

Contact: Penelope Forman or Marci Tomascak
PH: 203.778.3944 FAX: 203.778.3849

Danbury Resident April Welch Awarded R.J. Reby Foundation Scholarship

Danbury, CT - Danbury High School's April Welch is one of two area winners of the **R. J. Reby Foundation, Inc.** scholarship award. Combined, the winners receive a \$5,000 award toward college expenses. The non-profit foundation, now in its seventh year, has given almost \$40,000 in scholarship funds to qualifying students.

Unlike other purely academic scholarships, the **R. J. Reby Foundation** seeks out “the well-rounded student” by honoring academic as well as personal achievements. **Welch** meets many of the **R. J. Reby Foundation's** Scholarship's criteria as she has an excellent scholastic record (GPA -3.89), she played sports (volleyball, softball, track), was part of the Key Club, the National Honor Society and volunteers at Ann's Place (Danbury). Currently, **Welch** works for the Pediatric Associates of Western, CT (Danbury).

Robert J. Reby, president and co-founder of the **R. J. Reby Foundation, Inc.** states, “The Foundation was started because we believe in giving back to the community and wanted to encourage students who established a solid record of high school achievements to excel even further in higher education and beyond.” He continues, “The Foundation hopes to be a part of helping our local scholars to achieve their goals. **Reby** also a native of this area founded a highly-successful wealth management firm, **Robert J. Reby & Company, Inc.** The Danbury-based firm has a client base that reaches into the contiguous five county area and specializes in retirement planning, comprehensive financial planning and wealth management.

According to **Reby**, “April [**Welch**] is a natural choice for this award...we're proud to reward her achievements.” In the fall, **Welch** will attend the University of Connecticut to study Nursing and eventually hopes to become a nurse practitioner.

The R. J. Reby Foundation, Inc is located at 83 Wooster Heights Rd. Danbury, CT 06810

1-203-744-2121 - www.rjrebyfoundation.org

Penn Gardner Inc. Public Relations