

Altrusa awards scholarships to area students

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Sarah Wenzel, chair of the Altrusa scholarship committee has announced the recent recipients of Altrusa scholarships for the 2012-13 school year.

From Tuscola High School, Sarah Rogers was the recipient of the \$1000 — Altrusa Memorial Scholarship. Also receiving Altrusa scholarships were: Patric Morgan, Jordan McCracken and Jean Skelton all receiving \$1000 each and Michala Muse receiving \$500.

From Pisgah High School, scholarship recipients were Maria Bachuk, Noah Henson and Jordan Mann all receiving \$500 each. Jessalyn Rathbone and Elizabeth Pina received \$1000 each.

Altrusa also gives scholarship awards each year to deserving “non-traditional” students. This year’s recipient is Bradley Brendell. Brendell has worked as a chef locally for many years. He is going back to school, beginning at Haywood Community College, to pursue a teaching degree. He was awarded the Joey Robison Scholarship for \$500 through Altrusa District Three Foundation.

In addition, several scholarships were renewed. Austin Chambers is continuing his studies at UNC Charlotte and received a \$1000 Altrusa scholarship renewal. And, Katie Harris, who is continuing her studies at Haywood Community College received a \$500 Altrusa scholarship renewal.

Altrusa also honors local vocational students with the “Vocational Student of the Month.” Honorees are nominated by school officials and selected by the Altrusa Scholarship Committee to recognize their commitment to academics and inspirational qualities. The students are presented with a gift and honored at an awards luncheon with their parents.

This year’s recipients include: Central Haywood High School: Cameron Cannon – February 2012 and Taylor Marie Young – November 2011. From Tuscola High School: (Katherine) Paige Green – December 2011, Jesse Rogers – March 2012, and Kelsey Myers – September 2011.

From Pisgah High School: Brooke Worley – January 2012, Shelley Fish – October 2011 and Micah James – April 2012.

Altrusa International of Waynesville is part of an international organization. Founded in 1917, Altrusa is a volunteer service organization of business and professional leaders, dedicated to improving their communities by personal service. Last year, Altrusans proudly gave over a million volunteer hours around the world, including clubs in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, England, Bermuda, Ireland, India, Scotland, New Zealand and Russia.

Since 1991, over \$90,000 in scholarship funds have been raised by the Waynesville Altrusa organization, primarily through the club’s annual “Soup and Cornbread Scholarship fundraiser” held each January in Waynesville, serving over 1000 meals for lunch and dinner. For more information, visit waynesvillealtrusa.org.



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