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**Historical Society Presents Jessie Hunt Award
for Excellence to Katie Henry**

The Fluvanna County Historical Society has selected Katie Henry, a Fluvanna County High School senior, to receive the Society's annual Jessie Hunt Award for Excellence. This award, a \$500 scholarship, honors Jessie Hunt, an active member of the Historical Society and well known history teacher for many years in the Fluvanna public schools. The award is presented to a student who plans to continue formal education, has a genuine interest in history and has demonstrated good citizenship.

This year a committee of Fluvanna County High School teachers in the Social Studies Department recommended that Katie Henry receive the award. Katie has maintained an outstanding academic record and actively participated in school organizations and athletics as well as serving in many leadership roles. She served as Class Treasurer in her sophomore, junior and senior years. She has been Associate Editor and Editor-in-Chief of the School Newspaper, The Blue and Gold. Katie ran Cross Country track for all 4 years of high school, was Co-Captain of the Girls Indoor Track Team and co-Captain of the Girls Outdoor Track Team. She participated in Varsity Choir and attended Virginia Girls State Conference at Longwood University in 2009 at which time she was elected Senator of her city and Senate Party Floor Leader. Ms. Henry served on two internships in the summer of 2009, one for the Fluvanna Historical Society and one for the University of Virginia Digital Curation Services Department. Katie fulfilled her commitment to the Blue Ridge Governors' School at the high school with a powerful film documentary on the educational process in Fluvanna County. Katie will attend the College of William and Mary in the Fall.

In announcing the award, Ms. Judith Mickelson, Director of the Historical Society stated, "Katie Henry represents the kind of student Jessie Hunt enjoyed teaching. The Historical Society is very pleased that the Social Studies teachers at the high school have selected a young woman for this award who plans to go on to university and continue her history studies".

Ms. Mickelson presented the \$500 check to Ms. Henry at the high school Awards Ceremony on May 20, 2010.