

Foundation Awards Renfrew Scholarship

The Renfrew Scholarship was awarded on Thursday, June 7 to Morgan sophomore Paige Bogucki. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student who has demonstrated a strong desire to pursue some activity that will help him or her realize a dream.

Mr. Renfrew himself was a man who followed his dreams. As a high school freshman he followed them to Washington, D.C. and then on to Russia with the People-to-People program. Before he graduated from Morgan, his dreams had taken him to Harvard, to their summer school program, and with AFS to both Chicago and New Mexico. After earning degrees at both Tufts and Harvard, he followed his dreams across the Pacific Ocean to Thailand.

The Renfrew scholarship is offered to encourage students at the high school to pursue their dreams just as Mr. Renfrew pursued his. A student might want to spend a semester in Thailand, or Germany; or he or she might want to play soccer in Argentina; attend a conference in Washington, take guitar lessons, enroll in a summer program like the Center for Creative Youth at Wesleyan, or take college classes while still in high school. The scholarship is also offered to seniors to use to offset some of their college expenses. Whatever the dream is, the scholarship is there to provide the opportunity to realize that dream.

The scholarship process is competitive, requiring applicants to reveal how they would use the scholarship money to realize a dream. Applications are available in the Guidance Office at Morgan sometime after mid-year exams. The deadline to submit applications is in late May.

Paige plans to use the money to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, to be held this summer. "The most exciting aspect of the Forum," Paige said, "is that I will participate in a mass-casualty situation. I will either role play a physician or a victim." Paige believes that attendance at the Forum will help her develop the skills she need to become a leader in school and in the community. She also sees the Forum as a step on her way to achieving her dream of becoming a physical therapist.

The monies used to provide the scholarship come from an original bequest of the Renfrew family, and from donations made by friends and colleagues of Mr. Renfrew's. The money is awarded under the auspices of the Clinton Education Foundation, which is responsible for its stewardship. Donations to the scholarship to maintain and perhaps increase the size of the gift are eagerly sought and gratefully appreciated. Donations may be made by contacting the Foundation at Clinton Education Foundation, 137-B Glenwood Road, Clinton, CT 06413.