Local Students Awarded Saint Michael’s College Book Award

COLCHESTER, VT— The following high school students were awarded the 2015 Saint Michael’s College Book Award for Academic Achievement with a Social Conscience:

___(student name)___, from ___(high school)___
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The award recognizes students who demonstrate a commitment to leadership in volunteer service and academic achievement.

Saint Michael’s, located in Burlington, Vermont, named the country’s top college town by Travel and Leisure, 2013, was founded on the Edmundite Catholic tradition of serving others. Saint Michael’s continues this ministry through such programs as MOVE (Mobilization of Volunteer Efforts). The Book Award seeks to honor those who demonstrate the true spirit of volunteerism.

Award recipients, named at schools throughout the country, are high school juniors who are inductees of the National Honor Society or an equivalent school-sponsored honors organization. They demonstrate a commitment to service activities in high school or community organizations, usually holding leadership roles.

Recipients are presented the book, First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers by Loung Ung, a 1993 Saint Michael’s College graduate who has become a widely acclaimed author. In First They Killed My Father, Ung gives a powerful autobiographical account, from a child’s perspective, of surviving captivity during the genocidal Pol Pot regime in Cambodia. She reveals an indomitable spirit in the face of profound suffering, including the loss of both her parents and two of her siblings. Ung has written a riveting memoir about a family’s survival, and in turn, about the development of Ung’s on-going crusade for a landmine free world.

About Saint Michael’s College

Saint Michael’s College delivers a compelling, world-class education in a beautiful Vermont setting. Our connected community allows students to form close relationships with each other and accomplished faculty members, providing an ideal learning environment where they have the space and support to challenge themselves and their peers. As a fully residential college located minutes from Burlington, one of the country’s top-rated college towns, Saint Michael’s offers an unparalleled mix of academic, spiritual, cultural, service and wilderness experiences. To learn more, visit smcvt.edu.