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COPPER MOUNTAIN COLLEGE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2009 GREENLEAF SCHOLAR

JOSHUA TREE, Ca – Copper Mountain College Foundation held its annual awards ceremony Wednesday, April 29, 2009 to announce this year's Roy Greenleaf, Jr. Educational Fund scholarship finalists and winner. A Twentynine Palms High School senior is this year's recipient, with Yucca Valley High School, Monument High School and Joshua Springs Christian High School also being represented among the finalists.

As the 2009 Greenleaf Scholar, Rhonda Romberg will receive funding for tuition, books and living expenses while she completes an AA degree at Copper Mountain College and a four year degree at a California State University or University of California campus.

Rhonda has been active in school activities and has volunteered for numerous community events while still managing to meet academic and personal challenges. Her desire is first to become a nurse by enrolling in CMC's RN program, and later, to become a pediatrician practicing in the Morongo Basin.

The finalists this year were Ashley Candelaria and Violet Pressnall from Twentynine Palms High School, Crystal Salas from Yucca Valley High School, Elena Schutte from Monument High School, and Kim Trowbridge from Joshua Springs Christian High School.

Previous Greenleaf scholars include Jillian Harris-Burkett, a Family Support and Language Arts teacher in the San Diego area and Jennifer Giddings who completes her teaching certificate program this semester at UC Irvine. The 2004 scholar, Catey Cahill, is currently on leave from California State University at Long Beach and Ryan O'Connell graduates this semester from California State University at San Bernardino with plans to continue on to medical school. Samantha Stephens, the 2006 scholar, is completing her first year at UC Irvine, and Tollian Waite plans to transfer to UC San Diego where he will study astrophysics to assist Sky's The Limit with their plans for an observatory and nature center. Last year's scholar, Geanne Weaver, is completing her first year at CMC and will return to join Rhonda Romberg at CMC in the fall.

The scholarship was established by the trust of the late Roy Greenleaf, Jr., a banker and benefactor who bequeathed his estate to the CMC Foundation to help students achieve their educational dreams.

For more information about the Roy Greenleaf, Jr. Educational Fund scholarship, contact the CMC Foundation at 760-366-3791 x 4200, or visit us online at www.theCMCF.org.

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