

Academy

20 years of service by Mary Westcott is to be honored

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A check for \$2,500 has been presented to the Trustees of Westford Academy to honor a long-time instructor with a scholarship in her name.

She is Mary Wescott, guidance counselor and co-ordinator who retired at the end of last year after serving in the local school system for 20 years, of which 18 were at Westford Academy.

Barbara Hildreth Parkhurst, president of the Board of Trustees, said the money would be invested by the trustees, and from the proceeds an annual scholarship will be granted to a graduating student.

Mary Westcott has been equally popular with faculty members as well as the many students with whom she came in daily contact.

Principal Joseph Lisi, in summing up the feelings of many, said: "Mrs. Wescott's value to Westford Academy goes much further than her services as counselor and guidance co-ordinator. In her position she worked closely with the administration, organizing and coordinating school activities such as luncheons and teas for retiring faculty members and helping with many of the school's social activities.

"Her research regarding follow-up studies of graduating seniors and the co-ordination of the Academy's scholarship program were invaluable to the school administration and the Academy Trustees."

Westcott was a vital factor in selecting many of the scholarships available each year from proceeds from the trustees' \$1.1 million fund, which in turn is managed by a bank.

Principal Lisi had more to say: "As a school counselor, Mary worked closely with over 200 students annually providing a full array of guidance services. She helped many a troubled student and she assisted parents of students with the formulation of career plans.

"Her association with college admissions officers was also a valuable asset to students as they pursued acceptance at college," he said.