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**LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN VISITS PARK SHORE
SCIENCE ACADEMY**

Students Experience daVinci Surgical Robot and STEM Enrichment



Pictured-l-r Science Academy Director Julian Aptowitz, Park Shore Owner, Bob Budah, Legislator Steve Stern, Huntington Councilwoman Susan A. Berland, HHH Board Vice-President Betty DeSabato, HHH Board member Diana Acampora, Christian Fogarazzo, HHH Director of Science



Legislator Stern rides a Hovercraft

HUNTINGTON, NY – Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington, 16th LD) toured the Park Shore Day Camp Science Academy and viewed the daVinci Surgical Robot, which is used by surgeons for complex medical procedures. Dr. Ben Schwartz, a surgeon at Good Samaritan Hospital arranged for exhibition of the robot.

Legislator Stern was joined by Huntington Councilwoman Susan A. Berland, HHH BOE Vice-President Betty DeSabato, HHH BOE Trustee Diana Acampora and HHH Director of Science, Christian Fogarazzo.

The Science Academy program at Park Shore Country Day Camp was founded last year to provide hands-on science learning for campers in either a half-day or full-day program. The program's director, Julian Aptowitz, teaches Physics at Half Hollow Hills High (HHH) School West and is the Coach of the award winning HHH "Thundercolts" Robotics team. The program provides instruction in earth science, marine science and robotics, providing varied enrichment learning for campers. Students at the Academy have had the opportunity to use the Da Vinci Robot, as well as a 3-D printer.

"I am pleased to join with Park Shore Owners, Bob and Chuck Budah, Julian Aptowitz and the entire staff of the Park Shore Science Academy to celebrate the Academy's success. I applaud Bob and Chuck Budah's passion and foresight in developing this outstanding program, which has grown tremendously after only one year, to better prepare our young people for the workplace and world they will help to create. Thanks also to Dr. Schwartz for providing students with the opportunity to experiment with this extraordinary technology. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs, particularly hands-on inter-active learning for young children, will not only prepare our students for tomorrow's careers, but spark creativity, curiosity and a love of learning that will serve them well throughout their lives."