

LOCAL STUDENT AWARDED SUMMER STUDY TRIP TO GERMANY

Ross Houslander, son/daughter of Doris and Joel Houslander of Antioch, IL, has recently been awarded an all-expense-paid summer study trip to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Ross was eligible for this honor by scoring in the 96th percentile on the National German Exam. He also wrote two essays in German and was interviewed by five high school and college German teachers. These teachers recommended him to the National Executive Board of American Association of Teachers of German (AATG), which selected the winners.

Ross was one of approximately 26,000 students who competed for the study trip by participating in a nationwide German testing program administered by the American Association of Teachers of German. Founded in 1926, the AATG is the only national organization representing German teachers at all levels of instruction. The AATG is dedicated to the advancement and improvement of the teaching of language, literature and culture of the German-speaking countries.

Forty-four students were selected to receive these prestigious prizes. There are two awards: 39 regular study trips, lasting three and half weeks, and five senior study trips, which last a month. The study trip awards have been made possible annually for over thirty years by a grant from the Federal Republic of Germany through its Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Ross and the other winners will travel to Germany this summer to participate in the study trip, including excursions of cultural and historic interest.

Ross is a student at Antioch Community High School in Antioch, IL. Dani Katz is his German teacher.