

2011 AWARD WINNERS



Caddy Scholarship Award – Jack Williams

A caddy at Somerset Hills Country Club since 2007, Jack is a recent graduate of Seton Hall Prep and will begin Honors Studies at Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH, in the fall with a dual concentration in Philosophy and Theology. Jack has been highly involved in his parish youth group, regularly leading student retreats and participating in annual summer programs to help the developmentally disabled and to build homes through Habitat for Humanity. While at Franciscan, Jack hopes to study abroad for a semester in Austria. He plans to pursue a career in either education or law.



General Scholarship Award in honor of Carmen DiGiovanni – Mary Finnegan

Mary will be entering Villanova University where she plans a double major in history and Spanish. She graduated in 2011 as valedictorian of Warren Hills High School. At Warren Hills she served as president of the Key Club, vice president of Spring Challenge Reading Club and was an active member in NHS and Students Against Vandalizing the Earth. Mary loves to be engaged in her local community and started the Washington Community Garden to give locals a chance to grow fresh vegetables and test their hands in the soil. She hopes to continue to connect with others through service in her years at Villanova.



General Scholarship Award in memory of Teddy Hajjar – Melody Wu

A 2010 graduate of Hanover Park High School, Melody completed her first year at Harvard University where she is majoring in East Asian Studies in Economics. She is a member of the kendo (Japanese fencing) team and the Taiwanese Cultural Society. Melody plans to concentrate on Japanese courses in the fall semester and hopes to intern in Japan next summer. She would like to start a volunteer program at Harvard supporting local animal shelters in the Boston area and if time permits, she hopes to dance “hip hop.”



Seton Hall Prep Award in memory of Anne DiGaudio – Mikal Taveras

Mikal graduated from Ironbound Catholic Academy in Newark, NJ, and will enter his sophomore year at Seton Hall Prep. He participated in the guitar and Car Clubs along with the Varsity Rifle Club. In order to get the most out of his Prep experience and to insert himself into the community, Mikael plans to join the Future Leaders of America club and the Knights of Setonia. He also plans to challenge himself academically by taking AP courses.



The Harding School Award –Dorothy Lee

Dorothy has consistently been on high honor roll and honor roll throughout her years at the Harding Township School. She was a member of the yearbook committee, school chorus, student council, and the gifted and talented program (Quest). Dorothy also played soccer and basketball while at Harding. Dorothy will be a freshman at Madison High School this fall.

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Camp Dudley Scholarship Fund

For 126 years, Dudley has remained true to its original mission: to develop boys' moral, personal and physical skills in the spirit of fellowship and fun. One of the reasons Camp Dudley has continued to thrive since 1885, providing magical summer experiences for thousands of young people, is because of the timelessness of its motto—"The Other Fellow First"—a motto that resonates through every stages of a man's life. The William J. Schmidt Annual Scholarship Fund's goal is to raise money to enable boys and young men to attend Dudley who would not otherwise have the opportunity.



Wesley College Student Leadership Program

Wesley College, Dover, DE, is a small, liberal arts college ethnically diverse and comprised of more than 40 percent first generation students. The new leadership program will enable Wesley to expand its priority goal of improving college success for incoming first generation and minority freshmen as they transition from high school to college. The primary goals of this program is to provide an understanding of the college campus culture and how to navigate the complexity of college life, to develop networks to be successful on campus and to help participants develop a clear sense of their leadership skills, learning styles and the positive impact involvement in campus life can have on future endeavors.



The University of Vermont Urban Partnership Program

Founded in 2000, the Urban Partnership Program at UVM, Burlington, VT, takes a comprehensive, pro-active approach towards students in inner city high schools beginning as early as ninth grade. Teachers and advisors from the UVM campus mentor students and build a relationship with talented, inner city students to provide knowledge and guidance about the world of higher education that students from more affluent schools tend to take for granted.