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Andover High School Students Place First in Women of Science Competition

Andover, Mass. – Andover High School juniors Rohini Josh, Gabriella Castro-Rovira, and Anusha Handa earned first place in the 17th annual *Women of Science Scholarship* competition held at Bedford High School on Saturday, December 7, 2019. The competition involved 36 teams of junior and senior high school women competing in four science and engineering events. All events require skill in the areas of biology, chemistry, engineering, environmental science, math and physics. Teams compete as a group, and Rohini, Gabriella and Anusha represented AHS as Andover Team B.

"This is annual event is a great way for our students to showcase their knowledge in a variety of sciences," notes Dr. Stephen Sanborn, AHS Science program coordinator. "It's the collaborative atmosphere at the event that really allows our teams to shine. While it is a competition, I'm always proud of our teams' ability to work together."

"It's such a great honor to congratulate our students on their performance in the *Women of Science* competition," adds Andover High School Principal Philip Conrad. "The competition is a great way to celebrate women in science and allows our students the chance to discover the opportunities for their futures."

This is the second year a team from Andover High School won the competition. AHS was represented by a second team who placed fifth at the competition. Andover Team A is comprised of AHS seniors Mitali Gupte and Julianna Barbaro and junior Emily M. Chen. Gupte was on the 2018 winning team.

Front row (left to right): Mitali Gupte, Emily M. Chen, Julianna Barbaro
Back row (left to right): Rohini Josh, Gabriella Castro-Rovira, Anusha Handa

For their winning efforts, each of the team members will receive a $1000 scholarship award from the event organizers. The event is sponsored by Millipore Sigma and Thermo Fisher Scientific, with support from the University of Massachusetts Lowell and the Bedford Education Association.

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