

Local students eligible for cash awards

The Challenge Program Inc., a regional nonprofit organization designed to provide high school students with incentives for success, has announced expansion of the program to include schools in Fayette and Greene counties.

The program partners with local businesses to educate students on entrepreneurship while motivating them to excel in the classroom and in their communities. Sophomore, junior and senior high school students are eligible for awards in the following categories: most improved academically, best attendance, community service and best overall grade-point average. Winners will receive a \$250 award for their efforts. The total amount of

awards in each school is \$3,000.

Since 2003, through the support of businesses, foundations and individuals, The Challenge Program Inc. has been introduced to more than 46,250 students. Checks totaling \$139,000 have been presented to 456 high school students.

Participating area high schools include Albert Gallatin, Brownsville Area, Connellsville Area, Frazier, Geibel Catholic, Laurel Highlands, Uniontown, and Fayette County Area Career and Technology Center.

For more information, call Mary Drelisak at 724-984-0860 or Barbara Grandinetti at 814-533-7403.