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NORTHPORT, N.Y., YOUTH WINS TOP DAV SCHOLARSHIP

WASHINGTON— Max Freeman of Northport, N.Y., seeks a life contributing to injured and ill veterans by helping to save the lives of service members through advance computer technologies and devoting his time and talents to veterans.

The 17-year-old recipient of DAV's top Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship, hopes to use the \$20,000 scholarship to study computer science at George Mason University in suburban Washington, D.C., to advance his goals. The scholarship will be presented at DAV's 92nd National Convention Aug. 10-13 at the Hilton Orlando Hotel in Orlando, Fla.

Freeman has volunteered at the Northport, N.Y., VA medical center for five years and accumulated 1,200 hours assisting veterans. "Max has helped homeless veterans find homes, apply for jobs, and he set up accessible personal computers for nursing home residents," said National Director of Voluntary Services Ron Minter. "Using his musical skills, he has entertained nursing home residents and worked on numerous special projects, including creating a music data base for surgeons while they perform surgery."

"Max is an outstanding young man," said DAV National Adjutant Marc Burgess. "He is a five-time gold recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award for his contributions on behalf of veterans at the Northport VA medical center. He's also an academic honor student."

Other scholarship winners include:

Jonah Drapeau	Garden City, Mich.	\$15,000
Michelle Wu	San Francisco, Calif.	\$10,000
Joseph Guggemos	Danville, Ill.	\$7,500
April Ritzer	Waite Park, Minn.	\$7,500
Amanda Perez	Trumbull, Conn.	\$5,000
Samantha Stamey	Cincinnati, Ohio	\$5,000
Jeralyn Westercamp	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	\$5,000

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