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RE: Student Awarded \$1,000 Joanne S. Hayes Memorial Scholarship

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler is pleased to announce that it has awarded its Joanne S. Hayes Memorial Scholarship to Autumn Garrison, Odessa-Montour High School graduate, at her June 25th commencement ceremony.

This \$1,000 scholarship honors Joanne Hayes, former board member and president of The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler's board of directors who passed away in 1987. The award is given annually to a graduating senior pursuing an education in human services, special education, or a related field for a career providing supports to people with developmental disabilities.



Autumn Garrison, daughter of Frank and Polly Garrison, will enroll this fall to obtain her Nursing Degree, at a school still to be determined. In her application essay, Garrison expressed her desire to “do all she can to help people in need around her,” as well as to “positively impact people with her kindness, intelligence, and determination” in her career.

Garrison has been involved with numerous extracurricular activities and community service experiences throughout her years in high school. In his letter of support, Greg Gavich, social studies teacher and basketball coach stated, “Autumn is the type of person who is a great representative for any organization she is part of. She displays great character and leadership by setting a good example for others to follow.” School Counselor, Daniel Batchelder, shared, “she is someone that can be counted on when others need help.”

The Joanne S. Hayes Memorial Scholarship is made possible through community donations to The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler.

ABOUT THE ARC OF CHEMUNG-SCHUYLER

The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler is a family-based organization, providing supports and services to nearly 2,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families, across an 18-county service area. Learn more at www.arcofcs.org.