

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2006 DOLORES E. FISHER AWARD WINNERS:



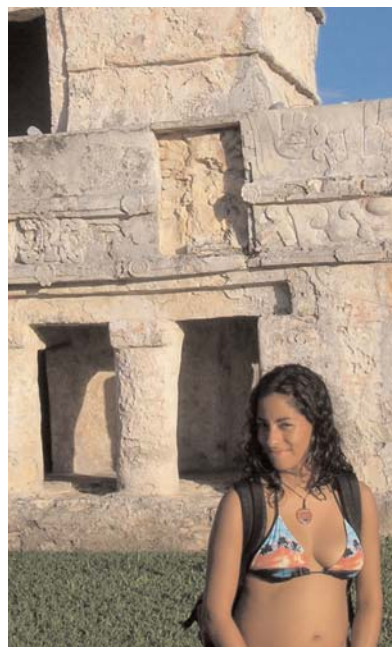
WINNER!

Ms. ERIN MYERS



Erin Myers is the 2006 Dolores E. Fisher Award Winner. Erin distinguished herself early in life – at age 23 to be exact. She undertook a 30,000-mile circumnavigation of the globe as Captain and Expedition Leader of the 43-foot ketch MAKULU II. Her essay is entitled “From Sea to Shining Sea” and can be read in full on our website: www.melfisher.org. The personality characteristic that Erin values

most about herself is the ability to be a team leader and to identify and encourage team members’ strengths to create a dynamic and positive environment. She did this for nearly three years with a crew of four for the educational journey REACH THE WORLD (www.reachtheworld.org), bringing her adventures into the inner-city classrooms via the Internet. Erin continues to lead and intends to start graduate school in environmental science and management. Congratulations Erin – winner of the \$1000 award. The full text is on our website: www.melfisher.org/deofisher.htm



FIRST RUNNER-UP:

Ms. ANDREA RIVERA

Andrea Rivera is the winner of the younger category (ages 16-21) with an award of \$500. The title of Andrea’s essay is “Ocean Dreaming” and can be read in full on our website: www.melfisher.org. Andrea was born in Honduras and as a young teenager moved to New Jersey. The personality characteristic that Andrea values most about herself is her involvement and motivation to become involved and inspire others to help and actively pursue ways to help the marine environment. She is presently attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa. After graduation, Andrea hopes to return to Honduras to develop strategies to couple development with sustainability of the mangrove and coral reef ecosystems.

HONORABLE MENTION:

MS. ROBINSON FULWEILER (“Wally”)



Robinson Fulweiler (“Wally”) is a student at the Graduate School of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island. Her most valued personality characteristic: “I am passionate and hard working and I believe that this is an unbeatable combination.” Her essay is entitled “Un-fertilizing the Coastal Ocean.”

HONORABLE MENTION:

MS. CHARLOTTE A. SEID



Charlotte A. Seid is from Clifton, VA, attending Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. The personality characteristic that she values most is her dedication to mentoring. Her essay is entitled “Conserving What We Love.”

HONORABLE MENTION:

MS. ASHLEY ROSE BAKER



Ashley Rose Baker from Trumbull, CT attends the Trumbull High School and the Bridgeport Regional Vocational Aquaculture School. She values most that she is very outgoing and friendly. Her essay is about “Commitment.” She is motivated to become a marine biologist.