

Area high schoolers honored for service



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State Farm Insurance representative Bill Whitney (from left) stands with award winners and nominees Sharon Holman, Anna Stogoski, Irene Newman, Shaquille Thompkins, Chelsea Henderson, Katherine Elizabeth Estep and Megan McKenzie Thomas at the fourth-annual United Way Student Service Awards at Charlottesville High School. Local Del. David J. Toscano (back) was on hand for the event.

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Eight area high schools students were honored Monday for their commitment to the community through volunteering or service to others.

The winners, from Charlottesville and Albemarle County private and public high schools, were presented with the awards at the fourth-annual United Way Student Service Awards ceremony, held at the Charlottesville High School atrium.

“There are a wide variety of reasons why the students were nominated and a lot of different activities and groups are represented,” said Heather Kellams, a coordinator of the awards. “There are students who worked with Key clubs, social organizations, churches, schools and other groups.”

Kellams said others in the community nominated students for the awards.

“There are a lot of active youth and they’ve earned the honors,” she said.

The Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families’ Youth Service Work Group and the United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area Volunteer Center presented the awards. State Farm Insurance sponsored the awards and Monday’s event.

Winning awards were Sharon Holman, of Albemarle High School; Jeremy Hopkins, Charlottesville High School; Katherine Elizabeth Estep, Covenant School; Chelsea Henderson, Monticello High School; Megan McKenzie Thomas, Murray High School; William Paget-Brown, Renaissance School; Kai Lyons, Tandem Friends School; and Riley Wilson, of Western Albemarle High School.