



News Release

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Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling awards \$2,500 scholarship to Northern High School student in Owings, MD

Gaithersburg, Md. – November 2, 2010 - Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling with offices in Gaithersburg and Frederick, Maryland, recently launched its second scholarship award essay competition to support local fire and rescue professionals and their families. The semi-annual scholarship awards of \$2,500 are for any child or dependant of a firefighter or emergency medical personnel. The company is encouraging local young people who are related to local first responders to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited community college, college, university or technical college.

According to Tom Plant, Paul Davis office owner, this year's scholarship recipient is Brittany Bobo who is a 12th grade student at Northern High School in Owings, Maryland. Bobo has a GPA of 3.8 and is starting to apply to colleges. She is the daughter of Shawn and Ronald Bobo, Jr. Ronald Bobo is a fire department sergeant at Engine Company 18, Truck 7 for the District of Columbia Fire Department at 414 8th Street South East in Washington D.C.

"Brittany's father has yet to hear the essay, but he told me over the phone that both Brittany and her mother were moved to tears after Brittany read the essay to her mom the first time," said Plant. "When I spoke to Brittany over the phone and explained to her that she had won the contest, she screamed and was very excited and honored. Brittany is a sweet girl and we are pleased to award her the scholarship," he said.

The award will be given out on Wednesday, November 17 at a luncheon in honor of Brittany and her father at his home station. Her family and friends will be in attendance along with Sergeant Bobo and his platoon of firefighters working that day. Also invited are the superior officers and Fire Chief Dennis L. Rubin. Brittany Bobo with be asked to stand up and read the essay to her father for the first time ever.

"We were very touched by Brittany's essay that addressed her love and admiration for her father and his line of work," said Plant. "Brittany said that having her father as a firefighter is like living with her own personal Superman. She also said that her father has taught her to be fearless and to stand up for anything and be strong, even when you forget how to be."

Plant added that the essay was very well written by the young lady who has a big heart and who loves and adores her father.

Earlier this year, the Paul Davis office awarded the scholarship to Nicole Lynn Stottlemyer. She is the daughter of Walter Stottlemyer, a fire department Captain at Station #8, 801 Russell Ave. in Gaithersburg and a student at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Maryland. Her essay was about being the daughter and granddaughter of Maryland firefighters and how she grew up around her father's work and helping those in need along with learning compassion and teamwork.

Applicants must represent currently enrolled high school or current college undergrad students with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of a 2.5. A parent or legal guardian must be a current volunteer or a career fire and rescue responder in Montgomery, Frederick, Washington and Prince Georges counties in Maryland and Washington, DC.

The scholarship program demonstrates Paul Davis Restoration's continuing support for local fire and rescue professionals and their families. "We salute those who stabilize a wide variety of catastrophic and dangerous situations and who are equipped to deal with local property owners during some very difficult times," said Plant. "We are proud to sponsor this opportunity for young people in our community."

Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling has been providing fire, smoke and water loss mitigation and emergency restoration services in the local area for more than 21 years. The office is located at 7410 Lindbergh Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. For more information, call 301.948.8008. Visit the website at www.pdrmontgomery.com.

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