NEWVILLE, PA, RESIDENT AWARDED $10,000 SCHOLARSHIP FROM NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

The National Exchange Club is proud to announce that Big Spring High School student Keisha Ickes has been named its 15th National Accepting the Challenge of Excellence (A.C.E.) Scholarship winner.

Keisha was selected from 30 entries and recognized at Exchange’s 96th National Convention in New Orleans, LA, in July, where she addressed the convention body and read her winning essays. The $10,000 scholarship awarded to Keisha can be used to help offset the costs of her college education.

The A.C.E. program recognizes high school students who have made dramatic changes in their attitudes and performance throughout their high school careers. These changes have enabled the students to overcome adversities and prepare for graduation. To be considered for the national award, students are first awarded at a local club level and then sent on to a district competition. Upon winning a district competition, winners can be submitted for the national recognition.

Exchange recognizes this scholarship as a positive program with two key objectives. First, it helps encourage students overcome hardships and get back on track toward a high school diploma. Second, the award recognizes those students who are often overlooked for their accomplishments. This special recognition serves as a powerful example to all students that hard work and perseverance are valuable qualities.

Through the A.C.E. and its Youth of the Year scholarships, The National Exchange Club has devoted more than $177,000 in just the past nine years to students from various regions and demographics.

Exchange is America’s oldest service club with more than 650 clubs and nearly 20,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. The organization’s Mission, working to make America’s communities better places to live, is carried out through its Programs of Service – Americanism, Youth Programs and Community Service – as well as the National Project, the prevention of child abuse. Founded in 1911, Exchange celebrated its 103rd anniversary in March 2014.