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University Park, IL, April 15, 2009 - The South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police (SSACOP) awarded the 2009 James Wade Memorial Scholarship to Sara Stephens of Lynwood. Stephens, a junior at Governors State University, is studying Criminal Justice.

"This scholarship will help me with expenses as I finish my degree," said Stephens who attends school fulltime while working two part-time jobs. "After I graduate, I hope to work in law enforcement in juvenile probation or in an officer position."

"Sara deserves to be recognized. She typifies what Police Administrators and the SSACOP are looking for in young people today for the future of law enforcement. She is studious and dedicated to serving others," said Park Forest Police Chief Thomas Fleming, current president of SSACOP. "The Chief's Association is pleased to assist her in her educational endeavors."

The SSACOP is comprised of police chiefs and police command officers from federal, state, county, and local law enforcement agencies throughout the south and southwest suburbs. The scholarship was established in memory of the late Tinley Park Police Chief James Wade. Wade was a strong proponent of training and education and a past president of the SSACOP.