

Fayetteville, N.C. Youth Wins Top Scholarship for Service to Veterans

COLD SPRING, Ky. – Hannah N. Farmer has spent a total of 786 hours spanning a four-year period volunteering at the local Fayetteville, N.C., VA Medical Center and now she's \$20,000 ahead on her life dream of becoming a physician.

The 18-year-old is the recipient of DAV's top Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship, which is awarded annually to the top youth volunteer in DAV's Voluntary Services program. The scholarship is open to volunteers age 21 or younger who have contributed a minimum of 100 hours credited through DAV or DAV Auxiliary.

The scholarship will be presented at DAV's 94th National Convention Aug. 8 at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel in Denver.

"Hannah's compassion and care for veterans is truly remarkable," said DAV National Director of Voluntary Services John Kleindienst. "Her work ethic is incredible. This young lady works two jobs, has a 4.3 GPA in an honors program at her school and still dedicates what little spare time she has to caring for the veterans in her community who've sacrificed for our way of life."

"Hannah is an exceptional young person with a bright future ahead of her," said DAV National Adjutant Marc Burgess. "Her nomination package notes that she never waits to be assigned a task, but instead shows the initiative to get things done. Her dedication and positive attitude are traits I personally admire, and that I believe will make her a great medical doctor someday."

Other scholarship winners include:

Alain Carles of Miami – \$15,000

Sarah Pegouske of Portage, Mich. – \$10,000

Durga Ganesh of San Jose, Calif. – \$7,500

Andrew Warburton of Sewickley, Pa. – \$7,500

Jaspreet Kaur of North Little Rock, Ark. – \$5,000

Braden Newman of Jacksonville, Ark. – \$5,000

Taylor Puckett of Saline, Mich. – \$5,000

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