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WATERVILLE, ME-- The Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the 2009 recipient of the 11th annual Joseph B. Ezhaya Scholarship Award is Jennifer Rose Hale of Waterville, Maine, a senior at Waterville Senior High School. Jennifer is the daughter of Pamela and Gregory Hale. The Joseph B. Ezhaya Scholarship is awarded based upon outstanding citizenship and community service. Applicants are asked to demonstrate their past involvement and impact on the community in an essay. Four finalists were then chosen to interview with a committee of seven panelists.

The committee concluded Jennifer's civic involvement and leadership responsibilities most impressive. Following is a partial list of her activities and efforts beyond her outstanding academic performance:

- Jennifer has served on the Waterville Senior High School's Key Club throughout her high school career, performing as treasurer, vice president, and president throughout the years. The Key Club performs countless activities and community service projects in which Jennifer was fully engaged.
- She holds the position of the Class of 2009 2nd vice president, actively participating in governing and raising funds for her class.
- As President of the National Honor Society at Waterville Senior High School, Jennifer is in charge of organizing and participating in various community service projects for the organization.
- She is also actively involved in Waterville's athletic programs, playing on the Varsity Field Hockey and Swim Teams and serving as a captain for both.
- Last year, she was selected to participate in the 2008 Dirigo Girls State Delegate as a Senator, where she learned about the processes in State government.
- Lastly, Jennifer has been presented various awards including the 2009 Maine High School Philanthropist of the Year Award, the Colby College Book Award, All State All-Academic Field Hockey Team, and Waterville Senior High School's Renaissance Award for Academic Achievement.

Jennifer plans to continue her education at Colby College where she will major in biology and pre-med.

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