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ALDEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO BLOOMINGDALE RESIDENT

Bloomington, Ill. (August 19, 2010) – Alden Health Care and Senior Living facilities in Bloomington are sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship through the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce that was recently awarded to Bloomington resident Tapas Patel. Tapas is currently studying chemistry at Loyola University in Chicago. After graduation, he plans to enroll in the Pharmacy School at Midwestern University in Downers Grove.

“We are honored to support Tapas in his aspirations to become a pharmacist,” says Don Dalicandro, Administrator, Alden Valley Ridge Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Bloomington. “He is a hard-working, dedicated and outstanding student who is very deserving of this award.”

Shortly after receiving his Alden scholarship, Tapas signed up to volunteer at the rehabilitation center that is supporting him in his studies. He began volunteering this summer at Alden Valley Ridge Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in the Activity Department and has become an integral part of the programming team. He helps to facilitate activities for residents on Sunday afternoons, including outings to the Bloomington Library, Cosley Zoo in Wheaton, Stratford Mall and more. He also assists

with the ‘Stories for Us’ program that allows residents to record and preserve their life history for future generations to read with pictures, stories and special memories from their lives.

“We always hope our scholarship recipients somehow give back to their sponsoring organizations but are just so happy that Tapas has gotten involved at Alden Valley Ridge so quickly,” says Jane Hove, Executive Director, Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce.

Although Tapas will be attending Loyola University in Chicago this fall, he plans to return to Alden Valley Ridge to see the residents and help out during vacation breaks.

“I am happy to give back to the Bloomingdale community by volunteering at Alden Valley Ridge,” says Tapas. “I enjoy helping the residents and feel honored to be part of their lives. I am very grateful to Alden Valley Ridge and the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce for the generous scholarship.”

PHOTO 1:

Alden Valley Ridge Rehabilitation and Health Care Center’s Bryan Pottow, Community Liaison, presents Tapas Patel with a \$1,000 scholarship to be applied towards his college education at Loyola University in Chicago at the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce’s Scholarship Breakfast this summer.



PHOTO 2:

Bryan Pottow, Community Liaison, Alden Valley Ridge Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, and Tapas Patel, are shown together at the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce's Scholarship Breakfast this summer. Alden Health Care and Senior Living facilities in Bloomingdale presented Tapas with a \$1,000 scholarship towards his college education at Loyola University in Chicago.



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