanding Young Scientist, Rosenberg received a \$1,000 scholarship award. Sheena Song, a senior at Palos Verde Peninsula High School in Rolling Hills and Madeline Sides, a senior at Davis High School in Davis were named runners-up and each received a \$500 scholarship award.

CAPS "Outstanding Young Scientist" award annually highlights the achievements of the top students that excel in science in California. The three finalists and their projects were judged by a panel of CAPS experts to be the best out of thousands of students that competed in 15 regional Science and Engineering Fairs throughout the state.

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