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Elmont Resident/Communications Student Wins LI Hospital Association Scholarship

HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. June 14, 2016 – **Troy Blackwell, resident of Elmont, New York and student at City College of New York**, was selected as the 2016 Ann Marie Brown Memorial Scholarship recipient. Awarded annually by the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) and its Communications Committee, the \$2,000 scholarship was presented to Blackwell at the group's annual luncheon on June 9.

Blackwell, a communications/public relations student graduating in May of next year, was chosen based on his outstanding academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, and commitment to community service. He has always had an interest in health and social service and has spent his time as an undergraduate volunteering with the Ricky Martin Foundation against human trafficking and child exploitation in Puerto Rico. His service has taken him to different parts of the world, including Senegal where, during his winter break, he helped build a village school.

Blackwell is a finalist for an internship at the White House Department of Communications. He is the recipient of numerous community service and academic awards, including a Colin Powell Fellowship. Upon graduation next year, he plans to enter the Peace Corps for two years before returning to the United States to obtain a master's degree in public policy and then entering the work world.

The Ann Marie Brown Memorial Scholarship has been awarded since 1994 and commemorates the late vice president for government and public affairs at the Hospital Council. Brown served in this role from 1983 – 1993. The scholarship is offered to a college junior, senior, or post-graduate student who is both a resident of Long Island and studies 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 Hospital Council's communication initiatives. It works 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 above (center) is 2016 Ann Marie Brown Memorial Scholarship Recipient Troy Blackwell with Stuart Vincent, Chair of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Communications Committee and Director, Public Relations, John T. Mather Memorial Hospital, Port Jefferson, New York and Janine Logan, Senior Director, Communications and Population Health for NSHC.

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