



Let's Salute

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Former Q-C resident receives research grants

Dr. Jennifer Hill, a 1979 graduate of North Scott High School, Eldridge, Iowa, was awarded two Career Development Awards from the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. She will be the primary investigator for both projects.

The first project, with funding of \$83,000, will address the problem of head and neck cancers becoming resistant to chemotherapy. The second award will provide \$30,000 to support the search for genes that cause salivary gland cancer and to identify genetic changes that occur in humans with the disease.

Hill is a dentist and associate professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Augustana students will study in Australia

Area residents are among 68 Augustana students who will study and work in Sydney, Australia, for the first two months of 2011.

The international study program known as "Augustana in Australia" places students in career-relevant positions in Sydney and immerses them in Australian culture.

Participating students include Keena Davis, Aledo, Ill.; Allison Hughes, Moline; Lisa Schippers, East Moline; and Craig Wilson, Galesburg, Ill.

Miss Rock Island County will compete for state title

The Rock Island County Fair Board has announced the crowning of the new 2010 Miss Rock Island County Fair Queen, Taylor Schulte of Milan, Ill.

Schulte attends the University of Illinois-Springfield, where she is majoring in communications with an emphasis in public relations and minoring in sociology. She was crowned in October and will travel to Springfield in January to represent the Rock Island County Fair in the competition for the Miss Illinois County Fair crown.

The new first runner-up is Abby Breckling of East Moline.

St. Ambrose student selected for honor band

St. Ambrose University student Abby Sloan, daughter of JoEllen and Ty Sloan, Rock Island, was selected from colleges and universities throughout Iowa to be part of the Iowa Collegiate Honor Band Festival in Ames, Iowa.

The 100-member honor band represented 17 Iowa colleges and universities and performed at the Iowa Music Educators Association annual conference.

South RI Township trustee honored for his long service

Louis Alongi, a trustee in South Rock Island Township, received this year's Township Officials of Illinois Trustees Division award for excellence in public service.

Elected to the township board in 2005, he has demonstrated support for township government by participating in citywide parades, collecting U.S. flags for proper disposal and establishing a cell phone for a soldiers program in the township.

For 33 years, he has been involved with the citywide fund drive for persons with mental disabilities sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, serving as chairperson for the past 10 years. For the past 20 years, he has volunteered as a Salvation Army red kettle ringer.

He has been a Cubmaster for 10 years, reads to children at the Rock Island Skip-a-Long Child Development Center and is active in St. Pius Catholic Church. He is an active member of the Quad-City Italian-American Society and Vietnam Veterans of America. For 17 years, he has coordinated the United Way campaign at the corporate office of KJWW Engineering.

"Louis has been a mainstay in our community for decades," said Supervisor John Bauersfeld. "His involvement in the community is just outlined here. He is known by all and is called upon to be a part of almost anything."