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## **St. James Mercy Scholarship Awarded to Sara Hillman**

**July 10, 2014...Hornell, NY** – St. James Mercy Hospital is pleased to announce that Sara Hillman has been named its 2014 Memorial Scholarship winner.

Awarded annually to one high school senior, the \$500 scholarship was established over 20 years ago. To be eligible, the student must be a St. James Mercy employee or child of an employee, be accepted by an institution of higher learning, and submit an application and letters of reference. The selection centers around the candidates' academic goals and community involvement, and culminates in an interview with the scholarship committee.

Sara will be attending Monroe Community College for Liberal Arts Childhood Education – Associates in Arts degree. She then plans to transfer to Elmira College where she will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Special Education in Early Childhood. While working as Student Food Worker at St. James Mercy Hospital, Sara demonstrated her strong work ethic and ability to work as a team player, earning praise from Nutrition department co-workers. Sara credits St. James Mercy with teaching her about teamwork, and the importance of giving time to individuals in need. Sara's desire to pursue a career in childhood special education stemmed from her babysitting experience, where she learned the importance of responsibility and the need for patience in teaching and leading others.

Sara's parents are father David, and mother Kathleen Hillman, who is department secretary at St. James Mercy's Alfred Family Practice.

Four talented and ambitious students applied for the 2014 Memorial Scholarship. St. James Mercy Hospital congratulates Sara and sends best wishes to her and the other four candidates, as they pursue their careers and continue to serve their communities.

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Photo below:



L-R: Scholarship Committee members Kelly Bracken; Laura Vetter; VP Mission & Outreach, Sylvia Bryant; Scholarship recipient Sara Hillman; Kathleen Hillman; David Hillman; and Committee member Linda Blauers.