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Junior Gina Santella Awarded 5th Annual Rigali Barrett Scholarship

ST. PAUL, MN – October 1, 2011. Hill-Murray School, in partnership with the Barrett family, is pleased to announce that junior Gina Santella of Maplewood has been awarded the 5th annual Dolores Rigali Barrett Scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year – the third straight year she has won 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 has remained very active at Hill-Murray, and has thrived in a variety of different activities. She made the A-Honor Roll (after being invited to take honors English and Biology classes); played on the volleyball team; served as a school ambassador (giving tours to prospective students and visiting a local junior high to talk about what Hill-Murray has to offer); and took a stagecraft class (helping with the Christmas production of "Holiday Inn"). In addition, Gina continued to volunteer for Feed My Starving Children (www.fmsc.org) with her volleyball teammates, served as a Salvation Army bell ringer during the holiday season, and participated in the Italian folk dance group "I Ballerini Italiani di Minnesota" with her parents.

According to Mark Barrett, one of Dolores Rigali Barrett's seven children, "Hill-Murray has always promoted an environment of participation, and Gina is taking full advantage of her opportunities." Added Dan Barrett, Dolores' eldest son, "It's great to hear about Gina's continued success at Hill-Murray. Her active involvement both at school and in the community is something that my mother would have strongly supported. Gina obviously has an amazing work ethic, and is a wonderful role model. My family and I couldn't be more proud that she's this year's scholarship recipient, and we wish her continued success during her junior year."

For additional information:

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