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### **CRMC Honors Teenage Volunteers**

Anyone who doubts the dedication of today's teenagers need only have attended the Teen Age Volunteer (TAV) Awards Ceremony at Cortland Regional Medical Center. A total of 79 students were on this year's TAV roster, with many of them providing multiple years of service throughout their high school careers. Recognition awards were presented ranging from 50 hours to 700 hours of service. In addition, nine scholarships totaling \$11,750 were awarded to six graduating high school seniors.

This year's class of teen volunteers amassed a total of nearly 4,800 hours of service to the medical center. The students' contributions were felt throughout CRMC and included areas such as: nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, clerical, laboratory, and the coffee shop. They also provided assistance to staff in the Cortland Regional Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Pins were presented to TAVs who exceeded 50 and 100 volunteer hours plateaus. Red, white, and blue bars were also awarded for service in auxiliary areas, nursing units, and various departments. Special stuffed animals were presented as farewell mementos to the graduating senior boys and girls.

Trophies were presented to the "Outstanding TAV of the Year", recognition for the student(s) who volunteered the most hours during the past year. This award went to Chad Bennett and Natalie Winters. A second trophy recognizing the "New Teenage Volunteer of the Year" was given to Joel Darmento.

A highlight of the evening was the announcement of the winners of the three memorial

scholarships and the six CRMC Auxiliary scholarships awarded to college-bound seniors. The scholarship winners had contributed a total of 1,186 volunteer hours to the medical center over the course of their high school careers.

The Lorraine McCarthy Scholarship, named in honor of a former CRMC nurse and TAV supervisor, was presented to Jessica Birtwell. The award is intended to help further the education of a student interested in a nursing or medical career. In addition, Jessica received a CRMC Auxiliary Scholarship. A graduate of Cortland High School, Jessica is the daughter of Kevin and Karen Birtwell. She plans to attend SUNY-Alfred and major in Nursing.

Kelly Noble, daughter of Donald and Karen Noble, was awarded the Thomas D. and Lucille F. Garrity TAV Scholarship. She also received a CRMC Auxiliary Scholarship. Kelly graduated from Homer High School and will attend Nazareth College as part of the pre-Medicine program.

The Evelyn Crofoot Scholarship, sponsored by the Loyal Circle of King's Daughters, was given to Nicole Jenney. This scholarship is awarded to a student intending to pursue a career in nursing. Nicole also received a CRMC Auxiliary Scholarship. A graduate of Cortland High School, she plans to attend the Crouse Hospital School of Nursing. Nicole is the daughter of Mark Jenney and Carolyn Williams.

Three other students were presented CRMC Auxiliary Scholarships. They are: Kirsten Mitchell-Compton, Courtney Hotchkiss, and Mary Lansdowne.

Kirsten Mitchell-Compton, daughter of Michael Compton and Renee Mitchell, will continue her education at Tompkins Cortland Community College, majoring in Education. Kirsten is a Homer High School graduate.

Courtney Hotchkiss, daughter of Chris and Denise Hotchkiss, is a graduate of Cortland High School. Courtney plans to attend Canisius College in the fall and major in Business.

Mary Lansdowne, daughter of Wesley and Linda Lansdowne, is also a graduate of Homer High School. She will attend St. John Fisher College to study towards a degree in Pharmacy.

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