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Merrick Resident/Boston University Student Wins LI Hospital Association Scholarship

Recipient is full-time employee at Winthrop-University Hospital

(Hauppauge, NY June 22, 2012) ... **Carolann Martines, a Merrick, New York resident** and Boston University (BU) graduate student was selected as the 2012 Ann Marie Brown Memorial Scholarship recipient. The Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) and its Communications Committee bestow the award annually. Martines, who works full-time as an associate writer in the Communications Department at Winthrop-University Hospital, is pursuing a master's degree in health communications at BU – distance learning program. The \$2,000 award was presented at the group's annual scholarship luncheon held this year on June 15, 2012 at Four Food Studio in Melville.

Martines was chosen for the award based on her outstanding academic achievement and ability to combine her passion for writing with health care. She considers herself a resource for those with low health literacy, helping them to make informed decisions about their health care and to advocate for themselves. She aspires to obtain her doctorate and teach the next generation of health care communicators.

The Ann Marie Brown Memorial Scholarship has been awarded each year since 1994 and commemorates the memory of the late vice president for government and public affairs at the Hospital Council. Brown served in this role from 1983 – 1993. The \$2,000 award and optional internship is offered to a college junior, senior, or post-graduate student who is a resident of Long Island and who is studying Communication Arts, Journalism, or Health Care Administration. For more specific information go to www.nshc.org.

The Hospital Council's Communications Committee is comprised of the senior public relations directors from Long Island's not-for-profit and public hospitals. In addition to administering this yearly scholarship, this committee oversees the Council's communication initiatives. It works collaboratively with the Council and fellow member hospitals to affect rational health policy and legislation, promote the programs and services offered by hospitals, and advocate for the health needs of all Long Islanders.

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Pictured left is the 2012 Ann Marie Brown Scholarship Winner Carolann Martines with Theresa Jacobellis, Chair of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Communications Committee and Director, Public and External Affairs for Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in West Islip, New York.

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