

BARRA awards \$4,000 to 2008 Angleton, Brazosport and Brazoswood graduates

Courtney Dahl and Sarah “Caitlyn” Genzer of Angleton High School, Alyssa Aikman of Brazoswood High School and Dara Dalton of Brazosport High School received \$1,000 each in BARRA scholarship awards. The success of the Surfside Beach Marathon/Half Marathon enabled BARRA to make these awards. Laurie Fisher made the presentations at Angleton, Sue Wheeler at Brazosport, and Daryl Beatty at Brazoswood.

Courtney Dahl of Angleton High School, plans to attend the University of Texas - Austin and major in speech pathology. She has been involved in numerous activities and ran Cross Country for two years and played soccer. She explains in her essay that she began running in the sixth grade at Angleton Middle School under the direction of Mrs. Green (a teacher/runner who has sponsored a middle school running group) and that she has translated those training skills into study skills and the ability of setting race goals into setting goals in other areas of her life. She compares her training schedule to her running schedule. Her long term goal is to become a pediatric oncology doctor.

Also from Angleton High School, Sarah “Caitlyn” Genzer



BARRA Scholarship presenter Lauri Fisher and winners Courtney Dahl (left) and Sarah Caitlyn Genzer (right).

plans to attend Texas A & M and major in nuclear engineering. She has run varsity cross country as well as played soccer. She has previously participated in local runs and been a member of a team in the Brazosport Relay Triathlon. She states that she is currently training for the Houston Half-Marathon. In her essay, she discusses how running makes a difference in her life. She describes the community of running and explains how running has taught her endurance and the ability to wait out her problems. She uses her running to set and reach her goals. Her long term goal is to find ways to help others.

From Brazoswood High

School, Alyssa Aikman plans to attend the University of Texas - Austin. She plans to study French and Spanish, eventually becoming an interpreter and translator. She has been running since she was in the sixth grade, participating in cross country on both junior varsity and varsity in Louisiana and Texas. In her essay she explains how her love of running was so great she worked through her diagnosis of “exercise-induced asthma” and could eventually run eight miles without stopping. When an Air Force Recruiter told her she would be ineligible to join due to her health and unable to meet the 1.5 fitness mile in thirteen minutes, she promptly informed him that



Sue Wheeler (left) and Brazosport BARRA Scholarship winner Dara Dalton.

she could already run eight miles and participated in cross country.

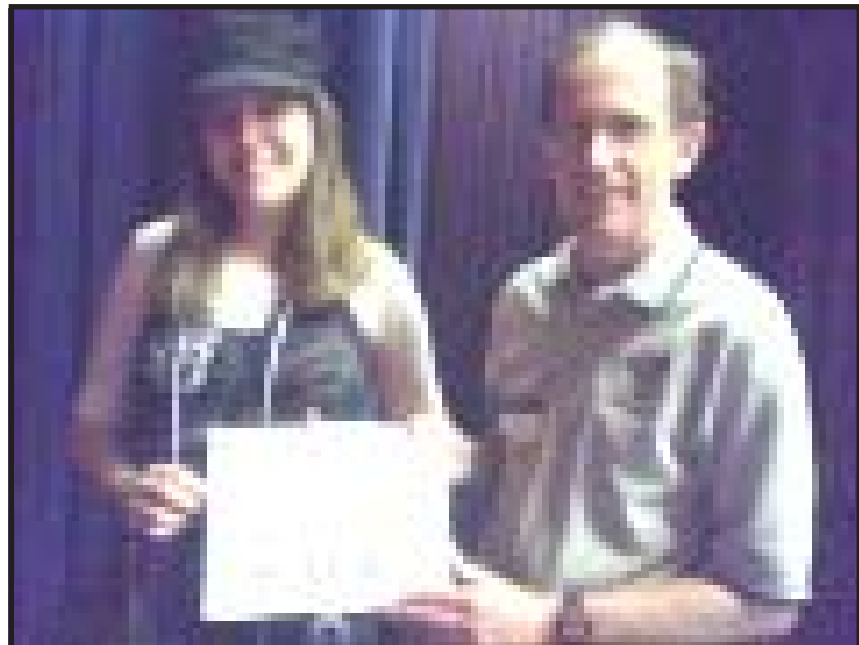
From Brazosport High School, Dara Dalton has already earned 15 hours of college credit at Brazosport Community College

and plans to continue there this fall. She hopes to transfer to either Texas A & M in Galveston or Texas A & M in Corpus Christi. She intends to major either in marine biology or engineering. She has

been on the swim team for four years and participated in track and volleyball. She especially enjoys surfing. She reports that other school commitments kept her from the track team in high school, but she runs when she gets the chance for fun and fitness. In her essay, she describes the beauty and enjoyment of running along Surfside Beach.

Over thirty scholarship applications were read and discussed by a BARRA committee of Daryl Beatty, Bob Bowden, Sandra Clevenger, Druce Crump, Bill Shaw, and Terry and Sue Wheeler to determine the 2008 BARRA Scholarship Awards.

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Brazoswood scholarship winner Alyssa Aikman and Daryl Beatty.