

Area young ladies to be honored at 48th annual Medallion Ball



Five local young women will be among those presented at the 48th annual Medallion Ball Friday at the Wyndam Grand Hotel in Pittsburgh.

Each young woman has performed more than 100 hours of volunteer service in the community and will be awarded the Joan of Arc Medal by Bishop David A. Zubik from the Pittsburgh Catholic Diocese.

Arrangements for the event are handled by St. Lucy's Auxiliary to the Blind. Proceeds from the ball benefit Pittsburgh Vision Services.

Local honorees include ***Katherine Ann Beisler***, daughter of Daniel and Mary Jo Danzak Beisler of North Huntingdon Township; Kimberly Marie Hopkins, daughter of Kevin J. and Cheryl Hopkins of Glassport; Miranda Lynn, daughter of Laura J. Lynn and Glenn E. Lynn of McKeesport; Emily Margaret Ruhe, daughter of Thomas and Deborah Ruhe of Elizabeth; and Megan Elise Sayles, daughter of Gerald and Darlene Sayles of Elizabeth Township.

A senior at Greensburg Central Catholic High School, Beisler earned more than 250 volunteer hours at West Penn Allegheny Forbes Regional Hospital, Norwin Public Library and Queen of Angels Catholic School.

She is an honor student and member of Interact, the World Affairs Club and Delta Epsilon Phi. As a German Honor Society student, she has traveled to Germany to enhance her studies and knowledge of German culture.

Beisler is a four-year letterman, starter and captain of the girl's varsity field hockey team. She was named to the 2010 WPIAL's All-Star Field Hockey Team and represented Western Pennsylvania as a 2010 member of the Keystone State Field Hockey Team. She is also a one-year letterman and starter on the girl's lacrosse team.

An 11-year member of the Youghioghny Country Club Swim Team, she is a two-time Coach's Award winner and has qualified for WPCCSA Championships 10 out of 11 years. She is an American Red Cross certified lifeguard.

Beisler plans to attend Allegheny or Dickinson College and major in computer science/business.

Her escort is John Rea Stroup Jr., son of John and Barbara Stroup of Clarion. He attends Slippery Rock University.