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## **St. James Mercy Scholarship Awarded to Katie Criss**

**May 24, 2011...Hornell, NY** – St. James Mercy Hospital is pleased to announce that Katie Criss has been named its 2011 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.

Katie will continue her education at Alfred State College, where she will pursue a Bachelor degree in Nursing. Katie is involved in a number of activities at Arkport Central School, and has a significant volunteer background, including involvement with the Arkport Fire Department.

Katie's parents are father James, and mother Tammy Criss, who is a physician office supervisor at St. James Mercy Hospital.

Nine talented and ambitious students applied for the 2011 Memorial Scholarship. St. James Mercy congratulates Katie and sends best wishes to her and the other eight candidates, as they pursue their careers and continue to serve their communities.

Photo attached:



Scholarship recipient Katie Criss (center) is flanked by her mother, Tammy Criss, (right) and committee chairperson, Sharon McQuate .

Scholarship committee members include: Linda Blauers, Kelly Bracken, Sylvia Bryant, Bonnie Schuster, and Laura Vetter.