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Christina Colombo Named Keuka College's Student Employee of the Year

KEUKA PARK, N.Y.—This is Christina Colombo's year.

The senior social work major was one of eight Student Social Worker of the Year Award winners recently selected by the Genesee Valley Division of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for service in the field.

And, she was named Keuka College's Student Employee of the Year at a luncheon April 12.

Colombo was one of eight Keuka College students nominated for the recognition by their work-study supervisors. The Port Byron native has worked as a student athletic trainer with Head Athletic Trainer and Assistant Director of Athletics Jeff Bray for more than three years.

Colombo is responsible for assisting with the daily operation of the athletic training room, which includes daily practice preparation; first aid; injury treatment for student athletics; providing practice, home, and away game coverage; assisting with office work, filing, and scheduling; and helping new student trainers to build the skills and techniques required for the job.

"She is very conscientious and needs very little if any direct supervision," said Bray. "She fully understands her limitations (mostly imposed by me) and works tirelessly to make sure everything is completed and done well. The student athletes and the professional staff look to her with confidence and her presence with teams has been often times requested by the coaching staffs.

"Christina is much more like a staff assistant trainer than a student," added Bray. "There have been times that I have wondered if I have burdened her too much with additional responsibilities, but she has never complained, so I just keep putting it on her."

Bray said Colombo "doesn't complain about working in the rain for three hours or standing in the mud" or "about the freezing cold or riding the team bus when it returns to campus at 2 a.m. and she has an 8 a.m. class.

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"If I could go to a lab and make the perfect work-study student, Christina would probably come out of the mold," said Bray.

The other students nominated for the award were:

- **Derek Christensen**, a freshman criminology/criminal justice major from Penn Yan who works as a member of the game day staff and was also nominated by Bray;

- **Sarah Kinzel**, a senior biology major from Schenectady who works for the Division of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Physical Education and was nominated by Barb Demjanec, lab coordinator;

- **Lori French**, a junior visual and verbal arts major from Pulteney employed as a circulation desk worker and computer lab assistant in Lightner Library and was nominated by Carol Sackett, circulation supervisor for the library;

- **Lori Craig**, a freshman American Sign Language major from Souderton, Pa., who designs the *Keukonian* student newspaper and was nominated by Christen Smith, assistant director of communications and co-adviser of the *Keukonian*;

- **Sarah Hill**, a sophomore unified childhood/special education major from Kendall who works as an office assistant in academic support and was nominated by Jean Doherty, adjunct professor;

- **Clayton Olney**, a sophomore adolescent English education major who works in information technology services (ITS) and was nominated by Holly Moran, ITS help desk; and

- **Amanda Orr**, a junior biology major who works for Sodexho food service and was nominated by Jamie Price, catering manager.

"There are 619 student positions on campus," College President Joseph G. Burke told all of the nominees at the luncheon. "The fact that you are here makes you all winners.

"Success as a student employee translates into success in careers," Burke added. "You are all going to do very well."

Colombo received a plaque, a $100 gift certificate from the College bookstore, and a certificate from the Northeast Association of Student Employment Administrators, a co-sponsor of the award with the College's Office of Experiential Education. Her name will also be added to a plaque that lists Student Employee of the Year winners, housed in the Office of Experiential Education.

In addition to being honored at the luncheon, each nominee received a certificate of appreciation and a small gift.