Each spring in Albany, NY, young scientists representing high schools from Westchester County to Western New York State present the results of original scientific research before 600+ fellow students, teachers, mentors and judges at the Upstate New York Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (Upstate NY JSHS).

For most of the students, these presentations represent the culmination of a three year Science Research in the High School program that unites students, teachers and mentors in common research experience. This program has cultivated future scientists from schools in every region of the state.

The high school students chosen to present at the Upstate NY JSHS are finalists from sub-regional forums. Of the hundreds of students who present their papers at these sub-regional forums, only forty-two are chosen statewide to present at the Upstate NY JSHS in Albany.

On day one of the Upstate NY JSHS, one finalist is chosen from each of six concurrent sessions. On day two of the symposium, all of the first round winners present before a new team of judges and are ranked from one to six. Scholarships are awarded to first, second, and third place winners. Students ranked one through five are given an expense paid trip to compete in the national JSHS with the sixth ranking student as an alternate.

Over the past twenty years, the Upstate New York JSHS has produced more than five first or second place winners at the national JSHS.

In addition to student presentations and awards, the symposium features a keynote address by a current scientist, and workshops for students and teachers by scientists and scholars working in a variety of fields.

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For more information on the Upstate NY JSHS, visit [www.albany.edu/jshs](http://www.albany.edu/jshs).