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Inaugural Rigali Barrett Scholarship Awarded to Oakdale Freshman

ST. PAUL, MN – June 22, 2007. Hill-Murray School, in partnership with the Barrett family, is pleased to announce that incoming high school freshman Lauren Nielsen of Oakdale has been awarded the first-ever Dolores Rigali Barrett Scholarship.

This coveted academic scholarship was established in memory of Dolores Rigali Barrett, mother of seven children, all of whom graduated from Hill-Murray – a well-respected Catholic school near St. Paul. Mrs. Barrett was committed to both her Italian heritage and Catholic education, and continually emphasized the importance of studying and working hard in order to get ahead. Awarded annually to a Hill-Murray student attending high school grades 9-12, eligibility and decision criteria include Italian heritage; solid academic standing; and a written essay describing what the applicant's Italian heritage means to them.

Lauren Nielsen will begin attending Hill-Murray this Fall, from Transfiguration Catholic School in Oakdale – a prestigious co-educational elementary school that has served communities in the Eastern metro area for over 50 years. In addition to being an honor roll student, Lauren has excelled in a variety of different activities – including team sports (track and field, basketball and volleyball); church-related activities (alter server and Faith Formation Assistant); and other activities (pre-school student volunteer). In addition she was awarded the “Maverick Award” for positive attitude and hard work from Mankato State Volleyball Camp during her final year at Transfiguration.

According to Mark Barrett, one of Dolores Rigali Barrett's seven children, “words cannot describe my family's excitement in hearing that the inaugural scholarship has been awarded to a student of Lauren's caliber. We're so pleased to honor our mother's legacy by helping to support such a wonderful young student, and we have no doubt that Lauren will continue to excel at Hill-Murray.” Added Daniel Barrett, Dolores' husband of 44 years, “Dolores would be thrilled. Lauren obviously exhibits many qualities that my wife held dear – such as hard work, Catholic values, community involvement and Italian-American pride. I can't think of a more deserving recipient of this scholarship, and we all wish her the best!”

For additional information:

- Dolores Rigali Barrett Scholarship: www.RigaliBarrett.com
- Hill-Murray School: www.Hill-Murray.org