



Blacksburg Rotary Club

Rotary International
District 7570

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Rotary Recognizes Minoka Gunesequera for Leadership

Virginia Tech Student and Blacksburg High School graduate, Minoka Gunesequera, receives the first annual Henderson Graham award in recognition of her demonstrated leadership skills from Rotary District #7570 that runs from Northeastern Tennessee to Winchester, Virginia. This award, with plaque and \$1000 scholarship, is presented to an alumnus of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program (RYLA). As a high school student, Minoka was president and homecoming queen of the Blacksburg High School Senior class. She is active in her local church and has made several mission trips abroad. While still in high school she participated in a Rotary student exchange program to Australia.

RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth. In 2011, over 140 high school juniors and seniors, sponsored by 51 Rotary Clubs, attended the December session held over a weekend on the Virginia Tech Campus. This popular youth program is celebrating its thirtieth year in Southwestern, Virginia and is named former Rotary District Governor Henderson Graham of Marion, VA.

About Us

About Rotary: Rotary International is a global network of community volunteers united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Founded in 1905 in Chicago, today there are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members in over 33,000 Rotary clubs. The Rotary Club of Blacksburg (www.blacksburgrotary.org) began in 1978 and consists of over 110 members who meet at noon on most Thursdays at the Blacksburg Country Club.

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Receipt of the first Henderson- Graham award, Minoka Gunesequera with Blacksburg Rotary President Elect, Mark Hamrick.