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**Historical Society Presents Jessie Hunt Award
for Excellence to Laura Donahue**

The Fluvanna County Historical Society has selected Laura Donahue, 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 Laura Donahue receive the award. Laura has maintained an outstanding academic record, including Advanced Placement and PVCC courses. She has actively participated in extra-curricular activities and athletics serving in leadership roles, as well as serving our community as a student representative on the Fluvanna County Parks and Recreation Committee. She most recently completed an internship as an historic preservationist at Ashlawn-Highland where she scanned and archived important documents and produced an educational publicity brochure for distribution. When not involved in all of these activities, Laura also worked as a swimming instructor and lifeguard.

In announcing the award, Mrs. Ruth Campopiano, former School Board member and Education Chairperson of the Historical Society, stated, "Laura Donahue 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".

Mrs. Campopiano, presented the \$500 check to Ms. Donahue at the high school convocation on May 21, 2008.

