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Southamptton Town Police Explorer Attends Harvard University



The Southamptton Town Police Explorer Sergeant Ashley Simons attended the elite Harvard University Summer Program this past week. Ashley applied with 4100 other applicants worldwide and was part of the 269 students chosen. Out of those 269 students, she was chosen to participate with 16 other students in an Apple Software Development Program which can be applied to cybersecurity, anti-hacking software, and computer investigation skills.

Ashley Simons is one of the original members of the Southamptton Town Police Explorers, which began in September of 2014. She manages a full academic and sport schedule, studies Chinese, as well as volunteers at her local library, serving and assisting our Veterans, and volunteers and assists her church. Ashley is one of our many outstanding students that participates in the Explorer program and takes on many responsibilities within the Explorer Program, such as establishing and maintaining The Southamptton Town Police Explorers Facebook Page, created bumper stickers for fundraising, and arranged a coat drive this past winter. Besides the bi-monthly meetings Ashley regularly attends community functions with the Police Department. Ashley has shown her dedication to her studies and the Explorer Program and her innovative ideas have helped expand the program and raise valuable funds needed to continue the Southamptton Town Police Explorers. We are all very proud of Ashley's accomplishments and have no doubt this young woman will continue to do great things.

For further information on how to join the Southampton Town Police Explorers please contact Lt. Susan Ralph at sralph@southamptownny.gov or 631-702-2247.

