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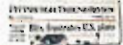
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Students earn awards through 'Challenge'

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For the third year in a row, 12 Karns City High School students were awarded \$250 each, through "The Challenge Program" sponsored by Chicora Medical Center and Sugar Creek Rest.

Award winners were honored for outstanding achievement in class attendance, community service, grade point average and overall improvement throughout the school year.

Unlike many high school award programs that distribute scholarships, the Challenge Program gives the deserving dozen students each a check for immediate use.

All \$3,000 was donated by Chicora Medical Center and Sugar Creek Rest, with Karns City alum, Susie Tack-Beardsley (employee relations director and partner of Quality Life Services, which owns the two family-operated nursing homes) presenting the awards

Sophomores, Brittany Lessner, Dustin Sheerbaum, Clifford McClure, Kaitlin McConnell; Jniors, Dale Barnhart, Timothy Double, Katy Greenert, Shawn Crawford; and seniors, Lisa Kaylor, Joseph Acquavita, Kimberly Everetts, and Lauren Anderson were each presented with certificates of achievement and \$250. "Chicora Medical Center and Sugar Creek Rest are proud to sponsor a program that offers immediate rewards for students who demonstrate the traits that are so valued by adults in the workplace and in the communities we call home," Tack-Beardsley stated.

This awards program was created by Johnstown businessman Daniel T. Perkins, owner of a successful group of technology companies.

Perkins envisioned a way to help students perform better in school, and that's what this program is all about.

By 2006, The Challenge Program reached approximately 32,000 students nationwide, and awarded over \$100,000 in incentives, and has grown each year.

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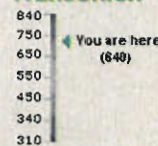
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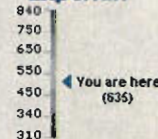
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