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Department of Communication Arts student, Beth Jenkins, was recently awarded a $1,000 scholarship from the Melanoma Foundation of New England (MFNE).

Jenkins received one of five scholarships given to college students across the United States for participating in the “Your Skin Is In” college ambassador program.

“Through this program I have learned to truly love and protect the skin that I was given,” said Jenkins. “Being an ambassador gave me the ability to share the importance of skin safety with my fellow classmates.”

“Your Skin Is In” is an educational pledge-based program that encourages teens and young adults to make a personal promise that they will protect the skin they’re in. Over the past eight years, the Melanoma Foundation of New England has exposed over half a million students to this award-winning, educational program.

The college ambassador program is in its first year, and student ambassadors took the Your Skin Is In Pledge, obtained pledges from classmates, family and friends, and participated in an eLearning lesson.

“One of the best ways to create positive change is to start with young people and teach them about the dangers of sun overexposure and tanning,” said Deb Girard, Executive Director, MFNE. “We hope these ambassadors will share their knowledge and inspire others to spread the word about melanoma prevention.”

Melanoma is rising faster than any other cancer with one person dying from the disease every 50 minutes.

The MFNE was founded in 1999 by Mel and Marilyn Rubin in memory of their son Mark who lost his battle with melanoma.

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