

### **Jefferson College ATS Student Receives Presidential Volunteer Service Award**

Jefferson College Area Technical School student Amber Snyderman of Dittmer recently became the first student in the state to receive the 2009 President's Volunteer Service Award and the Missouri Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Barbara James Service Award for exceeding 250 hours of community service.

Snyderman, a senior at Grandview High School who hopes to become a neonatal nurse practitioner, was a student in the Health Occupations program taught by Jacalyn Eberhart.

To earn the prestigious honor, Snyderman volunteered 297 hours at St. Martin's Learning Center, where she provided instruction and hands on learning to preschool children on the importance of good nutrition, making healthy choices related to foods/snacks, hand washing and the prevention of spreading germs, and classroom/playground safety.

The award recognizes Snyderman's dedication to volunteer service and signifies that she has served her community and country with distinction. As a gold-level recipient, she received a lapel pin, a personalized certificate of achievement, a congratulatory letter from U.S. President Barack Obama, and a letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic participation.

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation is a White House initiative to recognize young Americans with awards and scholarships for outstanding community service, while encouraging more people to serve. Through their volunteer efforts, recipients are helping to build a culture of citizenship, service and responsibility in America.

Those students who received the Barbara James Service Award or won a medal, also qualified to attend the HOSA National Leadership Conference in Nashville this past summer.

HOSA is a national student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Technology Education Division of ACTE. The organization's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA's mission is especially critical when considering the acute shortage of qualified workers for the health care industry.



*Jefferson College Area Technical School student Amber Snyderman (left) receives the 2009 President's Volunteer Service Award certificate from Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Advisor/Health Services Instructor Jacalyn Eberhart. To earn the prestigious honor, Snyderman volunteered 297 hours at St. Martin's Learning Center.*