

2007 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



SALUTE YOUR 2007 AWARDS HONOREE, JESSIE HANNA

NOMINATED BY LOUIS AWAD, TIMOTHY SCHUERMER, LUKE HARTMANN, & APPI IYENGAR



From left: Nominator Appi Iyengar, nominator Louis Awad, medalist Jessie Hanna, and nominator Timothy Schuermer



From left: George Arwady, Publisher of the Star-Ledger, medalist Jessie Hanna and Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards

Do you know someone who makes a difference in your community?

If you do, then nominate them for the prestigious Jefferson Award by visiting www.nj.com/jeffersonawards

Jefferson Awards honor ordinary people who, through public service, do extraordinary things for other people, their community, their nation, or the environment.

Jessie was once ready to drop everything in his life to join the peace core, but couldn't because of his family obligations. Jessie served as president of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Rutgers University, and turned a group of Frat boys into a caring, service oriented group. He has organized large community events to benefit the Ronald McDonald House, HLA Bone Marrow Registry, The Institute for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders, and many more. Through his efforts organizing three blood and bone marrow drives, he was directly responsible for saving the lives of five people who were found bone marrow matches. Jessie is also a Youth Outreach Leader at the Grace Area Alliance Church where he mentors children. Jessie's personal life has had a huge impact on his service driven mind. His younger brother has been fighting cancer, living in and out of hospitals for the majority of his life. For his hard work, Jessie Hanna has been chosen to represent New Jersey for the national Jefferson Awards ceremony in Washington DC.