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## **Manhasset Resident/Hofstra University Student Wins LI Hospital Association Scholarship**

(Hauppauge, NY June 24, 2013) ... **Joseph Toole, a Manhasset, New York resident and Hofstra University student**, was selected as the 2013 Ann Marie Brown Memorial Scholarship recipient. The Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) and its Communications Committee bestow the award annually. Toole, who is also a certified EMT, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in health sciences/health administration at Hofstra University. The \$2,000 award was presented to Toole at the group's annual scholarship luncheon held this year on June 12, 2013 at the Bonwit Inn in Commack, New York.

Toole was chosen for the award based on his outstanding academic achievement and his hands-on experience in the health care field. As a critical care certified EMT, Toole understands the complexities of health care from both a clinical and administrative viewpoint. He said, "... to be effective in the medical field one must have a working knowledge of all of the concerns that come together to provide health care to the public ... my goal is to become a member of the integrated health care system of the future."

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](http://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 Hospital Council's communication initiatives. It works collaboratively with the Hospital 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 care needs of all Long Islanders.

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Pictured at left is the 2013 Ann Marie Brown Memorial Scholarship Winner Joseph Toole with Theresa Jacobellis, Chair of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Communications Committee and Director, Public and External Affairs, Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in West Islip, New York.

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