

10th ANNUAL JOSEPH B. EZHAYA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCED



The Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that the 2008 recipient of the 10th annual Joseph B. Ezhaya Scholarship is Derek Veilleux of Winslow, Maine, a senior at Winslow High School. Derek is the son of Debra and Michael Veilleux. The Joseph B. Ezhaya Scholarship is awarded based upon outstanding citizenship and community service, which applicants are asked to demonstrate in an essay. Six finalists were then selected to interview with a committee of seven panelists.

Derek's civic involvement and leadership responsibilities are impressive. Following is a partial list of his efforts:

- Derek is an active member of the Boy Scouts serving in many different leadership roles over the years. His Eagle Scout project, in which he designed and built a handicapped accessible platform for individuals in wheelchairs to better watch Winslow Football, earned him recognition in the *Morning Sentinel*;
- He has assisted with the Winslow 4th of July celebration in many capacities over the years; volunteered his time with Hospice Volunteers of Waterville and raised money for the Maine Alzheimer's Association;
- Derek served as Yearbook editor (artwork);
- And he has been athletically involved in soccer and tennis throughout his high school career, serving as soccer captain his junior and senior year.

Derek has received several awards including the D.A.R. Good Citizen Award, KVAC 1st Team and Team MVP in soccer. Derek will attend Colby-Sawyer College in the fall, where he plans to major in studio art.