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2013 Armstrong Scholarship winner gets \$10,000 for higher education

SMITHSON VALLEY, April 26, 2013 — An ambitious student from Smithson Valley High School is the winner of the 2013 Ola Armstrong Scholarship, presented by The GVTC Foundation. Lauren Broderick was chosen from 64 qualified students, who submitted applications from throughout GVTC's 2,000 square mile service area. She receives \$10,000 to help pay for her college education.

A four-year member of the Smithson Valley Silver Spurs dance team, Lauren says she would like to go into business after college by creating a fitness program and, "taking it global."

The Armstrong Scholarship is named for Ola Armstrong, past president of the Foundation. The scholarship is awarded to the student who demonstrates academic excellence and exceptional community involvement — two attributes that represent Armstrong's character and commitment to her profession.

Lauren's many community involvement accomplishments include earning the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award for her presentation to the entire Smithson Valley student body, on the dangers of prescription drug abuse.

Lauren leveraged her participation with Girl Scouts to mentor other young girls by coordinating camp outs, art activities, and teaching them various forms of dance. She's also volunteered at St. Jude's Ranch for Children by creating a summer reading program, donating clothes and hygiene products and helping with Easter activities.

“I’m honored to receive this scholarship and would like to thank The GVTC Foundation for their consideration,” Lauren said. “I know my parents are very grateful for the help this is going to provide in paying for college.”

Lauren plans to attend the University of Houston this fall semester, where she will major in entrepreneurship and kinesiology.

“I’d like to thank the students from across our service area for taking the time to apply for the Armstrong Scholarship,” Paula White, The GVTC Foundation President, said. “Lauren stood out in our selection process and we would like to wish her the best in her college career.”

About GVTC:

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