

Sunrise Award

2011

Laura Schwartz

This award was first presented in 1987. It is given at the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters St. Paul to a Leaguer who has shown exceptional service and commitment to LWVSP during her/his first three years as a member.

The person receiving this year's Sunrise Award graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. Olaf College in 2006. She then received a grant as an artist-in-residence at the college for 2006-2007. As an undergraduate, she experienced a couple of cross-cultural experiences – during 2003-04 she studied sociology and religion during 5 months in the Middle East and Asia and in 2005 she participated in a Spanish immersion program in Quito, Ecuador. Among her activities in the community while at St. Olaf, this individual volunteered at the food shelf sponsored by Northfield Community Services.

After her artist-in-residence year, she worked at the Division of Indian Work in Minneapolis. Presently she is employed at Lifetrack Resources in St. Paul, where recently she was promoted to Coordinator of Training Programs.

Our Sunrise Award winner joined the LWVSP in 2010. She was invited to be the League's representative to CMAL that same year and accepted. You have read her reports of CMAL meetings and activities in our newsletter throughout this past year. She also agreed to join the League's Board of Directors upon the resignation of one of the Board members. She is determined to grab the attention of young people and to extol the many advantages of belonging to the League of Women Voters. To that end, she has revitalized the Smart Chicks Happy Hour and searches for ways to make connections with young professionals through the internet. She will attend the LWVMN Convention in

Rochester this month as one of our delegates and will attempt to mingle with 2011 LOTT attendees who are there.

I am happy and proud to present this year's Sunrise Award winner: Laura Schwartz