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## PHS senior awarded Dataseam scholarship

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A Paintsville Independent senior is one of 10 in the state to be awarded a scholarship from the Kentucky Data Seams Initiative.

Nick deGuzman, who plans to major in biology while studying pre-med at the University of Louisville, will receive \$2,000 a year while pursuing his undergraduate degree.

"I look forward to attending the University of Louisville and doing the best I can," deGuzman said.

The initiative is made possible by the Kentucky legislature through the use of multi-county coal severance funds.

"We are grateful to the legislature who see that this type of initiative is important," said Brian Gupton, Chief Executive Officer of the Dataseam Initiative.

In addition to providing scholarships to Kentucky students, Dataseam pro-

vides educational programs and computers to school districts in coal producing counties, including Johnson.

Earlier this year 126 Apple e-Mac computers were given to the Johnson County School District and 120 to the Paintsville Independent School District. Gupton said with the continued support of the legislature, Dataseam will begin to work more with Paintsville High School.

"This is 21 century technology, the finest you could put in the school system," Superintendent Coy Samons said. "We are very pleased to work with Gupton and (Rep. Hubert) Collins for the betterment of our students."

With approximately 6,000 processors, Dataseam operates one of the largest computing grids in the world, Gupton said.

By harnessing the untapped computing power in the schools, the Dataseam



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Nick deGuzman was presented with a University of Louisville sweater by Brian Gupton, Chief Executive Officer of the Dataseam Initiative. deGuzman, who will attend UofL, was one of 10 to receive a scholarship from the Dataseam program.

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computing grid allows researchers to access the computing capabilities. Gupton said researchers have generated 300 years worth of data regarding a

variety of topics, including cancer.

"This is one of the greatest programs that I've seen lately," said Rep. Hubert Collins, D-Wittensville. "You can see the benefit of getting this technology in the school systems."

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