

Mount Saint John Honors Students, Staff, Volunteers

Deep River, June 2010 over 230 guests joined students & staff recently for Mount Saint John's annual Community Day of Excellence, Celebration & Awards Ceremony.

Awards were presented to select staff, faculty and volunteers for exemplary service and leadership. Mark Waters, Mount Saint John alumni class of 1978, was the guest speaker.

“This Day of Excellence is a way for us to say thank you to those who make it possible for our young men to acquire the necessary skills to be successful upon the return to their communities”, explained Doug DeCerbo, executive director of Mount Saint John. “It is also a time to recognize our young men between the ages of 13 and 18, who have earned awards for their service to others, personal growth & achievement and overcoming barriers to success”.

The most exciting moment of the ceremony belonged to Daprice Keys. In addition to earning his High School Diploma, he received Mount Saint John's highest award, the MacDonald Medal for service above self and setting a positive example for others. Mr. Keys is now living in Groton and plans to continue his education at the Connecticut Center for Massage Therapy in Groton.

To learn more about Mount Saint John's residential treatment, educational, life-skill and vocational services for young men please visit www.mtstjohn.org.

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Mount Saint John student Daprice Keys received his High School diploma at the facilities recent Community Day of Excellence, Celebration & Awards Ceremony. Congratulating Daprice are, from left, Mr. Doug DeCerbo, Executive Director, Ms. Kathy White, School Principal, Ms. Dana Adams, Education surrogate, Mr. Josh Fisher, CT Department of Children & Families and Ms. Colleen Phillips- White, Mount Saint John Clinician.