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## Mount Mercy Senior Honored

Last week Mount Mercy senior DesTiny Overton was honored by the National Federation for Just Communities (NFJC) of Western New York. The NFJC works to overcome racism, bias, and discrimination and has been presenting awards since 1951. The group began honoring youths in 1982.

Overton, a Buffalo resident, received a Youth Award, which recognizes outstanding high school students. Students are nominated and then selected based on their leadership and community service. She was one of ten seniors to be honored this year at a luncheon held at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Centre. Overton received proclamations from various local politicians and a plaque.

Overton earned her award for her extensive community service at Hauptman-Woodward Medical Institute and at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, along with other volunteer activities. Overton, the daughter of Lanita Rhodes, hopes to major in Biochemistry at Canisius College in the fall.



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