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Student from St. John the Baptist D.H.S. Spreads the Word on How to Educate and Protect Teenagers During Digital Age

WEST ISLIP, NY – As technology evolves, it becomes more important for our youth to become well informed about how to be safe online. On April 4th Dominique Napolitano, a junior from St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School in West Islip and a Bay Shore resident, attended the East West Institute's International Youth and Technology Forum, that was in partnership with Columbia University. This event featured experts in the field of cyber security, activists, and government representatives. Dominique helped by identifying new risks that teenagers face with today's technology.

"We need to empower youth to take this problem into our own hands and find solutions that will work for us," said Napolitano, stressing the need for early education on cyber security.

The spread of computers compounds the challenges of keeping youth safe online, particularly when children learn to use the internet before their parents. The International Youth and Technology Forum grew out of a working group aimed at protecting youth online.

"We are proud of Dominique's ambition to educate her peers on the risks that they could face while they're online. This event was an excellent platform for her to provide insight to the new challenges that we face," said Walter D. Lace, Principal at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School.

Photo Caption: Walter D. Lace, Principal, and Dominique Napolitano

About St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

About St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School: 1,700 students attend St. John the Baptist DHS, a college preparatory Catholic High School located on the south shore in West Islip. As part of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, St. John's offers a value-centered education that recognizes the unique talents and abilities of each child, while fostering a school environment that challenges students to reach their true potential. Open since 1966, St. John's offers a rigorous curriculum and extensive activity and athletic programs. Students have the opportunity to take numerous Advanced Placement classes and 99% of St. John's graduates continue on to higher education. For Mission Statement and additional information: www.sjbdhs.org