

Skyview senior wins Marshall scholarship

VANCOUVER — Renata Fusso, a senior at Skyview High in the Vancouver School District, was named the 2008 General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award winner Thursday.

Fusso will be recognized in a public ceremony at 4 p.m. March 26 at the Marshall House on Officers Row.

She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, a \$500 summer internship at the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust and a biography of Marshall. She also will meet local elected officials and be an honored participant in programs of Celebrate Freedom, a series of educational and festive events to strengthen community values of leadership, public service and patriotism. Celebrate Freedom is sponsored by the trust.

Fusso volunteers in a local nursing home, the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District, Free Clinic of Southwest Washington, Friends of Trees, and Steps Leadership Team of Clark County. She is a member of the Clark County Youth Commission and works to build awareness about teen obesity, winning a Girl Scout Gold Award for developing a Web site promoting healthy lifestyle choices for teens.

Fusso is a Running Start student at Clark College. She plans to study nursing at the University of Portland.

The award, presented by SEH America, was established in 2000 and is given to a local high school student who demonstrates leadership, takes a stand for the rights of others, serves as a role model, shows initiative and motivates others.

It honors Marshall, who was commander of Vancouver Barracks from 1936 to 1938, then served as secretary of state from 1947 to 1949 and later won the Nobel Peace Prize for the Marshall Plan, which helped rebuild the economies of Europe and Pacific nations after World War II.



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