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Coventry High School senior and 2011 Class Salutatorian, Valerie Stickles, recently won a \$1,000 scholarship from School Band and Orchestra Magazine. Ten winners were selected out of approximately 7,000 entries. For her required essay, Valerie wrote a reflection about the influence her teacher, Ned Smith, and her band and music classes have had on her.

A check presentation was held on May 4 at the Music and Arts Center in Vernon with Valerie and Coventry High School's Band Director, Ned Smith. The scholarship also includes merchandise for Coventry High School's band program.

The link to the article can be viewed by visiting
<http://www.sbomagazine.com/8101/essay/2011-essay-contest-winners/>.

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