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Port Chester Middle School Students Score in Lead2Feed for Second Year in a Row



Students in Alison Silverman's Family and Consumer Science classes at Port Chester Middle School have again won national recognition from the Lead2Feed organization. In total, this year the PCMS students won \$11,000 for two charities and \$6,000 in technology products for Port Chester Middle School.

PCMS FACS classes submitted three projects this year to this national competition and two earned awards.

One of the projects – called PCMS Rams Out ALD -- won 2nd place nationally, \$10,000 for the charity ALD Connect and \$5,000 worth of technology for PCMS. The students organized a large walk-a-thon at their school in October 2016 to raise money for PCMS security guard Paul Rojas who has two sons fighting Adrenoleukodystrophy.

[ALD Connect](#) works to improve health outcomes for patients with Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) by empowering patients, raising awareness, and accelerating the translation of scientific advances into better clinical care. ALD is a deadly genetic disease that affects the brain by destroying myelin, the protective sheath that surrounds the brain's neurons.

The students will be presenting a check for the \$10,000 to ALD Connect on Thursday June 15 at 10:00 am in the Port Chester Middle School auditorium. Jean Kelley, who is the face of ALD advocacy in Connecticut, also will attend the ceremony.

The PCMS students also won an honorable mention for their Compassionate Cafe project. They set up a cafe inside the Family and Consumer Science classroom and sold drinks

to students and staff. More than \$1,100 was raised for Not For Sale, an organization that fights modern day slavery and human trafficking.

For this honorable mention the students received \$1,000 which will be donated to [WE Charity](#), a global non-profit that empowers communities to lift themselves out of poverty. An additional \$1,000 in technology was awarded for this honorable mention.

Over 5000 schools and 1 million students across the nation participated in Lead2Feed this school year. Lead2Feed is a national program to nurture leadership skills in students while working to meet a community need. The Lead2Feed Challenge offers \$275,000 in charity grants and \$170,000 in technology products for winning schools or clubs each year. [More information on the Challenge](#).