



Congratulations!

2011 Ferguson Scholar

JULIANNA E. MURPHY

**R.J. Reynolds High School
Winston-Salem, NC, Class of 2011**

Bound for North Carolina State University

Major – Industrial Design

Julianna is graduating in the top six percent of her class of 374 with a 3.82 unweighted GPA. She performed very well on her SAT exams with a high of 740 in Math. Her rigorous course load of Honors and Advanced Placement classes have given her a weighted GPA of 4.76.

At her church, Juliana is very active in the Youth Group. She does visitation of elderly shut-ins monthly and each fall joins a group that volunteers to rake leaves for senior citizens. In recognition of her community service, she received a Winston-Salem Human Relations Award.

Julianna's school activities are very diverse. She is the only female and lead tenor sax player for the Jazz Band, a member of the Reynolds Girls Service Club, and volunteers as the Career Center Student Representative for the Winston-Salem Race Relations Forum. Julianna is President of the French Club and has served as Team Manager of the Men's Lacrosse Team for four years. Additionally, she plays as Lead Defender on the Field Hockey Team, and is Captain of the Shooting Team. Honors she has accumulated include AP Scholar with Honor, National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, and the President's Volunteer Service Award. She is a Scholastic Art & Writing Silver Key Award winner, earned First Place in the N.C. Sister Cities Young Artist Showcase, was named a N.C. Scholar-Athlete all four years, and was invited to receive an Academic Excellence Award twice at the "Straight A Banquet."

Julianna used her personal essay to deftly describe her experience and lessons learned in riding the school bus with all of the special needs students. She talked about being out of her comfort zone, but overcame that to learn how small acts she performed helped those students. In turn, when she shattered her ankle and became wheelchair bound for six months, her "new friends" helped her to persevere. They taught her mobility tricks and how to "cope with being different."

Her AP Art instructor gave her artistic talents a glowing review, saying "I have noticed an amazingly mature and focused artist in Julianna and have been very impressed with her creativity and willingness to challenge herself ..." "Her peers look to her for inspiration as well as direction." A letter from the Curriculum Coordinator at the local swim club talked of her dedication in working as a lifeguard, saying she was respected by both adult and youth members of the club. "On two occasions, she displayed great maturity as she had to perform emergency lifesaving rescues ..." that a board member called "textbook rescues." He called her a leader and said she serves as a role model for the younger members of the team.

Julianna's very proud mom and dad are Patricia and Richard Murphy of Winston-Salem, NC. Richard works at location #16 in Greensboro in Outside Sales.

Best of luck at North Carolina State University

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