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Commack High School Students Receive Recognition From the Suffolk County Legislature



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Hauppauge, NY - Jerina Porterfield, receptionist at United Cerebral Palsy of Suffolk joined Suffolk County Legislator Lynne C. Nowick (13th District) at a recent session of the Legislature to recognize Commack High School Students for their Engineering accomplishments. Under the supervision of teacher Richard Kurtz, Commack High embarked upon a unique learning experience. As participants in a national engineering competition, the students designed and built adapted technology to assist Jerina in the workplace. The NOW (New Office Workspace), a custom made universal integrated system of products won the students 2nd Place in a National competition, from a field of 250 entries, while enhancing Jerina's workspace at UCP Suffolk.

According to Jerina, "I knew these students were on to something great! The best thing about the office equipment these kids designed is that I am able to do things with my right hand! Before I was limited to using my left hand for everything at work." She continued, "With competitions like this one inspiring kids to think out of the box, and youngsters anxious to take on such challenges, I can definitely see a future life without limits for people with disabilities."

About United Cerebral Palsy: UCP Suffolk, based in Hauppauge, NY, provides services to 4,000 children and adults with a variety of disabilities annually throughout Suffolk county, sixty five percent of whom have a disability other than cerebral palsy. The Children's Center offers early intervention, preschool and school age educational programs. Programs for adults include adult day services, job training and placement and residential opportunities. UCP also operates a comprehensive Health Center. For information, visit www.ucp-suffolk.org or call 631-232-0011.

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