



***The Junior League of Greater Princeton Announces
Volunteer Scholarship Recipients for 2012-13***

April 18, 2013, Princeton, NJ -- The Junior League of Greater Princeton (JLGP), a recognized leader in the community for developing women and promoting voluntarism, today announced the winners of the JLGP annual Volunteer Scholarship Awards.

Each year, the JLGP awards scholarships to female high school seniors who have demonstrated a strong commitment to community service and voluntarism. The two scholarships for which applicants may apply include a \$1,000 award for excellence and leadership in ongoing volunteer activities and a \$1,000 award for demonstrated leadership in a single community service volunteer project. Applicants must reside in the Junior League of Princeton service area (Mercer County, New Jersey, and Bucks County, Pennsylvania, as well as neighboring portions of Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Somerset Counties in New Jersey).

The winner for “Demonstrated Leadership in a Single Community Service Volunteer Project” is Nicole DeSario of Montgomery H.S. Ms. DeSario’s single volunteer project, MASK Theatre (Montgomery Advocates for Solidarity and Kindness), of which Nicole is the founder and President, is a student-run high school group which educates other young people about relationship abuse. MASK uses theatrical, dramatic and interactive techniques to convey its messages.

Three young women were selected to receive scholarships in the category of “Excellence and Leadership in Ongoing Volunteer Activities.” The winners were Kristin Thomas of Notre Dame High School, Arelys Cordera of Trenton Central High School and Victoria Spadafora of Central Bucks East High School in Doylestown, PA.

Ms. Thomas is President of the Semper Fido club, which raises funds to purchase service dogs for returning veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. She has volunteered with Project Appalachia, building and repairing homes in Kingwood, West Virginia, is a Gregorian Youth Ministry member, a mentor for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and a facilitator for Notre Dame Service Learning Program.

Ms. Cordero of Trenton volunteers with the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Special Olympics, Salvation Army, Canal Cleanup, YMCA Summer Kick Start, Kidney Walk, Relay for Life and is President of the Interact Volunteer Club at Trenton Central High School.

Ms. Spadafora works with the Patriot Tutoring Center, is a member of the National Honor Society and Key Club, plays and coaches volleyball and is involved in Youth Ministry.

Founded in 1921 in Trenton, the Junior League of Greater Princeton is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization of over 300 women living in the greater Princeton area. The JLGP is committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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