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Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival's Emerging Artist Scholarship
awarded to Kevin Templeton, Tamalpais High School Senior

Mill Valley, CA - The first Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival Emerging Artist Scholarship was awarded to Kevin Templeton at the Tamalpais High School senior awards night June 1st in the Ruby Scott Gym. Lynne Klein, President of the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival and Tamalpais High Fine Arts Teacher, presented the award. Kevin, who has a 4.0 plus GPA, will be attending New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University this Fall. The \$500 award will go toward Templeton's freshman college art supplies.

Kevin was both shocked and honored to be the first recipient of the Emerging Artist Award. "I would like to thank the Tam Ceramics Program who made receiving such an award possible. I'd also like to thank my parents and teachers for encouraged me to apply and of course the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival selection committee for choosing me."

Kevin started working in clay his freshman year at Tam and found that both his passion and aptitude for the medium soared. He has studied ceramics each year and attended a College of Marin summer course. He has a reputation in the art department as a "master thrower" for the scope and quality of his work. Kevin says he wants to focus on functional as well as artistic pieces. He loves to make teapots since they are both esthetic and functional. Samples of Kevin's work will be shown at the September 25 and 26 Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival in Old Mill Park with the other student exhibits.

The Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival committee is very excited to implement this scholarship program and plans to continue the awards every year to one senior and one junior who excel in the arts. The junior selected this year is Evelyn Buzbee. She will receive her award at the Festival. Students interested in being considered for the award are required to fill out an application and submit samples of their work to be juried.