

News Release

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Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling awards \$2,500 scholarship to Villanova University student

Gaithersburg, Md. – June 13, 2011 - [Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling](#) with offices in Gaithersburg and Frederick, Maryland, recently launched its third scholarship award essay competition to support local fire and rescue professionals and their families. The semi-annual scholarship awards of \$2,500 are for any child or dependant of a firefighter or emergency medical personnel. The company is encouraging local young people who are related to local first responders to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited community college, college, university or technical college.

According to Tom Plant, Paul Davis office owner, this year's scholarship recipient is Justin Saunders. He is the son of Maxim and Michelle Saunders. Maxim A. Saunders is the Battalion Fire Chief at the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (DCFEMS) 3rd Battalion #2. Justin is 21 years old and attends Villanova University in Villanova, PA. He is going into his senior year and plans to apply to medical school next semester. Justin belongs to Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-med honor society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, NSCS (National Society of Collegiate Scholars). He is also very active in the University's Tango Club. This summer, he is working on a research internship at Villanova. Justin's grade point average (GPA) is 3.9.

Justin's winning scholarship essay was in response to a question created by the Paul Davis office, "If you were caught in a fire and you had only 30 seconds to escape, what would you save and why?". Justin composed an essay that outlined his fond memories of a red guitar, which was given to him by his parents when he was 16 years old. Justin still plays the guitar at the University and the thought of losing the guitar along with family photos and caring remembrances of his extended family would be a great loss to the young man.

"Justin's parents have yet to hear the essay, but we know that they are very proud of his many accomplishments," said Plant. "When I spoke to Chief Saunders and Justin over the phone and explained to them that Justin won the contest, they were very honored. Justin is a bright and talented young man and we are pleased to present him with the scholarship," he said.

The scholarship will be awarded on Thursday, June 30 at a luncheon in honor of Justin and his parents at the DCFEMS location, Engine Company 15, 2101 14TH Street SE in Washington DC. Justin and his parents along with family and friends will be in attendance along with Justin's father's platoon of firefighters working that day. Also invited are the superior officers and area fire professionals. Justin plans to read his winning scholarship essay and plans to play a composition on his red guitar during the scholarship check presentation. This will be the first time his parents will hear the essay.

Plant added that the essay was very well written by the young man who has a promising future.

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To apply for the Paul Davis scholarship, applicants must represent currently enrolled high school or current college undergrad students with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of a 2.5. A parent or legal guardian must be a current volunteer or a career fire and rescue responder in Montgomery, Frederick, Washington and Prince Georges counties in Maryland and Washington, DC.

The scholarship program demonstrates Paul Davis Restoration's continuing support for local fire and rescue professionals and their families. "We salute those who stabilize a wide variety of catastrophic and dangerous situations and who are equipped to deal with local property owners during some very difficult times," said Plant. "We are proud to sponsor this opportunity for young people in our community."

Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling has been providing fire, smoke and water loss mitigation and emergency restoration services in the local area for more than 23 years. The office is located at 7410 Lindbergh Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. For more information, call 301.948.8008. Visit the website at www.pdrmontgomery.com.

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