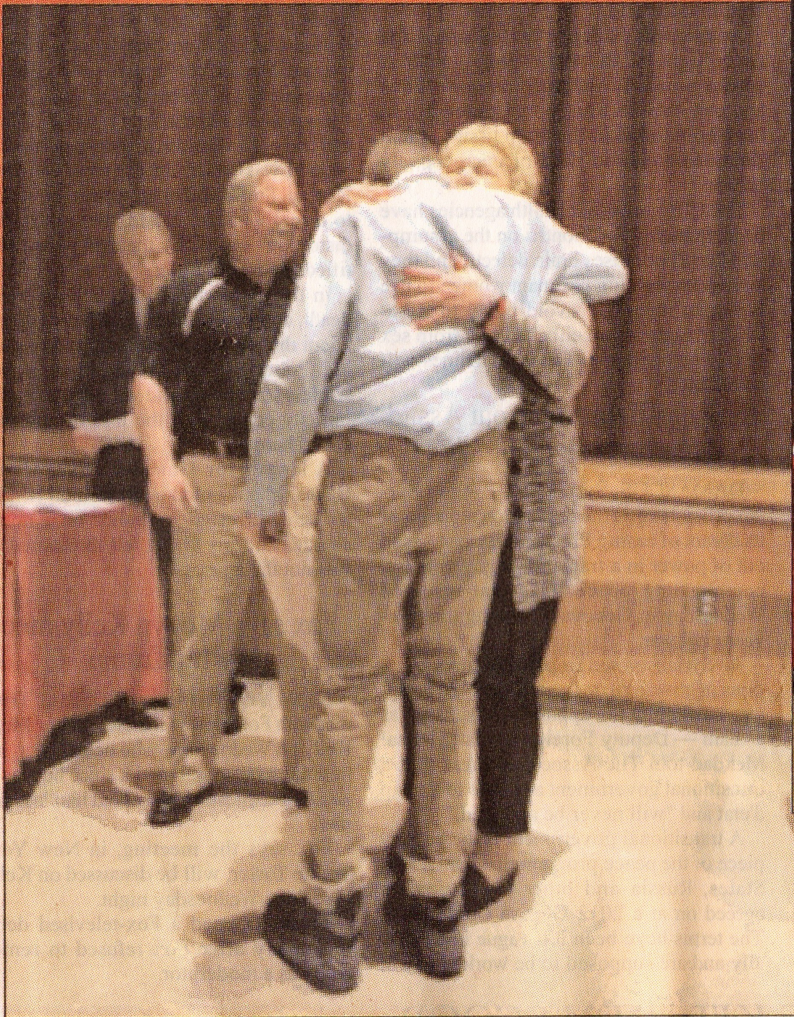


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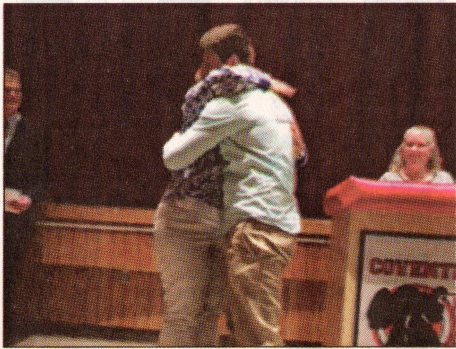


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126 Coventry High School seniors were awarded scholarships at this year's Coventry Teacher's Alliance Scholarship Awards Night, an annual event that sees contributions from teachers and area businesses awarded to members of the year's graduating class. Story, Page A-6.

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CTA Scholarship Awards Night once again a success



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COVENTRY — The 36th annual Coventry Teachers Alliance Scholarship Awards Night was held on April 6 in the Coventry High School auditorium where \$100,000 in scholarships was awarded to 126 Coventry High School seniors.

This fund was created by teachers 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 and has grown to include current and retired Coventry school employees, who help fill the coffers through weekly contributions.

Those contributions are matched by contributions made by over seventy community donors. These donors include local businesses, community members, and fam-

ilies of present and former Coventry High School students and teachers.

"As educators we know the importance of higher education, whether that be a trade school, a two-year college or a four-year college and this is a way to show the students that we support them," said Tiogue Elementary School teacher Tara D'Aleno. "As evidenced by the growing number of donors, this program is of high importance to the community. Some of our donors include the CHS alumni association, the Coventry/West Greenwich Lions, the Coventry Senior Center, Centreville Bank, and many families of former students and/or faculty members."

Over the past 36 years more than 1.2 million dollars has been awarded 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," she said. "We have one goal – to provide as much money to as many students as possible."

D'Aleno pointed out these scholarships directly benefit the students, so they willingly do whatever is needed to make the program a success.

"With everyone working toward the one goal, the results are amazing," she added.

Many recipients now work in the town or have children attending the schools and they will often comment on receiving this scholarship and how it helped them.

For more information please feel free to contact committee chair, Suzanne Tracy, at 822-9499 ext. 158 or at tracysuzanne@coventryschools.net for more information.

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There were plenty of hugs and handshakes at the April 6 awards night.