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### **Local Student Represents New Hampshire in Prestigious Water Science Competition**

Meghana Avvaru, Nashua, NH, a student at Nashua High School South in Nashua, NH has been named the state winner of the 2017 Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) competition – the most prestigious youth award for a water-related science project. Selected for her project on *A Novel and Economical Approach for Testing Lead in Water at Home by Using a Combination of Infrared Spectroscopy and Colorimetry*, Meghana Avvaru represented NH at the national competition, June 16-18, 2017, in Charlotte, North Carolina. She competed against other young researchers from across the country for the opportunity to represent the United States at the international competition, which will take place in Stockholm, Sweden, this August during World Water Week.

“The state winner’s study was very timely and relevant to issues facing the water quality community”, said Mary Barry, Executive Director. “As a professional association of water quality experts, we were extremely proud to send Meghana Avvaru to the national competition.”

The purpose of the SJWP program is to increase student interest in water-related issues and to raise awareness about global water challenges. The competition is open to projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life through improvement of water quality, water resource management, water protection, and water and wastewater treatment.

In the United States, WEF and in New England NEWEA organize the SJWP competitions with support from Xylem Inc. WEF and NEWEA are not-for-profit technical and educational services organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the global water environment. NEWEA the organizer of the NH competition is one of WEF’s 81 Member Associations.

NEWEA is proudly recognizes these individuals for their efforts towards this mission in 2017. Congratulations! For more information about the competition, please visit [www.SJWP.org](http://www.SJWP.org).

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