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### **MASD Sisters Claim Science Essay Contest Honors**

Moon Area High School junior April Peng and Moon Area Middle School seventh-grade student Jessica Peng recently received Honorable Mentions in the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh's 2009-10 Science Essay Contest.

Only 13 students placed in each of the competition's middle and high school divisions. The competition welcomed entries from students in 68 counties in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia

April competed again sophomores, juniors and seniors with her essay that explained what global warning meant to her and what she believed should be done to address related issues.

Jessica's essay, which was rated by a panel of 14 Society judges against other submissions from competing seventh-graders, eighth-graders and freshmen, detailed her ideas for new ways and policies to recycle conserve or create new fresh water sources.

The annual essay contest is one way in which the non-profit Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh seeks to promote science education at all levels. The Society provides awards, grants and scholarships both locally and nationwide and also offers workshops and science competitions to foster analytical thinking.

According to the Society's Web site, the organization was chartered in 1942 by a group of chemists and research analysts to provide a forum to interchange ideas and develop solutions to analytical chemistry problems.