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Hospital awards scholarship to local EMT

Uniontown Hospital recently awarded a scholarship for continued education in the emergency medical services field.

Dale Allen Barnhart Jr., who works as Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for Fayette EMS, has been named the recipient of the Cataldo F. Corrado, Jr., MD Emergency Medical Service Scholarship, funded by Uniontown Hospital.

Barnhart, who began at Fayette EMS at the age of 14 as part of a shadowing program, received his EMT certification at the age of 16 from Mutual Aid Ambulance Service and then joined Fayette EMS upon his graduation from high school.

In addition to his work as an EMT, the Indian Head resident, is also a volunteer firefighter Saltlick Township Volunteer Fire Department and serves on the county STRIKE Team, which is mobilized to provide assistance and relief to other ambulance crews and services overwhelmed by disaster or catastrophe.

Uniontown Hospital initiated the scholarship in conjunction with Penn State in honor of Dr. Corrado, who played a pivotal role in the establishment and the continued growth of emergency medical services in Fayette County.

Barnhart said the \$1,500 scholarship will be used to defray the costs associated with his training to be a paramedic.

Barnhart added that through his work as an EMT, he has been able to bring new meaning to his life.

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“I always felt like a part of me was broken or missing,” he said. “I believe by helping and caring for others in times of need, we find ourselves.”

Dr. Corrado has served as chair of the Fayette County EMS Council (which he founded in 1972), Medical Director of the Fayette County Paramedic Training and Fayette County 911 Center, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Emergency Medical Services Institute (EMSI).

Dr. Corrado began working at Uniontown Hospital in 1966, and served as Medical Director of the facility’s Emergency Department for 25 years.

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Dale Barnhart (third, from left) recently received the Cataldo F. Corrado, Jr., MD Emergency Medical Service Scholarship from Uniontown Hospital. Pictured from left are – Kris Shiley, Emergency Department Clinical Director at Uniontown Hospital; Dr. Cataldo Corrado; Barnhart; and Farran Bozek, EMS Coordinator at Uniontown Hospital.