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2018 International Ocean Awareness Video Contest Recognition for Academy Student

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy’s 2016-17 8th grade Global Issues course students submitted projects to the Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Program’s 2017 Ocean Awareness Student Contest last spring. We are pleased to announce that Michael Sharashenidze '21 has received an honorable mention award in the film category for his documentary, “Microplastics.” Michael’s video was selected from nearly 900 entries worldwide.



[Microplastics by Michael Sharashenidze '21](#)

“When I see this waste, it triggers an emotional battle within me: do I pick up the trash or leave it?” said Michael. “However, the times when I do stop to properly dispose of the refuse fill me with pride. It makes me think that I am doing my part to change the world around me. I elected to make a documentary movie so that I can show people how even small actions can have a large impact on the earth’s oceans.”

“Michael is a dedicated student all around, but especially in tackling difficult topics and projects,” said Global Issues teacher, Lindsay Bowman. “He has proven himself a talented storyteller through documentary film and enjoys bringing awareness to important issues such as the health of our oceans.”

In her Global Issues course, Bowman helps students analyze important world issues facing people and government, and how those issues affect the global population. Through this project, students explored the connection between human activities and the health of the world’s oceans.

About Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs:

Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs is a Boston-based nonprofit whose mission is to empower the next generation of ocean caretakers through art, science, and advocacy. The Ocean Awareness Student Contest has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships to talented students since it began six years ago. Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Massachusetts, USA.

About Harrisburg Academy:

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17th oldest non-public school in the nation and Harrisburg’s only independent school. Our coed, diverse school community inspires students from age three through 12th grade by providing an academically challenging and globally minded liberal arts education focused on dynamic classroom experiences, strong student outcomes, and a commitment to character development. The Academy proudly stands as the first school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and merit scholarship.

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