## CHS seniors net \$126k in scholarships

The 32nd annual Coventry Teachers Alliance Scholarship Awards Night was held on April 9, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Coventry High School auditorium. At that time \$85,000 was awarded to 126 CHS seniors.

This fund was created by the teacher's union to assist Coventry High School seniors as they move on to their next educational endeavor, whether that be a technical school, a two year college, or a four year college. The fund has grown to include current and retired Coventry school employees. who contribute through weekly contributions. Those weekly contributions made by the teachers and other school department employees are matched by contributions made by over sixty-five community donors. These donors include local businesses, community members, and families of present and former Coventry High School teachers and students.

Over the past 30 years the CTA has awarded more than \$900,000 to thousands of students. To our knowledge this is the only scholarship program of such magnitude in the state of Rhode Island that is funded by teacher and staff contributions.

The committee, which meets several



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ABOVE: Senior Cory Snape and Coventry principal Michael Hobin are all smiles.

RIGHT: Jaryn LaPlante is presented her award by teacher Suzanne Tracy.

times throughout the year, is comprised of teachers representing each school in Coventry. Their number one goal of the committee is to give as much money as possible to as many students as possible. Committee members include Maria Boulmetis, Tara



D'Aleno, Elaine Guillette, Paula Jacquard, Heather Murgida, Vicki Norris-Karten, Robin Petrarca, Ray Raboin, Susan Smith, Susan Toohey-Kaye, Suzanne Tracy, and Greg Wightman.