

HOWARD D. MAST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2011 RECIPIENT, MS. TAYLOR ANNE YOUNG, A LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Numerous students, friends, co-workers, and fellow citizens, all of whose lives were enhanced by their association with Howard D. Mast, generously gave to establish, in his memory, the Howard D. Mast Memorial Scholarship. Howard D. Mast passed away on October 27, 2006. Mr. Mast had previously served the City of Suffolk and its citizens as Director of Parks and Recreation from 1949 until 1966, coached the first tennis team at Virginia Wesleyan College, served as facilities engineer at Norfolk State University, coached the Nansemond River High School boys' tennis team, organized and directed the Suffolk Tennis Association, presided over both the Virginia and Mid-Atlantic Tennis Associations, and, for decades, served as mentor, teacher, coach, and friend to countless citizens, young and old, in the City of Suffolk and beyond.

During his entire life, Howard Mast tirelessly promoted the game of tennis among youth and adults in the City of Suffolk, the State, and the Mid-Atlantic Region. He positively and profoundly affected the lives of countless young people in their development as tennis players, as athletes in other sports, and as good citizens of the community. Throughout his life, he exhibited unwavering loyalty and dedication to his family, his friends, his community, and the institution and people he served.

The Suffolk Foundation Distribution Committee is proud to award the \$2,500 Howard D. Mast Memorial Scholarship for 2011 to Taylor Anne Young, a graduating senior from Lakeland High School who will attend Christopher Newport University in the fall. Taylor expressed, in her essay, how Mr. Mast had directly influenced her not only on the tennis court but helped mold into the person she is today. She felt that he would be proud of her hard work, both in school and on the athletic field, which has led her to have the opportunity to go to college and continue to participate in athletics.

To be eligible to receive the Scholarship, the individual must meet the following criteria:

- have financial need
- participated in athletics in youth and/or school programs
- exhibited strong moral character
- been involved in community, religious, and civic affairs
- demonstrated strong academic performance

The Howard D. Mast Memorial Scholarship Committee and the Suffolk Foundation's Distribution Committee felt Taylor Young best exemplified the scholarship's criteria and was most deserving of the 2011 scholarship.