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The Smith Infectious Diseases Foundation Announce Winners of the 2015 Governor Brendan Byrne Scholarship

ROSELAND, NJ --The Smith Infectious Diseases Foundation has two outstanding students as recipients of the second Governor Brendan Byrne Scholarships. Ann-Marsha Alexis and Alec Kelly will be awarded partial scholarships toward their tuition at their respective schools. They had exceptional essays on the topic of infectious diseases, and will be receiving their scholarships at the Smith Infectious Diseases Foundation Fourth Annual Awards Dinner on October 22, 2015 at the Park Savoy Estates in Florham Park, NJ.

Alec Kelly was selected as the first place winner of the essay contest and will receive a \$1,000 partial tuition scholarship for his senior year at St. Peter's Preparatory. His essay entitled, "MRSA Staph Infection" was exceptional and allowed him to win the contest and top scholarship.

Ann-Marsha Alexis is the second place winner of the contest and will receive a \$500 partial scholarship toward her sophomore year at Saint Vincent Academy. Her essay entitled, "The Dangers of Infectious Diseases" was excellent, and lead her to be one of the finalists.

"We are thrilled to promote the field of infectious diseases," explained Dr. Leon Smith, the founder of the foundation and one of the leading infectious diseases physicians in the country. "We have some very talented young people in the metropolitan area and it's our job to attract the best and brightest to this very important field of study. This is a real honor to recognize these students, especially in the name of Governor Byrne."

The scholarships were created in honor of Governor Brendan Byrne, and the recipients will receive their scholarships at the awards dinner honoring those who have dedicated their careers in medicine. The Smith Infectious Diseases Foundation Fourth Annual Awards Dinner will honor eight outstanding individuals in the field of medicine that night.