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In brief

Teacher receives honor

DAYTONA BEACH — The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has named Catharine Colwell, a physics teacher at Mainland High School, an "educator of distinction" based on a nomination from a former student.



Colwell

Colwell is one of 252 teachers nationally to receive the honor. "These educators are committed to shaping the future of America by cultivating its future leaders," said Foundation

President J. Mark Davis.

Nick Nestle, a June graduate of Mainland who was a regional finalist in last spring's Coca-Cola Scholars Program, nominated Colwell for the award. She will receive a commemorative crystal Coca-Cola bottle and a plaque.

Attorneys recognized for work

DAYTONA BEACH — More than 30 attorneys were honored for giving their time and expertise to the community — all free of charge.

The Volusia County Bar Association and Central Florida Legal Services recognized the attorneys and other court-related employees at an annual awards reception Friday at the Riverside Pavilion in Port Orange.

Eleven attorneys were honored for their work in protecting the rights of children through the Guardian Ad Litem program. Those attorneys are David Barr, Richard D'Amico, Marie Hartman, Steven Sands, Jason Brown, Armistead Ellis, Harry McConnell, Ronald Willis, Ivan Clements, T.I. Harris and Margaret Roberts.

The attorneys recognized for their work with the Volunteer Lawyers Project are Phillip B. Peterson, Jon E. Benezette, Peyton Quarles, Susan A. Fagan, Linda S. Cupick, Keith C. Warnock, Kathleen McNeilly, Rhoda B. Goodson and Hans C. Feige.

Attorneys also were honored for their support of the Teen Court program, which allows some juveniles to be tried by their peers. Teen Court honored 10 attorneys and Workers' Compensation Claims Judge Thomas Portuallo for their work with the program. The attorneys are Michael Becker, Rich Kizma, David Foxman, Kathleen McNeilly, Kimberly Sands, Janice Simpson, Bruce Hochstetler, Kelli Orndorff, Steven Sands and Michael Wingo.

In addition to the Teen Court awards, Assistant State Attorney David Ege was honored with the Judge Will award — named for Circuit Judge Joseph Will — for his outstanding dedication and service to the program.

Other special awards went to Tania Schmidt-Alpers, a legal services staff attorney in Palatka; Senior Deputy Court Administrator Robert Sterner; legal services managing attorney Jim Dulfer; and legal services managing legal assistant Charlene Andrews.