At its annual awards ceremony held May 11, the Air Force Junior ROTC unit of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School honored several of its members. Pictured from left to right, front to back, are several of the commendated students along with award presenters. They include Cadet Captain Hai Ngo, recipient of The Reserve Officers Association Award, the Male Cadet of the Year Award, and the Keith Ferris Award; Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Stephen Shore, recipient of the Druden Award; Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Martin Willy, recipient of the American Legion Members Executive Award; Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Jonathan Day, recipient of the American Legion Scholastic Award; Colonel John McGinness, USAF (Ret.), who represented The Reserve Officers Association; Mr. John Lawson, who represented the Westfield Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution; Warrant Officer John Pfeifer, USAF (Ret.), who represented the American Legion Post 209; Colonel Peter Nicholls, recipient of The Retired Officers Association Award, and the Keith Ferris Award; Mrs. Peggy Ferris, recipient of the National Sojourners Award.

Those students who were also honored but were not present for the photo are Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Peter Nichols, recipient of The Retired Officers Association Award; Cadet Servant Vivian Tran; Cadet Servant Eric Kulp, both recipients of the Military Order of the World War II Award; Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Glen Guaito, recipient of the American Legion Scholastic Award; Mr. Kevin McGonigle, Commander of the American Legion Post 209; Cadet Sergeant Joseph McGonigle, recipient of the Military Order of the World War II Award; Mr. Keith Ferris, world renowned aviation artist; Cadet Major Army Church, recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Award, the Female Cadet of the Year Award, and the Keith Ferris Award; Mrs. Peggy Ferris, recipient of the Air Force Association Award; Cadet Sergeant James Gilligan, recipient of the American Legion Certificate of Commendation; and Chief Warrant Officer John Pfeifer, USAF (Ret.), representative of New Jersey Chapter 42 and presenter of the National Sojourners Award.

Three students who were honored at the ceremony were cited at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation from 69 applicants the group studied were cited at the high school Awards Night May 30 for their academic success, community activity and achievement potential.

Dollars for Students Awards sponsored by the Foundation were won by five graduating seniors and six former graduates in college. The seniors were Alisa Gregory, Beth Rohman, Brian Geiseler, Monique Edwards and Derek Boen. The collegians were Sandra Adimofli at Kean College, Kathleen Dickin at Keen, David Hack at Villanova, Jacqueline Reid at Elizabethtown, Kevin Worth at Lehigh, and John Ritter at Stockton State College.

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In commenting about the awards, John Lawson, Foundation president, acknowledged the achievements of the students, the generosity of the community and the sponsors, and the thorough study of all applicants by the Foundation Evaluation Committee. He noted that since its inception in 1966, the Foundation had administered over $275,000 for the benefit of more than 425 local students. The Foundation Board of Directors, current winners and families at a June 2nd reception at All Saints’ Episcopal Church.