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Prince William County–Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce Honors Nine Scholarship Recipients

MANASSAS, VA — The Prince William County–Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce honored nine scholarship recipients at the annual Education “Honor Roll” Breakfast held on Tuesday, April 24th at the **Best Western Battlefield Inn** in Manassas. The event was sponsored by the **Prince William Education Association**.

Three students were awarded scholarships in each of three categories. In the Science/Technology category, the recipients are: Erin Dale, Forest Park Senior High School; Giana Solomon, Manassas Park High School and Brittany Wootten, Osbourn Park High School. Students receiving a Career/Technical scholarship are: Danielle Bradley, Osbourn High School; Virginia Nguyen, Woodbridge Senior High School and Thomas Rodina, Osbourn Park High School. Finally, in the Leadership category, the recipients are: Stephanie Araujo, Emmanuel Christian School; Micah Hafich, Potomac Senior High School and Lila Jividen, Osbourn High School. Each applicant was required to submit their plans after leaving high school, an overview of their community activities and an essay describing how their community service will impact their post-high school aspirations and goals. The GREATER Chamber’s Education Committee then scored the applications and the selections were made. The students will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship to attend an institution of higher learning. The actual awards will be presented at each student’s own school awards assembly.

The Science/Technology scholarship awards were funded by **Micron Technology Virginia**. The Leadership awards were funded by **Lockheed Martin MS2** and the Career/Technical awards were funded in part by a donation from **BAE Systems, Inc.**, from a portion of the proceeds of the GREATER Chamber’s Polar Bear Scramble held in March of this year and by voluntary member dues donations.

School superintendents from the three local jurisdictions, **Rae Darlington, Deputy Superintendent of Prince William County Public Schools; Dr. Thomas DeBolt, Superintendent of Manassas Park City Schools** and **Dr. Gail Pope, Superintendent of Manassas City Public Schools** were invited to speak at the breakfast.

Deputy Superintendent Rae Darlington thanked the business community for its support of the school system noting that every school in the system was now paired with at least one business partner. She also took the opportunity to present the school system’s Business Partners of the Year awards, honoring **Micron Technology Virginia** for its partnership with Mountain View Elementary School in Haymarket, **SYNERGY ONE Federal Credit Union** for the Reality Store in Brentsville District High School in Nokesville and the Kennedy Center for its partnership with the Prince William County Public School’s Department of Media Services.

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Dr. DeBolt, Superintendent of Manassas Park City Schools proudly described how the City of Manassas Park has worked diligently to replace three of its four original school buildings consisting of wooden modular trailers with state-of-the-art, high-performance, “green” facilities. The fourth, Cougar Upper Middle School, is scheduled to be completed in 2008. It will be situated on a campus with a new preschool facility.

Dr. Gail Pope, Superintendent of Manassas City Public Schools, stated that although her school system is challenged with the second highest percentage of new language learners in the state, Manassas City Public Schools are fully accredited and SAT scores are higher than the state average. She also acknowledged some of the businesses that are partnering with the school system including **BAE Systems, Lockheed Martin MS2, Micron Technology Virginia** and **SYNERGY ONE Federal Credit Union**.

Member companies in the education industry including: **A+ Academics; Carteret Mortgage Boys & Girls Club; Cavendo Corporation; Commerce Bank; George Mason University, Prince William Campus; Greater Manassas Tennis Association; Northern Virginia Issues Forums; Northern Virginia Community College, Manassas Campus; Tri-Ed Tutoring, LLC** and **University of Northern Virginia** took advantage of the opportunity to exhibit at the breakfast.



The Prince William County–Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce scholarship recipients were honored at the Education Honor Roll Breakfast held Tuesday, April 24th at Best Western Battlefield Inn. (Pictured from left to right): Micah Hafich, Potomac Senior High School; Lila Jividen, Osbourn High School; Danielle Bradley, Osbourn High School; Chamber Chair Joe Martin, Focuspoint, Inc.; Brittany Wooten, Osbourn Park High School; Giana Solomon, Manassas Park High School; Erin Dale, Forest Park Senior High School and Thomas Rodina, Osbourn Park High School. Not pictured, Stephanie Araujo, Emmanuel Christian School and Virginia Nguyen, Woodbridge Senior High School.

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