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## **Darien Student Wins 2nd Place 8th Grade State Energy-Use Contest**

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Mariam Ghaloo, a Darien student, was honored last week, in a ceremony held at the State Capitol, as a finalist in a statewide student contest on using energy wisely.

Ghaloo won second place in the category for 8th graders with a public service announcement about how insulation can help a consumer save money. She was honored last week at the State Capitol as a finalist in the competition, the 12<sup>th</sup> annual "*eesmarts* Student Contest"

Presented by Energize Connecticut in partnership with Eversource and the United Illuminating Company (UI), Connecticut Natural Gas, and the Southern Connecticut Gas Company, the *eesmarts* Student Contest invites Connecticut students in grades K-12 and college to create projects about energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainability.

Mariam's project was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Grade 8 category. She prepared a public service announcement about insulation and how it can help a household save energy. Mariam received a \$100

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Amazon gift card and plaque.

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The ceremony attracted more than 150 students, parents, teachers, elected officials, and clean energy supporters from across the state in celebration of the students' hard work.

Tracy Babbage of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection was the keynote speaker for the event, and NBC Connecticut anchor and education reporter Todd Piro served as Master of Ceremonies.

For more information on the student contest and the *eesmarts* program, please visit [www.eesmarts.com](http://www.eesmarts.com).

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