

Governor's School Student Sends Sculpture to the Deep

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Chesapeake Bay Governor's School - Warsaw Campus (CBGS) sophomore Mercedes Fortune, a student at Essex High School, was selected as a winner in the 2013 J-aRt contest. This national contest, sponsored by the Consortium for Ocean Leadership's Deep Earth Academy, invited students ages 5-25 to submit styrofoam sculptures for judging in multiple science categories. Mercedes created her abstract art sculpture which somewhat resembles the tilted and jumbled layers of Earth's crust, as a project for science teacher Bethany Smith's Foundations of Science class. Mercedes will now mail her sculpture to the scientific ocean drilling ship JOIDES Resolution where it will be sent to the deep sea during a scientific drilling research expedition. Because of the intense pressure in the deep sea, Mercedes' sculpture will shrink dramatically! CBGS students will get to watch Mercedes' sculpture descend into the deep via a live ship-to-shore interaction with the JOIDES Resolution in May.

Photo Caption: Chesapeake Bay Governor's School – Warsaw sophomore Mercedes Fortune (Essex County) displays her J-aRt Contest winning sculpture.