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Notables Award Music Scholarships to Two Randolph High School Seniors

(Basking Ridge, N.J.) – Two Randolph High School seniors – Alessandra Altieri and Thomas J. Carle – have been selected as the recipients of the 2010 Notables Singers Scholarship Awards. Both plan to continue their musical studies in college this September.

Altieri will be attending the Manhattan School of Music, in New York City, and Carle will be attending Bucknell University, in Lewisburg, Pa. Altieri plans to study classical vocal performance while Carle plans to double major in music performance and business, as he would like to attend a conservatory and use his business degree to support graduate school studies.

The two will receive their awards on June 28 at Ridge Oak Senior Housing, in Basking Ridge, in conjunction with Notables' performance for the residents.

"We are pleased and honored to present our second annual scholarships to these two very talented students," says Ellen Heffes, of Basking Ridge, who is the founder and director of Notables. The group, which was formed in 2004, is comprised of about 20 women who sing *America's Favorite Music* in sounds from Broadway, jazz, and pop and who perform at a variety of venues primarily in Morris and Somerset counties. "We are grateful to the community for supporting our work to help raise funds to allow the presentation of the awards again this year and expect our program to grow."

The two students were selected from entries submitted by high school students in Morris and Somerset counties. Application forms were sent to all high schools in Morris and Somerset, and applicants were asked to submit CDs that demonstrated their vocal talent, as well as recommendations from individuals familiar with their abilities. Semi-finalists were then invited to attend in-person auditions.

Applications were reviewed by Notables Musical Director Barbara Cornelia, of Mt. Arlington, and the Notables Scholarship Committee consisting of Chairperson, Dr. Gerry O'Connor, of Mendham, Alberta Hornyak, of Basking Ridge, Loretta Zupa, of Morristown, and Patti Rossi, of Somerset.

Cornelia says she was “extremely pleased with the quality of the entries and the remarkable talent displayed by the two young students who were selected as recipients. Both high school seniors clearly have unique talents that will allow them to pursue further musical studies.”

O’Connor agrees that, “the quality and talent exhibited by the applicants showed the professionalism and dedication of the musical programs in many of New Jersey’s high schools.”

Notables Singers, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization comprised of volunteer singers that perform America’s Favorite Music in sounds in Broadway, jazz and pop for audiences primarily in central New Jersey – Morris and Somerset counties. See the Web site at www.NotablesSingers.org for information on the scholarship program, bookings and group and performance schedules.

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