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Senator Martins Honors Wheatley Soccer Champions

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Senator Jack M. Martins visited the Wheatley School to congratulate the members of the boy's soccer team who captured the Long Island Class B championship, the school's first since 2004.

The Wildcats defeated Cold Spring Harbor 1-0 to become Long Island champions. Senior Jonathan Kowalczyk scored the winning goal after teammate, junior Daniel Solomon, attempted a shot with 47 seconds left in the second overtime. Junior goaltender Eric

Orologio made five saves in the shutout win.

Senator Martins awarded each of the student-athletes with a Certificate of Merit and congratulated the team as well as head coach Steve Cadet and assistant coach Marco DaFonte on an outstanding season. The team then presented Senator Martins with a plaque with a team photo and roster on it.

“This championship is something these young men will never forget. To win any championship, it takes an entire team. They committed themselves to team defense, allowing only two goals in their last eight games, and were able to score big goals. Congratulations to the players, coaches and parents on an outstanding season,” Senator Martins said.

The members of the Wheatley Wildcats are: Brian Quinn, Eric Orologio, Brett Feldman, Charley Cooper, Zach Rogers, William (BJ) Schiela, Zach Kreuger, Sean Kirschner, Landon Baker, Josh Kotin, Matt Huhn, Alex Butkin, Brian Engbarth, Jason Clark, Michael Doherty, Max Silverman, David Vakili, Max Miller, Phil Lima, Greg Carlin, Jonathan Kowalczyk, Daniel Solomon, Greg Pfadenhauer, Jacob Dinetz, Jason DaFonte, Brian Delay and Michael Covas.