

Jennings County High School senior Jaelyn Millon has been named the 2015 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar for Jennings County.



I am honored to receive the award!" she said in the press release provided to the newspaper. "I would also like to thank the Jennings County Community Foundation for making this possible for me."

This year's recipient is the daughter of Steven and Doreen Millon and one of five daughters. The family moved to Jennings County just over four years ago and Jaelyn, the middle child, has from all accounts flourished at her new school.

She is a member of the JCHS girls varsity swim team and recently was invited to participate in this year's Senior State Champion event. She plays the trumpet in the JCHS marching and jazz bands and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Coach Bill Dillon knows this student well, having coached her on the swim team all four years.

"Jaelyn is extremely hard working, well mannered, intelligent and a very mature person," Dillon said. "She is an all round great person who I know is going to be extremely successful in college." The coach recalls how as a junior, Jaelyn tore one of her anterior cruciate ligaments in the beginning of the year.

"It was a tough rehab," he says, "but Jaelyn busted her tail and came back to be part of two record-setting relay teams." And, she almost set a new school record in the breast stroke.

Personality-wise, "Jaelyn's as sweet as she can be. If you talked to her, you'd think she was 30 years old," Dillon added.

Perhaps some of that maturity is due to the fact Millon has grown up all around the world and has lived in several states because of her father's career.