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**GCHS Teacher Awarded Science Research Fellowship**

Congratulations to Garden City High School science research teacher, Dr. Steven Gordon, for being selected as one of 200 teachers nationwide to meet with the Regeneron Science Talent Search organizers and research teachers at Regeneron's Science Research Teachers Conference in Washington, D.C. on September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The conference was co-sponsored by the Society for Science & the Public. Dr. Gordon is pictured here at the conference.

The Regeneron Science Talent Search (Regeneron STS), formerly known as the Intel STS, is the nation's most prestigious science research competition for high school seniors. Since 1942, first in partnership with Westinghouse, then with Intel 1998-2016, and now with Regeneron, the Science Talent Search (STS) has served as the national stage for the country's best and brightest young scientists to present original research to nationally recognized professional scientists.

Dr. Steven Gordon was also an invited guest of the Northeast Regional Conference of the Association for Science Teacher Education on the afternoon and evening of Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Regeneron Corporation, a global biotechnology company, based in Tarrytown, New York. The event began with introductory remarks by George Yancopoulos, MD, Ph.D., co-founder of Regeneron, during which he listed all of his science teachers from K-12 and thanked them. Dr. Gordon attended breakout sessions with Regeneron scientists working in fields such as Cardiovascular research, Neuroscience, and Genetics. The researchers explained the laboratory mentorship programs for high school and undergraduate students, STEM teachers, and postdoctoral Fellows.

Additionally, Dr. Gordon was selected for a Regeneron STEM internship at the Regeneron Corporation. Dr. Gordon will be attending a two-week mentorship program over the summer of 2017 at Regeneron co-sponsored by the NASA Endeavor STEM Teaching Certificate Program, and the STEM Leadership Center ([stemcenter.org](http://stemcenter.org)). The mentorship will focus on experimental design, statistics, data presentation, and building research partnerships. As the new sponsor of the Science Talent Search, Regeneron has committed over \$100 million dollars to STEM education.

"I am so grateful that I was selected to attend because it was very important, actually essential, training for running and planning the future of research programs," shared Dr. Gordon. "It will be great for our research students!" concurred Dr. Elena Cascio, coordinator of the district's 6-12 science program.