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Mariah Larwood Awarded St. Mary's School Foundation of Ukiah, Inc. Scholarship

Ukiah, CA – St. Mary's School Foundation of Ukiah, Inc. is pleased to announce Mariah Larwood as the 2014 alumni scholarship recipient. This is awarded to a St. Mary's alumni pursuing higher education who exemplifies the student learning expectations of St. Mary's by being: a person of faith, a lifelong learner, and a responsible citizen.

Fall is a busy time for any incoming freshman, but Larwood is no ordinary freshman. Ranked number two in Ukiah High School's graduating class of 2014 with a 4.57 GPA, Larwood is now pursuing a business degree at Boston College. In addition to her achievement of academic excellence throughout high school, she was also a captain of both the UHS girls' water polo and swim teams, student body president, as well a participant in numerous on-campus clubs.

The Bake More-Give More club is a micro-charity that Larwood founded during her junior year. Through the club's fundraising efforts, Bake More-Give More donated more than \$1500 to various local charitable campaigns. These projects included adopting a family over the holidays, contributing to pay medical bills for a student battling cancer, and donating to a scholarship memorial fund dedicated to a junior high teacher, as well as helping a local sheriff to purchase a prosthetic.

“Mariah has displayed her tenacious worth and innate tendency to help people by sacrificing her time and energy doing maximum amount of volunteer work outside the classroom,” said Shawn Garrity, counselor at Ukiah High School.

It was Larwood’s love of math, which she has been studying at an advanced level since the seventh grade that led to her decision to major in Business with a concentration of Finance at Boston College’s Carroll School of Management. Other deciding factors were her participation in Economics for Leaders, a weeklong program at UC Berkeley, and involvement in UHS’s Leadership class.

“These two experiences, Economics for Leaders and my Leadership course, have allowed me to discover that I love working with and contributing to an innovative team,” said Larwood.

Larwood is sure to continue contributing to her new school community and finding innovative ways to serve, as she was as she was chosen along with 15 other freshman to participate in the Boston College Presidential Scholar Program. This program incorporates week long trips to South America and Europe, a six-week community service project in Boston next summer, a study abroad element the following summer, and an eight-week career focused internship between her junior and senior years.

Each year St. Mary’s School Foundation of Ukiah, Inc. awards a scholarship to a graduating high school senior that is a St. Mary’s alumni. The form may be downloaded from the St. Mary’s School website <http://www.stmarysukiah.org/> or picked up the Foundation office located at 415 W. Perkins, Ukiah, 95482. Please call 707.621.4464 for more information.