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Local High School Student Chosen as Ledge Light Health District 2012 Public Health Intern

Ledge Light Health District is providing an extraordinary experience for one local high school student interested in the field of public health.

Nicolás Francone of East Lyme was selected out of six applicants throughout New London County to work alongside Ledge Light Health District staff as the 2012 Harry A. Watson intern in the fields of health education, environmental health, communicable disease and epidemiology.

Over the six-week internship, Francone will assist in various public health activities, including the inspection of daycares, pools, and restaurants, the promotion of health education, the inspection of complaints, water sampling, the studying of infectious disease, and more.

Francone is an upcoming senior at East Lyme High School. He challenges himself by enrolling in various AP courses and is recognized as an AP Scholar with Honors. He is an Argentinean-American who speaks fluent Spanish and is an elected officer of the Spanish Honor Society. He enjoys promoting cultural awareness to his school peers and community.

This summer, Francone attended the Connecticut American Legion Boys' State High School Leadership Program and received the J. Dean Spencer award, which was presented for his outstanding participation in the legislative program.

He is currently volunteering at the William W. Backus Hospital and for the Chris Murphy for Senate and Joe Courtney for Congress Campaigns. He enjoys playing soccer and is a member of the varsity team.

Francone hopes to attend Tufts University to pursue a career in medicine.

The Harry A. Watson internship was established to honor the contributions of Harry Watson, a 1993 founding Board member of Ledge Light Health District who served as Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson until elected Mayor of the Town of Groton. The internship aims to educate high school students and counselors of excellent public health career opportunities.

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Ledge Light Health District provides professionally managed comprehensive public health services designed to improve the quality of life and health and safety of its residents. The District service area consists of East Lyme, Groton, Ledyard, New London and Waterford, with a service population of over 120,000.