

Congratulations to North Catholic Science Students!

Mrs. Pam Connolly, Science Department Chairperson, took 8 teams of students to the “5th Annual University of Pittsburgh Innovative Design Competition” The award ceremony took place at Soldiers and Sailors Hall on Friday, Feb. 19, 2010.

Of the 11 possible awards, NC students won 7 awards, including:

1st Place – “Potable Express – An Emergency Drinking Water Apparatus.” The student designers of this design are freshmen: Lauren Wolosik, Josh Szramowski, Bailey Hollihan and Simon Walker. Each of these students won \$2,000 and a 6 week internship at the University of Pittsburgh during this summer. This internship will allow them to work toward bringing their product to patent status.

3rd Place – “Patient Assist – Electric Watch Patient Monitor.” Designers of this project were juniors: Marina Rutherford, Katie Puwalowski and Jimmy Utz.

Other awards included:

- **Best Biology Project** – Josh Szramowski, Bailey Hollihan, Simon Walker, Lauren Wolosik
- **Best Presentation** – Jim Utz, Katie Puwalowski, Marina Rutherford
- **Peer Choice Award** – Shannon Haskins, Kendall Hoffman, Julie Miller
- **“Earthquake Skyscraper” Design Award** – Kendall Hoffman, Julie Miller, Shannon Haskins
- **“Bridge Building” Award** – Sean Berger, Abby Leonard, Caitlyn Wolfe

North Catholic High School’s commitment to academic excellence and innovation assist our students in reaching their goals and aspirations. Says Mrs. Connolly, “Our students take science theory and use it to improve the world around them. We are consistently recognized for our ability to bring science into ‘real-world’ situations, where the kids can make a difference.”



Best Presentation – Marina Rutherford, Jim Utz, Katie Puwalowski