

# Karns City offering academic challenge

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Sugar Creek Rest and Chicora Medical Center have announced the sponsorship of "The Challenge Program" at Karns City Junior/Senior High School.

This special activity was created by Johnstown businessman Daniel T. Perkins, owner of a group of technology companies. Perkins envisioned a way to help students perform better in school.

The program reaches 32,000 students nationwide, and awarded more than \$100,000 incentives in 2006. The rules are simple; students in grades 10-12 compete with their own schoolmates to earn \$250 in four categories: most improved in their grade, best attendance in their grade, most community service in their grade, and best overall senior grade-point average. The winners can use the money any way they choose.

Mary Ann Zamias of TCP introduced the activities' details at an assembly for



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Susie Beardsley (left) of Sugar Creek Rest and CMC with Mary Ann Zamias of the Challenge Program show off a T-shirt that is part of the program.

students at Karns City High School on Nov. 14. Also present was Susan Beardsley, director of employee retention at the nursing homes and a Karns City

alumna, as well. She spoke briefly about the importance of students achieving success academically as well as being involved in their communities,

and how all of the four categories are important to prospective employers.

The two health care centers will underwrite the cost of The Challenge Program at Karns City High School.

Karns City teacher Renee Steele, who heads the Positive Rewards program for the district and is coordinating The Challenge Program for the school, said after the assembly: "We at Karns City High School are very enthused to have The Challenge Program, a motivational program for high school students in grades 10, 11, 12. Karns City is the first school district in Butler County to receive this program, and we would like to thank our sponsors Sugar Creek Rest and Chicora Medical Center for this wonderful opportunity."

Junior Anthony Stimac, quarterback of the Karns City Gremlins football team showed his throwing prowess by tossing T-shirts provided by the sponsors to members of the audience.