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## Joanne Dynak, Elks Scholarship Winner, Visits VEA in Austin



L to R: Buddy Deese, PSP, Joanne Dynak, and Tim Miller, ER, Hampton 366.



Joanne Dynak is the girl winner of the \$60,000 Most Valuable Student scholarship

### ***Joanne Dynak: A Dream in Any Language***

*Kolegium. Marzenie. Uczony. The words college, dream and scholar might not mean much to you when written in Polish, but to top female Most Valuable Student scholarship winner Joanne Dynak, these words mean the world. Her parents moved to America from Poland to give her better opportunities. She spoke only Polish until she went to elementary school, where she gradually learned to speak English. Today, Joanne's college dream will come true. With the help of her MVS scholarship, sponsored by Chicago Northshore, IL Lodge #1316, Joanne is headed to Harvard to study business with a focus on international development. "This scholarship changed my perspective of what my college experience will be for the next four years," says Joanne. "There are so many opportunities I can take advantage of now because of this huge award." (Reprinted from Grand Lodge Convention News, July 5, 2012)*

She visited the Virginia Hospitality Room in Austin to thank all the Elks for her scholarship. She was delightful, very friendly and outgoing. Her family was with her and they all had refreshments and chatted among the Elks who were present.—Bobbie Deese