

The Woodbridge Youth Services Advisory Board Selection Committee is pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the Tenth Annual First Selectman's Youth Award is Alexander Bell. Alexander was selected from a group of seven very strong candidates. He will be honored at the Human Services Volunteer Tea on May 1, 2008 and presented with a plaque by First Selectman Edward Sheehy and a \$200 savings bond generously donated by NewAlliance Bank. A junior at Amity Regional High School, Alexander is the son of Dr. Leonard and Linda Bell. All of the nominated students will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation at the Tea.

Alexander has demonstrated truly outstanding service and leadership skills to the entire Woodbridge community by serving on the Woodbridge Clean Energy Task Force and the Woodbridge Ad Hoc Committee to Recommend Uses for the Former Fire House. In addition to participating at regular meetings of the Clean Energy Initiative Task Force, Alexander drafted press releases, organized and attended community events to promote renewable energy use, and organized and led implementation of a district-wide youth contest. His participation on the Committee to Recommend Uses for the Former Woodbridge Firehouse included developing, reviewing, and evaluating specific land options as well as submitting reports to represent Amity High School. Alexander is also a member of the Woodbridge Youth Services Advisory Board, and a volunteer assistant instructor for beginners and intermediate level karate students. Alex was awarded a Black Belt in karate in 2006.

In addition to his many volunteer and community activities, Alex is a member of the Amity Regional High School Varsity Ski Racing Team, has won first prize awards for his photography, is a member of the National Art Honors Society and the National Foreign Language Honors Society, is a Connecticut Academic Performance Test Scholar, has received a Class I Award in recognition of selection for the Honor Roll, and has received summa cum laude recognition on the National Latin Exam. He is a co-editor-in-chief of the *Trident*, Amity High School's student newspaper. Alex also initiated and developed the newspaper's website and serves as its administrator.

Woodbridge is very proud to have such dedicated and committed students in the community and would like to thank all of the students who were nominated for the 2008 First Selectman's Youth Award.