

West Ashley Student Wins Award

Zachary Waterman becomes first recipient of the Richard Bruggemann Outstanding Achievement Award



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CHARLESTON — West Ashley student Zachary Waterman became the first recipient of the Richard Bruggemann Outstanding Achievement Award on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at West Ashley High School. Zachary was selected from other visually impaired students whose names were submitted from around the Tri-county area. Zachary was nominated for this award by multiple West Ashley High faculty and staff for his positive, upbeat outlook and for his conscientious efforts, despite his struggle with health issues.

Zachary has only been at West Ashley High for a few months, but has had a tremendous impact on everyone that he meets. This was the first annual Bruggemann Award presented. The award is named after Richard Bruggemann, who was the former president of the Charleston Chapter of the American Council of the Blind—the group who presented Zachary was the award. Bruggemann was very supportive of the students and activities being offered to them. He was very passionate in raising awareness and funds for visually impaired young people. Bruggemann passed away in May 2013.