

Also this year, the board, with the cooperation of two county high schools, planted 100 American chestnut seedlings. The chestnut was devastated by a blight in the early 1900s, and these seedlings have been developed with the hope that they may prove resistant to the blight. Their growth will be monitored by students at the schools.

The Envirothon is a nationwide, and even

schools. This year, the board, as in previous years, provided assistance in running the county competition. In 2017, the national competition, for U.S. state and Canadian province championships will be in Maryland and the board is planning the assistance it will offer.

A program running for decades and organized by the many forestry boards and Allegany Community College is the Natural Resources

ing organized hands-on activities and field trips all day and into the evening that provide the students with instruction and experience in many natural resources careers. This year, the Harford County board interviewed an applicant for the camp and then paid the applicant's camp fees. In past years, the board has funded up to four applicants. The web site for the

The Forestry Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the DNR office in the Mary Risteanu Building in Bel Air. The public is welcome to attend; however, please verify the date and time, as there are occasional schedule changes. To contact the board, call the DNR at 410 836-4564 and speak to the board liaison Frank Lopez.

# Teen spends two weeks at Yale, four at MIT

John Carroll School student Sahil Menon, 16, of Bel Air, recently completed the Yale Global Scholars Program, spending two weeks at Yale University.

The scholars program is a selective leadership development program for high school students designed to help them make meaningful impacts as young leaders, even before they begin university studies, according to Yale University's website.

Sahil spent two weeks on the Connecticut university's campus packing a toolkit with skills in critical thinking, working with diverse groups of students from around the world and leadership communication that he plans to use in various local leadership roles, including as a member of the We Cancerve Movement Inc.'s all-youth board of advisors.

The We Cancerve Movement is a Harford County-based nonprofit organization that brings happiness to homeless, sick and foster children through a series of programs and initiatives. As a board member, Sahil helps create and lead projects, and is responsible for helping to inspire other youth to support projects that benefit homeless, sick and foster children.

"Sahil has really big ideas that help us think about ways technology can benefit the positive work we're already doing in the community,"



John Carroll student Sahil Menon spent four weeks this summer at MIT as part of an entrepreneurial program and two weeks at Yale in a global scholars program.

said Grace E. G. Callwood, 11, We Cancerve's founding president and chair of the board of advisors. "His vision for We Cancerve encourages me because he's thinking about ways we can expand our programs into areas we haven't thought about before and he has really creative

ideas on how to do that. He's a great addition to our team and I'm excited about the information he's bringing back to share with the board."

Sahil opted for the Yale program's technology, innovation and entrepreneurship track, which was one of six intensive, interdisciplinary

pre-collegiate experiences he could choose from during the summer session. The sessions were designed to give high school student leaders opportunities to recognize and understand contemporary global issues, strategize responses and innovate solutions while learning from renowned practitioners and Yale faculty members in a range of fields.

Earlier this summer, Sahil attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for its four-week program MIT Launch Summer. Its website defines the program as bringing "together high school students from around the U.S. and world each summer to MIT to become entrepreneurs. The program connects students to many of the best entrepreneurial networks and leaders across camps for instruction and best practices, engraining them in the MIT culture of Mens et Manus – mind and hand."

He was also recently awarded by John Carroll the Annie Cumpston Memorial Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement and community service. The scholarship honors the 6-year-old who, in 2003, was killed by a drunk driver. The scholarship and Annie's Playground in Fallston honor her memory.

For more information about the We Cancerve Movement, visit [www.wecancerve.org](http://www.wecancerve.org) or email [peoplewhocare@wecancerve.org](mailto:peoplewhocare@wecancerve.org).