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## **Powlus Wins Young Americans Scholarship**

### **Chamber Recognizes 85 Graduating High School Seniors at Annual Banquet**

SELINGROVE, Pa. – The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, May 19, announced the winner of its \$1,000 Young Americans Scholarship.

The Chamber's Board of Directors awarded Rebecca Powlus, a senior at Sunbury Christian Academy, with the scholarship, promising to award the funds to her for the start of her sophomore year of college.

Powlus was one of 22 applicants for the scholarship, edging out the very close competition with a superior essay. Her writing skills will be put to full use this fall, when she starts studying journalism at Cedarville University in Greene County, Ohio.

"We're both very proud of Rebecca," her father Mark Powlus said of the honor. "She's a go-getter and she's willing to put in the effort. She's also very humble. She realizes that the Lord has given her this talent and she [wants] Him to receive the credit."

The scholarship is funded by the Chamber's Annual Golf Classic. Business and community leaders come together every June to play golf for the benefit of their local high schools and students. This year's tournament will be held on Monday, June 14 at Susquehanna Valley Country Club. Interested parties may register online at [www.gsvcc.org](http://www.gsvcc.org) or by calling Megan Bollinger at 570-743-4100.

The Young Americans Program is a 25-year-old program that celebrates the accomplishments of high-achieving high school seniors and encourages them in future educational pursuits. The annual seminar teaches them how to become leaders in their communities and how to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of their hometowns, while giving them the chance to network with the Valley's business leaders and local government members. Currently 11 public and private high schools in the Valley participate in the program.

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*The Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce is a coalition of businesses, non-profit organizations, local government officials and community leaders committed to strengthening the Valley's local economy through partnerships that connect business with community.*

*The Young Americans Program is committed to extending those ideals into the next generation and beyond by investing in high school students. For more information on the program, please contact Megan Bollinger at 570-743-4100.*

*Rebecca Powlus was one of three students from Sunbury Christian to be named Young Americans in this year's program. The keynote speaker, Gary Daddario III, is a 2008 Young American and graduate of SCA. The Academy is a proud Chamber member. It teaches students in preschool through grade 12 and is located on U.S. 11 in Northumberland, across from UPS.*