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**STAPLES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE HONORED AT
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WESTPORT ANNUAL MEETING**

The League of Women Voters of Westport (LWV) honored Emma-Jean Weinstein, a 2009 Staples High School senior and recipient of its \$2,000 scholarship through the Staples Tuition Grants Program, at its annual meeting held on June 3. The League's year-long fundraising activities help to fund this award which is targeted to a young woman who has shown civic responsibility or plans to major in political science, social studies or history in college. The Staples Tuition Grants program selected Emma-Jean as this year's recipient and presented the grant to her at a reception held on June 4.

Emma-Jean will be attending Emerson College in the fall and will be majoring in Filmmaking with a minor in Political Communications. At Staples, she has been a four-year Players Lighting Crew member and has also been involved with WWPT-Wrecker Radio, the high school's radio station. Her numerous awards, recognizing her filmmaking abilities, have included the PTA Reflections Program, the Connecticut Scholastic Award for Visual Arts and a number of Certificates of Excellence in Narrative Film. Last summer, she completed an internship at Go Film in New York City. For the next four weeks, Emma-Jean is participating in the Staples High Senior Internship Program, where she is working at Bedford Middle School, helping students create their morning TV show – BAM.

An enthusiastic member of the Young Democrats Club while at Staples and politically active in the 2008 presidential campaign, Emma-Jean hopes to blend her Filmmaking and Political Communications studies to ultimately create influential films that raise awareness on issues of import.

The League of Women Voters of Westport, now in its 60th year, is a non-partisan organization which promotes informed and active participation in government and community. The LWV neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate. For information about joining the League of Women Voters of Westport, contact Sheila Creatura at 227-0127, or visit the website at www.lwvwestportct.org.

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Pippa Bell Ader, co-president, League of Women Voters of Westport, congratulates Staples High scholarship awardee Emma-Jean Weinstein

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