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Gina Santella First Repeat Winner of Rigali Barrett Scholarship

ST. PAUL, MN – September 7, 2010. Hill-Murray School, in partnership with the Barrett family, is pleased to announce that sophomore Gina Santella of Maplewood has been awarded the 4th annual Dolores Rigali Barrett Scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year – making Gina the first repeat-winner of this award.

This prestigious academic scholarship was established in memory of Dolores Rigali Barrett, mother of seven children, all of whom graduated from Hill-Murray School near St. Paul. Mrs. Barrett was committed to both her Italian heritage and Catholic education, and continually emphasized the importance of studying and working hard in order to succeed. Awarded annually to a Hill-Murray student in high school grades 9-12, scholarship criteria include solid academic standing, Italian heritage, and a written essay describing what the applicant's Italian heritage means to them.

Gina thrived during her freshman year at Hill-Murray last year, and intends to remain equally active during her sophomore year. In addition to studying hard and receiving excellent grades, Gina made the freshman volleyball team, and also ran for student government. In addition, she volunteered for the Feed My Starving Children program (www.fmsc.org) with her volleyball teammates, which helped to further solidify a sense of giving so important to Gina, her family, and to the Hill-Murray community.

According to Mark Barrett, one of Dolores Rigali Barrett's seven children, "Gina is definitely the type of student we envisioned supporting upon launching this scholarship: bright, determined, hard-working and active, with a deep appreciation for her family's Italian heritage and traditions." Added Gerri Ulness, Dolores' sister, "In many ways, Gina's amazing spirit and commitment reminds me of Dolores. We're very excited to hear that she enjoys high school and continues to excel at Hill-Murray, and we wish her *buona fortuna* during her sophomore year!"

For additional information:

- Dolores Rigali Barrett Scholarship: www.RigaliBarrett.com
- Hill-Murray School: www.Hill-Murray.org