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LOCAL STUDENTS AWARDED FAIRPOINT SCHOLARSHIPS

Westfield, NY (July 17, 2009) – FairPoint Communications, Westfield, a FairPoint Communications, Inc. (NYSE: FRP) company, is pleased to announce that five area students, one from each of the five area school districts, have been selected to receive scholarships in the amount of \$800 each.

This year's winners are: Rychele Waclawski (Brocton), Brittany Yates (Chautauqua Lake), Ashley Judd (Ripley), Julie Frye (Sherman) and Kathryn Robbins (Westfield).

Scholarships were awarded based on academic achievement, community involvement, school activities such as music, sports or clubs, and leadership. Applicants must have an 85 or above average and a strong record in all of these areas.

FairPoint Communications supports scholarship programs that benefit its local communities and residents, and will remain active in promoting future scholarship and grant opportunities.

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