

High School Graduate Stands Out Among Thousands of Applicants, Receives \$5,000 Scholarship

The Prom Wishes scholarship asked high school seniors to write their wish for a better tomorrow, how they are helping make a difference in their communities. One student has been presented a \$5000 scholarship while 10 others have received \$1000 each.

June 23, 2008 - [PRLog](#) -- South Whitley, Ind. — Matthew Capeletti, a 2008 graduate of William T. McFatter Technical High School, was awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship through the Prom Wishes scholarship program. Capeletti caught the eye of the scholarship committee with his essay detailing his work with the The Education Foundation, Inc.

The scholarship committee was impressed not only with the sheer number of applicants but also the achievements of many of the students.

“We received well over 5,000 entries,” said Jacquie Downey, director of Prom Wishes. “It was difficult to narrow it down to 11 winners. We were extremely impressed with Matthew and how he used his talents in a unique and creative way to touch so many in his community.”

The program required applicants to write an essay entitled, “Wish for a Better Tomorrow: How can I improve the local community?” A total of 11 finalists (one receiving a \$5,000 scholarship and 10 each receiving a \$1,000 scholarship) were chosen on the basis of scholastics, community involvement, club participation, leadership, and volunteer work.

“I’m amazed at what some kids are accomplishing these days,” said Downey. “So often we hear only bad news about teenagers, but reading the essays was an absolute thrill and reinforced that teenagers do a lot of good in their communities.”

One of Matthew’s biggest accomplishments was creating TutorChatLive.org and having the opportunity to help student’s grasps a better understand of their school work.

In recognition of Capeletti’s achievements, Prom Wishes awarded both the The Education Foundation, Inc. and William T. McFatter Technical High School a \$1000 Prom Wishes gift certificate.

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