

Monmouth County Sheriff Promotes Community Awareness

In June, middle and high school students were recognized for completing the first Monmouth County (New Jersey) Sheriff's Office Community and County Awareness Program. The young men and women completed a series of visits to municipal and county organizations, conducted interviews, and submitted reports on their visits.

To receive a Community and County Awareness Award, students had to complete visits to local organizations, including the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office. Taking the awards were: Aryana Manik, Barkalow Middle School, Freehold; Melissa Kwong, Manalapan High School, Manalapan Township; John McGreevy, Lillian Drive School, Hazlet; and Michael Caggiano, Barkalow Middle School, Freehold.

The purpose of the program is to make students aware of the importance of participation and involvement in governmental bodies. Poseidon Early College High School Principal Richard Allen came up with the idea in discussion with Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden, noting that students no longer study civics in school.



Poseidon High School Principal Richard Allen, Aryana Manik, Clerk Christine Harlon, and Sheriff Shaun Golden

The students who completed the Community and County Awareness Program interviewed Executive Undersheriff Ted Freeman at the Police Academy, a division of the sheriff's office.

He noted that many of the parents who accompanied their children on the interviews indicated that they were amazed at what they learned about their community and county. 🌟