

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CONTACT: Bill Siegfried or
Lois Douthitt
Siegtrmpt@aol.com
fabricadabra@verizon.net
703/727-0734**

**JACK SUTEY IS 2009 RECIPIENT OF SCHOLARSHIP HONORING FORMER
ROBINSON SECONDARY SCHOOL BAND DIRECTORS**

FAIRFAX, VA, June 1, 2009 — Graduating senior Jay (Jack) Sutey of Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax, Virginia, was awarded \$1,500 today as the 2009 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.

Sutey, who plays first chair bassoon at Robinson but also plays other instruments, was selected from a pool of applicants who were evaluated earlier this year. He plans to attend the University of North Texas in the fall, where he will pursue a music education degree, concentrating on the bassoon. Sutey is the Robinson band program president and played first chair bassoon in the all-Virginia high school symphonic band, among numerous other music-related honors and awards. He also is a member of the National Honor Society and an executive board member of the National German Honor Society.

A “drive for perfection” that developed from participating in the band program “will live with me for the rest of my life,” Sutey wrote in his application essay. The essay eloquently focused on a particular musical piece that became a defining experience as Sutey learned and played it.

Robinson alumnus John Oyhenart, president of the scholarship fund, said in announcing the award at the Robinson Band Awards banquet that although Lunsford’s and Behrend’s styles were different, “we learned a great deal from both of them about teamwork, leadership, and the art of making great music. We hope that the scholarship we created in their honor helps carry that tradition forward in future generations of 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.

###