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## UNIVERSITY MALL AWARDS \$25,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

**South Burlington, VT (May 9, 2007)** – University Mall has selected five area high school seniors to receive \$5,000 each toward their first year of higher education. University Mall's *Scholarship of Excellence* is awarded to students who embody excellence in academics, leadership, and community service. Listed below are the 2007 recipients and their major accomplishments:

**Mary Gagne** of *Missisquoi Valley Union High School* is recognized for her work with Adopt-A-Grandparent, Make-A-Wish, Operation Happiness, and The American Red Cross. Mary will attend Lyndon State College in Vermont.

**Shannon Jackson** of *Essex High School* has enjoyed work with CHIPS, (Community Helping to Inspire People to Succeed), as well as holding many Student Council positions. Shannon's school choice is University of Maryland, College Park.

**Kylie McLane** of *South Burlington High School* has worked with COTS, the Burlington Food Shelf, Salvation Army, and Special Olympics. Kylie will attend Stonehill College in Massachusetts.

**Evan Masseur** of *Champlain Valley Union High School* is recognized for work with St. Jude's Youth Group, Special Olympics, and The Hinesburg Council on Rural Development Steering Committee. Evan will attend Middlebury College in Vermont.

**Benjamin Phelps** of *South Burlington High School* is notably recognized for efforts with the school board as Student Representative and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Ben will attend Tufts University in Massachusetts.

University Mall has awarded a total of \$175,000 in scholarships to students since 2001.

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