

Tenaflly HS junior to be in 'Mind and Body' program

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Tenaflly High School junior Rebecca Beaver has been selected to participate in the New Jersey Scholars Program 2021: "Mind and Body: The Future of Being Human."

The program, which receives more than 300 applicants each year, selects 30 to 40 students based on their school academic performance, school counselor recommendations, and an in-depth application and interview process.

The mission of the five-week summer program focuses on "providing New Jersey's rising high school seniors of extraordinary demonstrated academic



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Beaver**

potential with a free, ungraded, diverse, inclusive, and residential interdisciplinary learning environment that sharpens critical thinking, writing, and research skills, stimulates a desire for life-long learning, and fosters lasting interpersonal connections."

Held at The Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, it provides an intensive interdisciplinary academic program for intelligent, outgoing, and highly-motivated rising high school seniors who reside in the state and is taught at the freshman-sophomore college level by a combination of college and Lawrence-

ville faculty.

Each year, the program focuses on a current culture-affecting topic, such as climate change, technology and immigration.

This year, Beaver and other selected students will explore the possibility of transcending the traditional limits of "the human condition" upon which millennia of human cultures have been built. What can it mean to be human in an age when traditional markers of humanity are up for grabs?

Stated Beaver, who recently received an Honorable Mention in the Nancy Thorp Poetry Contest for her poem Girls of Steel, Girls of War, "I applied to the New Jersey Scholars Program because it offers an opportunity to explore my areas of in-

terest in both science and humanities."

The typical Scholar's day begins at 8:30 a.m. with a 90-minute lecture followed by seminar groups and meeting with members of the faculty for a discussion of assigned readings. Late afternoons and evenings are filled with recreational activities and completing assignments. Typically, the scholars must complete several short papers and one major interdisciplinary research. The final project is the culmination of the Scholar's experience.

Ms. Beaver plans to pursue a career in the medical field, particularly infectious disease epidemiology.

For more information on Tenaflly High School, visit www.tenafllyschools.org.