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## Challenge Program awards announced

A total of \$30,000 in cash awards was awarded to 120 Fayette County students attending local high schools this year through the Challenge Program.

The non-profit program partners with businesses to motivate students to excel in the classroom and in their communities, while educating them on local career opportunities.

Students received a \$250 check for being recognized as a top student in their grade level in one of the following areas: most improved academically, best attendance, community service or best overall Grade Point Average (GPA). Winners were selected in the three upper grade levels.

Winners from each school and their sponsoring business ambassadors are as follows:

Albert Gallatin Area Senior High School, sponsored by TeleTech and Planning Systems, Inc.

- Sophomore class winners were: Annalee Hancheck, best attendance; Melissa Cuppett, most improved; Bethany Provance, best GPA; Lacey Greeley, most community service.

- Junior class winners were: Kasey Radicic, best attendance; Heather Hudak, most improved; Bryant Garland, best GPA; Christina Adams, most community service.

- Senior class winners were: Jonathan Nesnec, best attendance; Adomas Povilianskas, most improved; Emmy Lou Derryberry, most community service.

Brownsville Area High School, sponsored by Mr. Lou Brown, high-tech entrepreneur.

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Sophomore class winners were: Richard Black, best attendance; Betty Ulery, most improved; Josh Cole, best GPA; Kaila Shumar, most community service.

- Junior class winners were: Rebecca Marucci, best attendance; Arielle Arbuckle, most improved; Jesse Medofer, best GPA; Kelsey Despot, most community service.

- Senior class winners were: Amber DiDominic, best attendance; Mara Feick, most improved; Amber DiDominic, best GPA; Sarah Wheeler, most community service.

California Area High School, sponsored by Redstone Pharmacy and Progeny Systems Corporation.

Sophomore class award winners: Tiffany Hartley, best attendance; Joshua Bradshaw, most improved; Mary Sears, best GPA; Angela Staley, most community service. Junior class winners: Aaron Chegini, best attendance; Jacob Monroe, most improved; Evan Nowak, best GPA; Ron Lincoski, most community service.

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- Senior class winners: Joshua King, best attendance; Lindsay King, most improved; Megan Silbaugh, best GPA; Emily Dowler, most community service.

Connellsville Area High School, sponsored by Armstrong and BAE Systems.

- Sophomore class winners were: Jared Bauriedl, best attendance; Brandi David, most improved; Shane Daughert, best GPA; Kasey Anderson, most community service.

- Junior class winners were: Matthew Kiselich, best attendance; Britney Malone, most improved; Lyndzi Flanders, best GPA; Tyler Doppelheuer, most community service.

- Senior class winners were: Nicholas Zurawski, best attendance; Sara Kessler, most improved; Kinley Sepkovic, best GPA; Brent Lint, most community service.

Connellsville Career and Technology Center, sponsored by Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort.

- Sophomore class winners were: Cassandra Fran, best attendance; Barbara Lilley, most improved; Sammi Jo King, best GPA; Danielle Switze, most community service.

- Junior class winners were: Chasity McKnight, best attendance; Heather Smith, most improved; Tyler Basinger, best GPA; Michael Mountain, most community service.

- Senior class winners were: David Rock, best attendance; Samuel Basinger, most improved; Christopher Rock, best GPA; Christina Hindman, most community service.

Geibel Catholic Middle-High School, sponsored by Trident Systems and W.R. Casteel Co., Inc.

- Sophomore class winners were: George Morrell, best attendance; Gina Martin, most improved; George Morrell, best GPA; Breanne Dowd, most community service.

- Junior class winners were: Conrad Sandusky, best attendance; Joshua Suppa, most improved; Emily Solan, best GPA; Connor Shrum, most community service.

- Senior class winners were: Anthony Clement, best attendance; Gemma Koury, most improved; Julia Vidonish and Frank McGrogan, best GPA; Ryan Madden, most community service.

Fayette County Area Vocational-Technical School, sponsored by Argon ST, Shumar's Welding and Machine Services, Fairchance Construction Co., and W. R. Casteel Co., Inc.

- Sophomore class winners were: Cullen Masney and Nick Matzus, best attendance; Allysha Lynn and David Rosneck, most improved; Brandon Manch and Sarah Zuzak, best GPA; Steven King and Brenda Dugan, most community service.

- Junior class winners were: Tricia Andrews and Kelly Rippenga, best attendance; Chris Zelina and Cassandra Miller, most improved; Chrystal Huey and Darlene Maendel, best GPA; Zachary Rohrer and Greg Morrison, most community service.

- Senior class winners were: Michael Tandarich and Trisha Comer, best attendance; Adam Barclay and Misty Johnston, most improved; Cody Helmick and Travis Kimmel, best GPA; Scott Brownfield and Jacob Sethman, most community service.

Frazier High School, sponsored by Blaney Farms, Inc. and Image Time, Inc.

- Sophomore class winners were: Eric Deabner, best attendance; Brittany Miller, most improved; Zachary Smith, best GPA; Jeremy Green, most community service.

- Junior class winners were: Steven Cowen, best attendance; Alex Thomas, most improved; Steven Cowen, best GPA; Kayla Barch, most community service.

- Senior class winners were: Joey D'Auria, best attendance; Adam Labuda, most improved; Lauren Tucker, best GPA; Lia Losko, most community service.

Laurel Highlands High School, sponsored by Advanced Acoustic Concepts, Inc.

- Sophomore class winners were: Cody Gibson and Samantha Molt, best attendance; Isaiah Dawson, most improved; Debra Reilly and

Diane Reilly, best GPA; Jill Ciarrocchi, most community service.

- Junior class winners were: Brandon Filitsky, best attendance; Marla Mercadante, most improved; John Ekas, best GPA; Cody Whoolery, most community service.

- Senior class winners were: Brandon Daveler, best attendance; Justin Senchur, most improved; Nicole Fordyce, best GPA; Emily Merti, most community service.

Uniontown Area High School, sponsored by BAE Systems and Trident Systems.

- Sophomore class winners were: Jennifer Naymick, best attendance; Travis Bloom, most improved; Rachel L. Hager, best GPA; Olivia Goudy, most community service.

- Junior class winners were: Katie Sarver, best attendance; Latavia Lee, most improved; Cameron McConkey, best GPA; Cameron McConkey, most community service.

- Senior class winners were: Tyler Fleming, best attendance; Jonathan Durigon, most improved; Brandy Risha, best GPA; Kelsie Herring, most community service.

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