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**EAST PETERSBURG STUDENT WINS \$2,000 DISCUS SCHOLARSHIP**

*Bryce Walburn was named the June 2010 Discus Scholarship winner by the Discus Awards, a national awards and recognition program honoring multi-talented students who demonstrate excellence both inside and outside of school*

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**Bethesda, MD (July 1, 2010)** – Bryce Walburn, a senior at Hempfield High School in Pennsylvania, today became this month’s recipient of the Discus Scholarship, a national college scholarship that provides \$2,000 to ten multi-talented high school students each year who demonstrate excellence both inside and outside of school.

An Eagle Scout, Bryce is a high-achiever academically and an accomplished artist musically who is devoted to serving his community. Bryce is a member of the National Honors Society, and the Center for Talented Youth based on his 7th grade SAT scores with SAT scores for math, reading, and writing in the 97th, 89th, and 99th percentiles respectively.

Bryce’s passion truly lies in his musical pursuits. A pianist, alto saxophonist, guitarist, flutist, singer, and assistant drum major, he has demonstrated his musical aptitude across a broad range of channels. He was a member of the 2009 PMEA All-State Wind Ensemble, and has been a part of other PMEA choirs, bands, and jazz ensembles. In 2009, Bryce won a concerto competition, playing the Glazounov Alto Saxophone Concerto. He sings in two select choirs at Hempfield High School, and he participates in jazz band, marching band, concert band, pit orchestra, symphony orchestra, and the Tri-M Music Honors Society.

Bryce epitomizes the mission of the Discus Awards ([www.DiscusAwards.com](http://www.DiscusAwards.com)), the organization behind the Discus Scholarship. Launched earlier this year, the Discus Awards look beyond test grades and athletics to recognize students whose multi-dimensional talents and passions span at least three of ten attributes, including community service, work, technology, athletics, academics, and the arts.

The \$2,000 Discus Scholarship is awarded to one Discus Awards winner each month of the school year. In addition to becoming eligible for a Discus Scholarship, winners of the Discus Awards are profiled on the Discus Awards site ([www.discusawards.com/winners](http://www.discusawards.com/winners)) and [Facebook page](#), providing them with a powerful new tool for showing colleges the full range of their diverse strengths and interests. Students can apply for a Discus Award throughout the year.

Since its soft launch last November, the Discus Awards have attracted tens of thousands of nominees from every state in the U.S. plus D.C., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Winners are selected by a judging panel of teachers, counselors, and education professionals.

“With his energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to arts, academics and serving his community, Bryce exemplifies everything the Discus Scholarship stands for,” said Devin Schain, CEO of the Discus Awards and Campus Direct. “At a time when it’s harder than ever to pay for college, we’re giving recognition and support to the kind of leaders who will thrive in a world that increasingly requires creative thinking, dedication, and a wide range of strengths.”

Students may nominate themselves for a Discus Award at [www.DiscusAwards.com](http://www.DiscusAwards.com), or be nominated by parents, teachers, counselors, coaches, or friends. They are then asked to submit references and write short essays describing their accomplishments in three out of ten major categories, or attributes, of student life: Academics, Arts, Athletics, Community Service, Faith, Government, Green, Technology, Work, and Other Achievements.

To show that they are more than just words on a page, nominees also are encouraged to upload photos and videos that illustrate their achievements.

The Discus Awards were created by Campus Direct, a leading educational services company, and Recognition Media, a producer of major awards programs including The Webby Awards and The Telly Awards.

To nominate yourself or someone you know, please visit [www.DiscusAwards.com](http://www.DiscusAwards.com).

### **About The Discus Awards**

The Discus Awards ([www.DiscusAwards.com](http://www.DiscusAwards.com)) is the only scholarship and awards program honoring active and engaged high school students who excel in and out of school. Looking beyond just grades, test scores, and win-loss records, the Discus Awards recognize students for achievement in at least three areas, from community service and work to faith and the arts. Winners are selected by a panel of teachers, counselors, and education professionals, and each winner is eligible for a \$2,000 college scholarship awarded each month of the school year. The Discus Awards are presented by Campus Direct, a leading educational services company, and Recognition Media, a producer of major awards programs, including The Webby Awards and The Telly Awards.

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