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2008 Laura Smither Scholarship Awarded

The Laura Recovery Center - for missing children - proudly announces that Friendswood resident Ms. Erin Ellis is this year's recipient of the Laura Smither Scholarship. This annual \$3,000 scholarship honors the memory of Laura Kate Smither, who was abducted and murdered in April 1997. Erin is the 11th recipient of this scholarship.

Erin Ellis is a very accomplished young woman with aspirations that are wide ranging. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society, Quill and Scroll Journalism Society, Mu Alpha Theta and part of the National Merit Scholarship Program. She has volunteered at the UT Health Science Center and was deeply affected by her experiences there, causing her to be drawn to a career where she can help people. She may follow in her father's foot steps and become an orthodontist, but she has no definitive plans at this point. She plans to attend the University of Notre Dame in the Fall to study for a liberal arts degree, until she decides on her career.

The Laura Recovery Center wishes Erin every success in her college years and beyond.

The Laura Smither Scholarship is a merit based scholarship open to all the children of Friendswood. Application forms can be found at the high schools in Friendswood, the Laura Recovery Center, and at www.LRCF.org.

Tax exempt donations to the Laura Smither Scholarship Endowment Fund will be gratefully received at Wells Fargo Bank in Friendswood or by check mailed to the Laura Recovery Center at 906 Anna Lane, Friendswood, Texas 77546 designating the Laura Smither Scholarship.

"Remember Laura"