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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.

Marissa Swartz, of Uniontown, who works as Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for Fairchance Ambulance Service, has been named the recipient of the Cataldo F. Corrado, Jr., MD Emergency Medical Service Scholarship, funded by Uniontown Hospital.

“I cannot envision myself in any other profession,” Swartz, who has a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Washington and Jefferson University, said. “I genuinely enjoy the opportunity to help those in their time of need,” adding that she views her work as an EMT as “a privilege and honor granted to few.”

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.

The \$1,500 scholarship will be used to obtain certification as a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic through Penn State Fayette’s Center for Community and Public Safety.

Dr. Corrado currently serves 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).

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On staff at Uniontown Hospital since 1966, Dr. Corrado served as Medical Director of the facility's Emergency Department for 25 years.

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Marissa Swartz (center) recently received the Cataldo F. Corrado, Jr., MD Emergency Medical Service Scholarship from Uniontown Hospital. Pictured from left are Kris Shiley, director of Uniontown Hospital Emergency Department; Dr. Cataldo Corrado; Swartz; Janie Harkins, EMS coordinator at Uniontown Hospital and Dr. Jeffrey Frye, medical director of Uniontown Hospital Emergency Department.
