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Community service scholarships are awarded

By Julie Lange, Staff Writer

Chester – Borough dentist David Goteiner and his wife Carrie place a high value on service to the community.

That's why, for the past 16 years, they have been funding a scholarship program for graduating seniors who contribute to their communities through service.

A single student from each of five area schools is nominated by fellow students to receive the award for his or her school. In addition to a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond, each winner receives a certificate for framing.

"But what's most important is that they are acknowledged by their class for all the good work they do quietly, without expecting any recognition," Goteiner said.

The 2003 winners are: Renee Vaccaro of West Morris Mendham High School, Kelly Roth of West Morris Central High School, Raha Ghafurian of Randolph High School, Kaitlyn Kelly of Roxbury High School, James Yauch of Mount Olive High School and Terri Greszczak of Hackettstown High School.

There are three criteria for selecting the scholarship winners. The first is that the student does not seek recognition. The second is that the student demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability. The third criterion is that the student exemplifies a citizen who cares for and contributes to the community through action.

Kelly Roth

The recipient for West Morris Central High School is Kelly B. Roth of Long Valley, who was selected by the officers of the Student Council and its scholarship committee. Roth has been a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society for the past two years and held the lead role in the school's spring musical. She is also a member of Loreleis, an acappella singing group.

In addition to her many school activities and achievements, Roth has been an active volunteer in a variety of ways. She worked over 100 hours as a Girl Scout volunteer by holding numerous community workshops and events, and is currently working towards her Girl Scout Gold Award, which involves more than 50 hours of service on a dedicated project. She was also an assistant teacher at the Long Valley Presbyterian Church during vacation bible school for two years.

Tara Cavuto

Tara Cavuto of Chester won the scholarship for West Morris Central High School. She plans to attend Landmark College in Putney, Vt., in the fall.

In describing Cavuto, the school service club advisor, Barbara Kutt, wrote: "Tara has been an active, reliable, responsible member of the service club for all four years. She is a wonderful, kind, caring young lady who contributes to the school and the community. She will be receiving a Gold Award, the Girl Scout's highest award, in June.

Raha Ghafurian

Raha Ghafurian was selected as Randolph High School's winner of the community service award. She plans to become a dentist and has been accepted to several schools. She is ranked second in her class, after her twin sister who is ranked first, and is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society. She was chosen to attend the Governor's School of International Relations last summer at Ramapo College. She has also served as class treasurer for four years, plays trombone with the marching band and plays several sports.

Much of Ghafurian's community service revolved around the Red Cross. She serves as communications director of Morris County's chapter and is a member of the Red Cross Youth Council and co-founder of the high school's Red Cross Club.

Kaitlyn Kelly

Kaitlyn Kelly is the winner of the community service award for Roxbury High School. She has been a Morris County ARC volunteer for the past three years. As a member of the school's Student Council she has volunteered her service for four blood drives and helped collect 1200 toys for Pediatric Cancer Ward at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

She also worked on the "senior citizen's prom," helped run the Junior Carnival, and served on the prom committees for the class of 2003.

Kelly plans to pursue a career as a teacher, possibly in special education.

James Yauch

At the Mount Olive High School, James Yauch has been selected to receive the community service award. Yauch is a three-year member and current president of the school's Amnesty International chapter as well as editor of the literary magazine and president of the drama club. The school faculty has twice recognized him as Extracurricular Student of the Month. He plans to use his artistic talents in the field of advertising or graphic arts after finishing college.

He volunteers his time outside school as stage manager for a local theater group, and has been involved with Boy Scouting since sixth grade. He is currently a candidate for the Rank of Eagle Scout.

Teri Greszczak

Teri Greszczak is the Hackettstown High School student chosen to receive the community service award. She is a member of the National Art Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars and holds junior varsity and varsity letters in marching

band, swimming, track and fencing. She has been a lifeguard and water safety instructor at both the Hackettstown Community Pool and the Centenary College Pool.

She has been a busy volunteer in a variety of groups and organizations, including the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the local fire department's fire safety inspection program and the Sea Dragon Aquatic Club for which she served as volunteer swim team coach. She has also earned the Girl Scout Silver and Gold Awards as well as the Girl Scout Leadership Award.