



Our first award winner in 2005 was Samantha O'Leary. Samantha graduated from Gettysburg College in May, Bachelor of Arts, *Cum Laude* in both English and Philosophy. She will be pursuing a degree in Law at American University, in Washington, DC, beginning in September 2009.



Our 2006 award winner, Allison Kirksey: I am currently a senior at the University of Georgia; I am an exercise and sports science major planning to pursue a career in physical therapy. My passion is working with the athletic population and the therapy involved in returning them to the sports they love. I currently work as an athletic trainer for various varsity teams at UGA. I will graduate in May 2010 and will pursue my Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

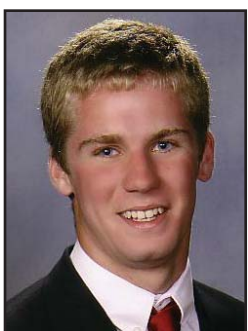


Our 2007 award winner, Heather Marsh, wrote: This is a very generous award and contributes greatly to my tuition at Penn State. I'm working this summer as an EMT @ Penn State. I have switched my major to BIO-BEHAVIORAL Health. I'm planning to go to PHYSICIAN's Asst school after my bachelor degree.



Our 2008 award winner, Alicia Trezza, wrote: I am currently a junior at Indiana Univ. I am double majoring in Marketing and Operations Management. Additionally, I plan to earn a certificate in Journalism. I am a member of Women in Business, Alpha Gamma Delta, and Public Relations Student Society of America on campus.

Now for this year's recipient:



Matthew Witman (our first male recipient!), the 18 year-old son of Kathy Witman of Integrated Software Solutions and her husband Chris, has been chosen as the fifth recipient of a \$1,000 award under the James R. Smith Scholarship Program.

Throughout four years of high school, Matthew has been on the Distinguished Honor Roll every semester and a member of the National Honor Society for two years. He earned the distinction of becoming a National Merit Finalist and as a result was recognized by the Siemens Foundation for his achievements. He was the recipient of the Cornell Book Award, a winner in the National Council of Teachers of English writing competition, and won the award for Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry at the high school's Senior Awards ceremony. He achieved the distinction of "AP Scholar" as a result of exemplary scores on numerous Advanced Placement exams

His extracurricular activities include snowboarding, varsity track, and participation on the high school and local recreation league soccer teams. He plays piano and saxophone, and was a member of the school's concert and jazz bands. He also enjoys drawing and painting in various mediums and has recently had one of his works shown at a county art show. As a volunteer he has taught children in summer camps and at the local library, and has been an active fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Matthew graduated with a grade point average of 4.34 on a 4 point scale and was selected to deliver a commencement speech at his high school's graduation ceremony. He was accepted to **The Schreyer Honors College at Pennsylvania State University**, Johns Hopkins, Carnegie Mellon and Lehigh University.

He has decided on a Chemical Engineering major and was selected by the Penn State Engineering Department to participate in the Leonhard Honors Program.