

High School Science and Technology will receive \$25,000 as a national winner of the 2010 AXA Achievement Scholarship in association with U.S. News & World Report. AXA Advisors LLC has announced.

Ennis discovered a way to use the human immune system to recognize and remove cancer and other diseased cells from the body. He is chief executive of BC Molecular Innovations, which he founded to develop a vaccine platform he invented, patented and is preparing to license. Ennis, who interned at the National Institutes of Health, is working with a former pharmaceutical executive to license his vaccine. Several biotechnology firms have contributed research funding.

Ennis is one of 52 students — one from each state, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico — who were awarded scholarships of \$10,000. Ten students, including Ennis, were chosen as national winners and will receive an additional \$15,000 award, a laptop computer and an opportunity for an internship with AXA Equitable.

"AXA Advisors and the communities in and around McLean share a common goal of providing resources that help make college possible for our youth," said Mark Swartz, executive vice president of AXA Advisors' American division and manager of its Falls Church office. "By supporting their educational success, we are making an investment in the future of our community."

Winnes, known as AXA Achievers, are graduating high school seniors who demonstrate ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, and the ability to succeed in college.

AXA Advisors is a provider of financial services for entrepreneurs and businesses. AXA Achievement is funded by the AXA Foundation, the philanthropic arm of AXA Advisors. Since 2005, the AXA Foundation has



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Laura Dove (left), president of Friends of Homeless Animals, accepts a donation from Karen Rosenberg, principal of KSR Pet Care. *Fairfax County Times, May 13-15, 2011, Page A-3*

college scholarships.

Payton becomes town manager

Verona Mayor Jane Seaman and the Town Council announced the nomination of **Mercury Payton** as the new town manager on Monday. Payton assumed his new duties Tuesday. He succeeds **John Schoenberlin**, who on May 1 retired after 28 years as town manager.



Payton

Payton, 37, has worked in municipal government for almost 25 years. Most recently, he served as city manager for the city of Manassas Park. Prior to that, he served in several leadership positions within local government, including Deputy city manager for the city of Manassas Park and assistant city manager/assistant

manager with both Emporis and Manassas Park. Payton was appointed as acting city manager.

Payton has a bachelor's degree in political science from Hampton University and a master's in public administration with an emphasis in local government and community development from the University of Delaware. He also has been recognized for his contributions as a participant in the Senior Executive Institute program conducted by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

Payton was selected from among 94 applicants. His initial two-year contract includes an initial base salary of \$160,000 per year.

"Mr. Payton's outstanding qualifications, professionalism and leadership experience in municipal government really helped him stand out from among the applicants," Seaman said. "I was impressed by his qualifications and his desire to serve the local citizens

Payton, his wife, Andrea, and their children, Arax, Avery, Martelle, Macy and Marissa, expect to relocate to Vienna in early July.

Herndon sends eight to Governor's School

Eight Herndon High School students have been invited to attend the selective Virginia Governor's School this summer. The Governor's School is made up of four-week residential programs at various universities and colleges throughout the commonwealth. Seven hundred students across the state have been accepted into the programs, designed for students gifted in academics — engineering, marine science, agriculture, humanities, mathematics, science and technology, life sciences, medicine and the visual and performing arts.

The Herndon students are **Nicholas Black, Alex Carroll, Allison Dyke, Kaitlin Herndon, Jennifer Herndon, and**

seven students began last fall. Students were required to submit lengthy applications, recommendations, essays and undergo multiple steps of evaluation at the school, county and state levels.

Military salutes

Army Cadets **Mende Wentzel** and **Jefferson Lansford** received the **George C. Marshall Award** during a ceremony at the Marshall Center at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. The award is named in the honor and legacy of Gen. Marshall, who served in World War II as the Army Chief of Staff and in the post-war era as secretary of state and secretary of defense.

Wentzel, daughter of **Bruce and Mende Wentzel of Alexandria**, is a student at James Madison University. She graduated in 2007 from Thomas Edison High School.

Lansford, son of **Jackson Lansford of Fairfax** and **Amy Lansford of Burke**, is a student at the University of Virginia. He graduated in 2007 from Robinson Secondary School.

The award is presented annually to the most outstanding senior Army ROTC cadets in military science studies and leadership values in each battalion at host universities or colleges. Top cadets from each cadet battalion represent the very best of a highly selective organization. This is a national award and the highest award an ROTC cadet can receive.

McLean firm donates \$800 to animal shelter

KSR Pet Care LLC, a McLean-based business, presented a check for \$800 to **Laura Dove**, president of Friends of Homeless Animals. The donation, given to recognize excellence in quality pet care services, was presented April 28 at FOGA's shelter in Ashlie. KSR Pet Care's staff and clients chose FOHA from five nominees.

"Visiting the shelter was a revelation," said **Karen Rosenberg**, owner of KSR Pet Care. "FOGA is doing a great job of managing and caring for about 110 dogs and 60 cats who are in a need of a new home."

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