



# New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders

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## Local Teacher and Student Honored by New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome

*Monmouth County Women Named “Teacher of the Year” and Ocean County Student Wins Scholarship*

Somerville, NJ- A teacher and a student from the Jersey Shore area were honored at New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome’s annual recognition dinner. The Rumson teacher’s dedication to helping students with Tourette Syndrome earned her a “Teacher of the Year” distinction and a Toms River senior won an NJCTS Scholarship award. The ceremony took place May 28 at Rutgers University’s Life Sciences Institute.

“NJCTS Teacher of the Year” Award Winners Include:

- **Carissa Campanella**, a first grade teacher at **Deane Porter Elementary School in Rumson**.

2008 NJCTS Scholarship Winners Include:

- **Christopher Ratshin of Toms River**. He is a senior at Monsignor Donovan High School and will be attending Ursinus College in Pennsylvania.

New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome awards its “Teacher of the Year” award to educators who go above and beyond their classroom duty to reach out to students with TS. NJCTS offers in-service training to teachers and recognizes those who apply strategy and compassion to create an exceptional learning environment for students with TS and associated neurological disorders.

NJCTS offers \$1,500 in annual scholarships. Recipients are college-bound high school seniors chosen for their academic performance and life experiences dealing with Tourette Syndrome. Mr. Ratshin won a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

EDITORS: PLEASE CONTACT NJCTS FOR PICTURES OF THE AWARD RECIPIENTS.

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*New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome is a multi-disciplinary, cross-institutional program employing the resources of Rutgers University, healthcare professionals, the world’s first TS genetics repository and Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey. NJCTS provides diagnosis and treatment referral services, training for a new generation of professionals qualified to work with individuals with TS, and insights that can lead to better treatments or even a cure.*

