

# St. Agnes technology students are national champions



*St. Agnes' fifth grade technology "Space Spectors" team was chosen for Most Creative solution for Space Day 2006.*

A team of St. Agnes School fifth grade technology students will be recognized on May 4 at the Space Day National Celebration at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. St. Agnes School's "Space Spectors" team has been chosen as one of 21 "Stellar" Design Challenges teams for Space Day 2006.

Their solution, TONY was chosen for Most Creative. The students will be honored by astronauts and other dignitaries in a special ceremony hosted by NASA for their "Stellar" Solution.

The Space Spectors team of Jesse Bennett, Rebecca Drexler,

David Maginn, Graham Masi, Zachary Rizzolo and Nathan Taylor designed a mechanical device, TONY, which astronauts could quickly and easily operate and allows them to retrieve an object that is out of reach. The design needed to be able to extend at least 100 centimeters beyond its size when closed or collapsed. The students used teamwork and cooperation to win the challenge.

Winners were selected by a team of educational experts from a field of 259 submissions from 23 states and one foreign country. The Space Spectors Team was the only winning entry from New York State.

Learn more about Space Day online at [www.spaceday.org](http://www.spaceday.org).