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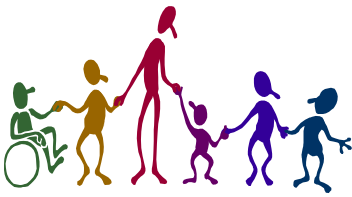
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The Helpers Fund awarded five \$1,000 scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year. Mary Jane Dower, head of the Scholarship Committee made her recommendations at the May 2009 Board Meeting where her recommendations were unanimously accepted.

There were three JSP Science Scholarships awarded, and two Helpers Fund Award Scholarships. The JSP Science Scholarship was endowed by a local family and administered by the Fund. It seeks students who intend to follow a course of study in the area of Science. There are no financial limitations on this scholarship, though the financial standing is a consideration. The Helpers Fund's Awards are for those students who are not following the traditional four year curriculum at a college or university, but may require some college attendance. Financial status is an important element in the awarding the scholarship.

The winners this year were:

1. Nicole Beers, JSP Science Scholarship, Schroon Lake Central School. Nicole maintained a 97.2 average and has been accepted to St. Lawrence University. She intends to pursue a pre-med curriculum. In her application she stated, "My amazement for everything scientific, and my passion for helping people has led me to pursue a career in the Medical Field." Ms. Celeste Barker, Nicole's Biology and Chemistry Teacher said, "As a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and several sports teams, Nicole has been a positive role model . . . She is selfless, whether it is volunteering to work with TBI patients, or donating her time serving food at a community soup kitchen". Ms. Rita Herbst, Nicole's Secondary Math Teacher said, "Nicole is a very caring individual. She is a participating member of the C.A.R.E. group. In 2006 she spent 9 days in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina helping those in need by sheet rocking, cleaning, mowing, and helping children in schools. Recently she helped organize a clothing drive for families in South America."
2. Davida Paniccia, JSP Science Scholarship, Warrensburg Central School. Davida's interest is in Biology, or a related area. She says, "I am interested in the fact that science is ever-changing and presents a challenge. I have always been interested in the way people act, and have always wondered why they act that way." Davida is the daughter of David & Laura Paniccia of Diamond Point, NY. Davida was seventh in her class and is going to Oswego State University. As her guidance counselor, Ms. Maureen Leitch said, "She is a member of the National Honor Society, has played field hockey for four years, tennis for two . . . was a peer leader for our sixth grade drug program." Mr. Bruce, Davida's Social Studies Teacher said, "Off our campus, Davida also participates actively in many civic duties including volunteer work at the local Residence Home for the retired".
3. Jena Allen, JSP Science Scholarship, North Warren Central School. Jena says of her interest in chemistry, "I greatly enjoy learning about how our world works on the smallest levels." The daughter of William & Maria Allen of Chestertown, Jena graduated with a 95.8 grade average. Jena has been accepted to the University of Texas at San Antonio. Bernard McCann, Jena's Social Studies teacher says about Jena: "Jena is not a follower. She marches down the road with head held high and never gives a second thought to regular teenage trivialities. Mature for her age, Jena has the capacity to look at a problem and reduce it to its least common denominator." Cheryl Walker had this to say about Jena: "I have seen Jena's artwork and read much of her poetry. She is extremely talented creatively, but what makes her even more unique is her burning desire to really make a difference in the world."



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4. Ashley Schloss, Helpers Award Scholarship, North Warren Central School. Ashley maintained a 90 average at North Warren. The daughter of William and Susan Schloss of Brant Lake, Ashley wants to pursue a career in radiology leading to her becoming a Ultrasound Technologist. In her own words Ashley said, "To ensure I would enjoy my career path in radiology, I decided to enroll at a local internship program my senior year of high school. My internship took place at the Warrensburg Hudson Headwaters Health Network center. Through this fifty-four hour experience I learned more about Radiology, the jobs within it, and had the chance to observe each position of Radiology first hand. . . . my career goals are to attend Adirondack Community College for two semesters, obtaining enough credits to apply to the Glens Falls Hospital Radiology Program." Ms. Kim Sabo had this to say about Ashley: "Ashley is academically outstanding and sets an example for other students in the classroom by always being prepared & continuously striving to do more with her educational opportunities."

5. Kyle McKenzie, Helpers Award Scholarship, North Warren Central School. Kyle faces a unique family situation, which has not stopped him from seeking his goal. He wants to pursue a career in the theatre, particularly in the production side of theater, hoping eventually to become a production manager at a theater. Financially independent Kyle will try to achieve his educational goals through scholarships, hard work, perseverance, and if necessary student loans. Maria Swartz sums it up best: "Kyle has been my student at North Warren Central School for the past six years. Kyle is an integral part of our school music program and takes most offered classes such as chorus, general music, AP Theory and History of American Musical Theater. Kyle has a passion for theatre and conducting, both of which have led him to break new ground as a student in our school."

All of us at the Fund wish you the very best in reaching and achieving your goals.