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St. James Mercy Scholarship Awarded to Matthew Soper

July 16, 2015...Hornell, NY – St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) is pleased to announce that Matthew Soper has been selected as the recipient of the 2015 SJMH Memorial Scholarship.

The \$500 scholarship, which was established over 20 years ago, is awarded annually in memory of deceased former employees of St. James Mercy Hospital. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be the son or daughter of a SJMH employee, a high school senior, and have been accepted by an institution of higher education. The process includes a written application, letters of reference as well as a personal interview with the scholarship committee.

“This year, we are honored to present the SJMH Memorial Scholarship to Matthew Soper,” said Laura Vetter, supervisor of community services and chair of the scholarship committee. “Matt’s commitment to higher education and community service are among the qualities we look for in awardees, and we are confident he will succeed in whatever career he pursues in the future.”

Matthew’s parents are Joseph and Tammy Soper, Tammy is employed at McAuley Manor as a Nursing Supervisor. Matthew is a member of the 2015 graduating class of Arkport Central School; works at SJMH in the Nutrition Department; and is a local volunteer fire fighter and avid outdoorsman. He will be attending Paul Smith College in the fall.

“We had five talented and ambitious students who applied for this year’s award, whose qualifications and plans for the future made the selection process difficult,” said Vetter. “We were impressed with all of the students, and wish them the best in their future careers.”

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Photo below:



L-R, Front: VP Mission & Community Outreach Sylvia Bryant; Tammy Soper; Scholarship recipient Matthew Soper (seated); Committee chair Laura Vetter. Back: Committee member Nancy Emerson; Joseph Soper; and Committee member Jennifer Wetherby.