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**STACEY ALLISON KROPACZEK IS 2010 RECIPIENT OF SCHOLARSHIP  
HONORING FORMER ROBINSON SECONDARY SCHOOL BAND DIRECTORS**

FAIRFAX, VA, June 1, 2010 — Graduating senior Stacey Allison Kropaczek of Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax, Virginia, was awarded \$2,000 today as the 2010 recipient of an annual scholarship available to Robinson students. The Lunsford/Behrend Scholarship honors Robinson band directors James G. Lunsford and Jack Behrend, who taught and inspired hundreds of students during their tenure at the school during the 1970s.

Kropaczek, who plays first chair trombone at Robinson and in District Band, was selected from a pool of applicants who were evaluated earlier this year. She plans to attend James Madison University in the fall, where she will major in music education. Kropaczek is the Robinson band program vice president and played a second instrument, the clarinet, in the Regional Orchestra, Jazz Combo, Brass Ensemble, Brass Quintet and Concert 3. She also is a member of the National Honor Society and received academic letters in all four of her years in high school.

“Music gives you the ability to express whatever emotion you're feeling, whenever you want to,” Kropaczek wrote in her application essay. “When I go to elementary school concerts and recitals with new, inexperienced players, I can't help but smile ... My future will be a success if I can help other scared, weary students ... to create some positive musical experiences for themselves.”

Robinson alumnus John Oyhenart, president of the scholarship fund, said in announcing the award at the Robinson Band Awards banquet that “we are pleased to make our fourth annual LBSF award to such a deserving musician as Stacey this year. Robinson band students continue to learn about teamwork, leadership, and the art of making music from the great Robinson music staff much as we did from Jim Lunsford and Jack Behrend in the 1970s. We are pleased that this scholarship we created in their honor continues to inspire excellence in Robinson musicians.”

A group of Robinson Secondary School band alumni established the Lunsford/Behrend Scholarship Fund, Inc., in 2006 after reuniting at memorial services for James Lunsford, who died in late 2005. Jack Behrend died in 1986.

The scholarship fund, a 501(c)(3) corporation, is dedicated to providing funding to deserving Robinson students to pursue higher education while staying involved in music. The scholarship's founders anticipate that additional donations will make the scholarship self-perpetuating. Contributions to the Lunsford/Behrend Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible; to find out more about the fund or to make a donation, visit [www.lunsfordbehrend.org](http://www.lunsfordbehrend.org).