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## Two Berlin High students get national recognition

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**BERLIN**—Two Berlin High School seniors have won prestigious national scholarships.

Kendra A. Parent beat out 35,000 applicants to be named a 2007 Horatio Alger National Scholar, which carries a \$20,000 scholarship. Arielle Arsenault was named a national winner in the 2006-07 Principals' Leadership Award Scholarship Program, which carries a \$1,000 scholarship.

Parent and 105 other seniors around the country will be featured in a special broadcast airing Sunday, May 27 at 7 p.m. on the Comcast Network. In addition to the students, the broadcast will also showcase the new inductees to the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans — Tom Brokaw, Jenny Craig, Roger Staubach and Howard Schultz.

Members Ed McMahon and Lou Dodds served as emcees for the ceremonies.



Kendra Parent



Arielle Arsenault

The Horatio Alger National Scholarship recognizes students who have overcome adversity in their lives. In Parent's case, she has faced financial hardships.

Parent will be attending the University of New Hampshire at Durham, where she has been awarded a four-year Arnold and Della Hanson Scholarship. She will be a nursing student.

The daughter of Lorri Charron and Kerry Parent, Kendra Parent said see **RECOGNITION** page 7

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she participated in Upward Bound as a sophomore and spent six weeks at UNH. She liked the college and was determined to go there.

While in high school, Parent has worked 25 hours a week at Dunkin Donuts in Gorham.

Teacher Judy Collins, who has had Parent in her Health Occupations classes for two years, describes her as an independent thinker and top student.

"She's excelled," said Collins. "She's a hard-working kid."

Parent has taken a couple of college courses through the Running Start program and took one class at the N.H. Community Technical College in Berlin.

In a couple of weeks, Parent will take her test to become a Certified Nurs-

ing Assistant and hopes to work this summer at St. Vincent de Paul Nursing Home in Berlin.

"She'll be a very good nurse," said Collins.

In her spare time, Parent said she likes to write and listen to music. She also enjoys meeting people.

Berlin High Principal Gary Bisson nominated Arielle Arsenault for the national Principal's Leadership Award. She was the only winner in New Hampshire and one of only 100 in the country to be given the award.

Arsenault said she plans to study biology at Boston College with a pre-health concentration. Her goal is to become a dentist.

The daughter of John and Linda Arsenault has been active in sports and student activities. She is secretary of both the senior class and the Key Club

and captain of the field hockey, basketball and softball teams. She is an honor student and has volunteered at Special Olympics and the N.H. Teen Institute.

Bisson called Arsenault an exceptional leader with outstanding academic and athletic skills.

"Arielle is academically gifted and has excelled in every challenging class our high school has to offer," Bisson said.

Arsenault also was awarded the Dr. Preston R. Clark Scholarship by the Sports Medicine Committees of the N.H. Interscholastic Athletic Association and N.H. Medical Society. The scholarship is in memory of Dr. Clark, who advanced safety, medical ethics, care and treatment of athletic injuries and Coaches First Responder Education for the NHIAA and the student athletes of New Hampshire. The scholarship is for \$1,000.