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### **East Hartford Student Receives Jewish Community Foundation Scholarship**

West Hartford, CT – The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford is pleased to announce Marissa Gauthier as the recipient of the Alvin Kennedy Scholarship. Marissa is a 2007 East Hartford High School graduate who ranked second in her graduating class. Among her many achievements, she received a Gold Star, the Girl Scouts' highest honor, and played trombone in the All East Coast Honors Band. Marissa will matriculate at Vassar College in the fall of 2007, where she plans to study biology and music.

Marissa's scholarship is provided through the Alvin Kennedy Scholarship Fund, established at the Jewish Community Foundation by the late Alvin Kennedy of East Hartford. Alvin and his brother, Robert, are longtime supporters of Jewish causes and have been active at Temple Beth Tefilah in East Hartford for many years. Alvin graduated from East Hartford High School in 1945 and served in the Army during the Korean War, where he received the Purple Heart. Before his death in April, he established a scholarship fund at the Foundation to help Jewish students achieve their educational dreams.

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### About the Jewish Community Foundation

With assets that exceed \$85 million, the Jewish Community Foundation is a leader in charitable giving in Greater Hartford. For 35 years, the Foundation has partnered with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their charitable goals and to secure a vibrant Jewish future. This year, the Foundation distributed \$3 million in over 600 grants to more than 160 different charities.

For more information, please call 860.523.7460, or visit our website at [www.jcfhartford.org](http://www.jcfhartford.org).

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Marissa Gauthier of East Hartford (center) receives news of her Alvin Kennedy Scholarship from Lauri Miller (left), Chair of the Jewish Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee, and Robert Kennedy (right), brother of the late Alvin Kennedy.