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Smithtown Resident Wins LI Hospital Association Scholarship

(Hauppauge, NY June 8, 2009)Marygrace Apostoli, a Smithtown, New York resident and junior at the University of Richmond in Virginia was selected as the 2009 Ann Marie Brown Memorial Scholarship recipient. The Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) and its Communications Committee bestow the award annually. Apostoli hopes for a career in global health care administration. The \$2,000 award was presented at the group's annual scholarship luncheon held this year on June 5, 2009 at Blackstone Steakhouse in Melville.

Apostoli was chosen for the award based on her outstanding academic achievement (she holds a 3.81 GPA) and for her community service and extracurricular activities related to health care. She is particularly interested in helping underserved and marginalized populations in the United States and abroad. She recently returned from a medical mission trip to Pampas Grande, Peru and will study public health this fall as an exchange student at the Denmark Institute for Study Abroad. She is currently president of the Global Public Health Group at her school.

The Ann Marie Brown Memorial Scholarship has been awarded each year since 1994 and commemorates the memory of the late vice president for government and public affairs at the Hospital Council. Brown served in this role from 1983 – 1993. The \$2,000 award and optional internship is offered to college a junior, senior, or post-graduate student who is a resident of Long Island and is studying Communication Arts, Journalism, or Health Care Administration. For more specific information go to www.nshc.org.

The Hospital Council's Communications Committee is comprised of the public relations directors from Long Island's not-for-profit and public hospitals. In addition to administering this yearly scholarship, this committee oversees the Council's communication initiatives. It works collaboratively with the Council and fellow member hospitals to affect rational health policy and legislation, promote the programs and services offered by hospitals, and advocate for the health needs of all Long Islanders.

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From left: 2009 Ann Marie Brown Award Winner Marygrace Apostoli with Marilyn Fabbicante, Chair of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council's Communications Committee and Director of Public and External Affairs at St. Charles Hospital.

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