

NAPM-Pittsburgh Awards Six Scholarships

NAPM-Pittsburgh's May 18 dinner meeting featured the time-honored tradition of awarding a variety of scholarships through the John E. Murray Scholarship Program, which this year included three Member Sons & Daughters awards, two Pittsburgh Public Schools needs-based scholarships, and one Duquesne University Supply Chain Management scholarship.

Sons & Daughters scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 were awarded to Kaitlin Guarascio, daughter of member Edward Guarascio (Medrad, Inc.) and her mother Susie; John Gross, son of the late George Gross (deceased) and his mother Duchess; and Katherine Judd, daughter of member Loren Marr (FreeMarkets, Inc.) and her father Tom.

Two \$1,500 Pittsburgh Public Schools scholarships were awarded to Erecha Laney of Langley High School and Michael Marquis of Taylor Alderdice High School.

For the first time, the \$2,000 Duquesne University scholarship for students pursuing the Supply Chain Management degree was awarded—to Ileana Deptula.

There were no applicants this year for the \$390 C.P.M./A.P.P. scholarships to assist members with pursuing professional certification.

Kaitlin Guarascio is a graduate of Greensburg Central Catholic High School where she ranked 9th in a class of 118 and maintained a cumulative grade point average of 4.2. Kaitlin was active in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Italian Society, Math League, Mu Alpha Theta, Interact, Ambassadors Club, SAAD, AART, the school newspaper, and chorus. Her academic achievements also include National Youth Leadership Board, listing in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, National Honor Roll, and Highest Honor Roll. She's also accomplished in athletics including basketball and soccer, having lettered and played on championship teams in both, been a scoring leader in soccer, and won the HS Scholar Athlete Award. She also finds time to pursue her interest in concert piano and modeling. Kaitlin plans to attend University of Pittsburgh this fall where she will major in pre-med.

John Gross is a graduate of Quaker Valley High School where he held a class rank of 18th in a class of 159 and maintained a cumulative grade point average of 4.29. He's a member of the National Honor Society and maintained high honor roll status throughout high school. His school activities include Parliamentarian of the Youth and Government program, Math League, Bittersweet, and Quaker Quill, cross-country, tennis, and ski club. He's also involved in his church youth group, serves as religious education teacher and altar server, and coaches and referees soccer for several organizations. John plans to attend Carnegie Mellon University this fall where he'll major in business administration with a minor in finance.

Katherine Judd is a graduate of Moon Area High School where she ranked 36th in a class of 250 and maintained a 3.8 cumulative grade point average. She's consistently been on the honor roll and her activities include choir, Youth for Christ Club, tutoring, and the planning committee for the senior semi-formal. She's also been involved in kick boxing and guitar, Young Life Outreach Camp, youth group, girls' mentoring, and serving as youth group leader and summer camp counselor. Her community service includes a mission trip painting houses, food pantry service, Sunday school teacher, volunteer child care and World Vision. Katherine will attend University of Pittsburgh this fall where she will major in business administration.

Erecha Laney is a graduate of Langley High School where she ranked 7th in a class of 102 and maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.5. She is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, and is a senior executive. She also won the Pittsburgh Partnership Program Book Scholarship, which will fund books and her first six credits of tuition at Cheyney University where she will attend this fall to pursue a major in fashion design and merchandising. Throughout high school, Erecha maintained nearly full-time employment as she needed to support herself with no family assistance.

Michael Marquis is a graduate of Taylor Allderdice High School where he ranked 1st in a class of 340 and maintained a cumulative grade point average of 4.0. He was also named valedictorian of his class. As a music director, vocal coach, actor, and trumpet player, Michael was involved in the spring musical, community center musical, and music ensembles. He's also active in Spanish Club where his accomplishments include advanced proficiency award in Spanish and the second highest score in Regional Spanish Language Competition at Slippery Rock University. He also participated in leadership camp and storytime in Spanish, and worked part-time jobs year-round at a restaurant. Michael will attend Georgetown University this fall where he'll major in international business.

For the Duquesne University scholarship, Ileana Deptula has completed 79 credits towards her bachelor's degree in Supply Chain Management and has maintained a G.P.A. of 3.95. She has been on the Dean's List every semester and is a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Lambda Sigma Honor Society, and Golden Key International Honor Society. She has been active in NAPM-Pittsburgh as a student volunteer for Forums and dinner meetings and was elected President of the Duquesne University Supply Chain Council for 2004-2005. Ileana also serves as team leader for the Duquesne University orientation program, MC for the cystic fibrosis dance marathon, fundraising team member for Friends of Danang, and a big sister & mentor for the Duquesne University Big Sister & mentor program.

NAPM-Pittsburgh continues to lead the way among NAPM affiliates in the variety of scholarships offered and the level of total monetary support. The Board of Directors and Membership are to be congratulated.