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DEP and KEEP Honor Local Winners of Water Conservation Art and Poetry Contest

Date:	Thursday May 6, 2004
Time:	6:00 P.M.
Place:	The Gottesman Room of the Kessel Campus Center Pace University 861 Bedford Road Pleasantville, NY

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Kensico Environmental Enhancement Program (KEEP) will be honoring the winners of the Annual Kensico Watershed Water Conservation & Water Quality Preservation Art & Poetry Contest. The ceremony recognizes 6th and 7th grade students whose artwork and poems exhibit a superior understanding and appreciation of the water supply system and water conservation and preservation.

The contest invited 6th and 7th grade students from schools in the towns that surround the Kensico Reservoir to submit original works of art and poetry that address themes related to New York City Water System, the role that the Kensico Reservoir plays in the system, and the importance of water conservation and water quality preservation both locally and regionally. Entries are judged on their originality, craftsmanship and creativity.

In addition to welcoming comments by DEP Commissioner Christopher O. Ward, the event will include remarks by Angelo Spillo, who is Director of the Pace University Environmental Center and KEEP's co-Chairman. About 150 students, parent, teachers, administrators and invited guests are expected to attend. Winning entries will be displayed.

The New York City Water System provides 90% of Westchester County's drinking water, much of it from the Kensico Reservoir. A similar event will be held in Manhattan on May 7 to honor the 5th and 6th grade winners of the 18th Annual Water Conservation Art and Poetry Contest in New York City.