



Congratulations!
2011 Michael Tylavsky
Memorial Scholarship Winner
MEGHAN R. SCOTT

Grafton High School Class of 2011
Bound for the University of Pittsburgh
Bioengineering Major

Meghan's academic record is impressive, ranking #6 in her class of 308 students and carrying a weighted cumulative GPA of 4.46. She did very well on her SAT and ACT test scores, earning a high of 34 in Science and a Comprehensive score of 30 on the ACT's. Meghan has been attending The Governor's School for Science and Technology concurrently while at Grafton High School.

In school and the community, Meghan has a wide variety of activities. She serves as Vice President of the Spanish Honor Society and is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society. Meghan has played on the Field Hockey team as well as Lacrosse. She currently serves as President of the Recycling Club, of which she has been a part all four years of school. She has been a volunteer tutor to other students in school. During the summer of 2009, Meghan was part of a People to People trip, and has served over 140 hours in a Hampton University mentorship program working with lung cancer epithelial cells. She has a passion for that work, regularly volunteering with the American Cancer Society.

Meghan has earned Highest Honors all four years of high school. At the Future Business Leaders TNCC Regional Competition, she received a third place (Introduction to Business). She also earned a Certificate of Participation from the Hampton University Symposium her junior year. Meghan has accomplished all this while holding a part-time job for two-and-a-half years.

In Meghan's personal essay, she described in depth her interest in bioengineering. She is interested in helping people through the design of new medical devices. She looks forward to one of the course offerings at the University of Pittsburgh – regenerative tissue growth. She also details her experience at the Hampton University mentorship program, saying she "... found a true passion in working with cancer cells in the lab." She went on to say, "This sparks my interest in developing more sensitive medical devices that can detect cancer at an earlier stage." She looks forward to doing independent research in college.

Meghan's reference letters were glowing reviews of her accomplishments, leadership, maturity, and academic achievement thus far. A science instructor at The Governor's School said of her mentorship program at Hampton University, "... it should be acknowledged that this high school student has taken on a college-level or even graduate-level research project." Meghan's Honors Research and Mentorship instructor refers to her as exceptional, noting her commitment and ability to successfully manage multiple tasks, as well as having a contagious enthusiasm and positive attitude. Adding to the accolades for her mentorship, the instructor said that Meghan's Hampton University mentor "... has indicated that Meghan's work is of such high caliber that it might be ready for publication at the end of her study ... quite exceptional for a high school student."

Nancy and Willis Scott are Meghan's very proud parents. Nancy works for Pruden Center for Industry and Technology as an Evaluator and Willis is an Electrical Engineer with NASA.

Best of luck at the University of Pittsburgh

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