

Metta Students Honors Bishop Stang Student with \$1,000 #sharemetta



Press Release - 3/31/16- Reliable, enthusiastic, and a leader are words used to describe seventeen-year-old Delilah Johnson of Little Compton. The Bishop Stang junior is passionate about many things. Johnson is a member of the school swim team and serves as the Secretary of the Jr.

National Honor Society. In addition, Johnson volunteers two to three times a week after school at My Brother's Keeper. To date, she has completed close to five hundred hours of service. Each time she goes to volunteer, she tries to bring along another student to introduce them to the organization. It is this drive and dedication that inspired Nicole Dias, Director of Guidance at Bishop Stang, to nominate her for a \$1,000 Metta Student grant.

"Delilah is the most reliable student volunteer and has taken on a large leadership role at a young age," states Dias, "Delilah currently serves as the Student Service Coordinator for My Brother's Keeper at Bishop Stang and sets a wonderful example for her classmates with her enthusiasm for their work and mission. With a staff of only three people, My Brother's Keeper relies on local high school students like Delilah to carry out their mission of bringing love and hope to those they serve. Delilah is incredibly organized and she has found creative ways to keep track of student volunteers."

It is for all of these reasons the Metta Students Foundation is honored to give Johnson a \$1,000 grant for sharing metta, making her their thirty-first winner.

A ceremony will be held Thursday March 31, at 9 am at the Bishop Stang High School, located at 500 Slocum Rd, North Dartmouth, MA. Members of the media are welcome. With this latest winner, the Metta Students Foundation has awarded thirty-one thousand dollars to students who have done acts of kindness and continue to #sharemetta.

Norm Kelly, founder of Software Quality Associates in Providence, created the Metta Students Foundation in October of 2012 after learning of one teen's act of kindness towards another teen. "Metta means love and kindness," states Norm Kelly. "The common denominator with all of our Metta Students is their compassion, unselfishness and dedication to others. Each is unique, but they all want to make the world a better place."

"My Brother's Keeper's mission is to deliver furniture along with the love and hope of Jesus Christ to many families living in poverty," states Johnson, "My Brother's Keeper became more than just an organization to me, but rather, a family that works together for a greater good. My Brother's Keeper became an important part of my daily life, and it has given me so much joy along the way.

I am a student coordinator for My Brother's Keeper at my school, and I look at my role as a way to promote love and kindness. I never want to force students to volunteer, I always want to encourage students to get involved with My Brother's Keeper for the sake of experiencing the mission and living out their faith. In addition, I have organized a linen collection (sheets, blankets, etc.) for My Brother's Keeper at my school. I am glad that I can promote the mission of this organization to my school community in hope that they can love it as much as I do."

It is for all of these reasons the Metta Students is proud to award one thousand dollars to Johnson. To see video of how the Metta Students foundation began or for more information about the foundation, log onto [www.mettastudents.org](http://www.mettastudents.org)

