



(L- R): Munnerlyn, Owings, Shahani, Davis

The Midlands Class I group, The Barrier Breakers, initiated a recognition ceremony for high school students in the Midlands who have done something especially noteworthy to break barriers among diverse groups in their schools or communities.

During Spring Valley High School's Awards night presentation, The Barrier Breakers presented their first award to Ashwin Shahani.

Shahani's project of raising money and awareness for a Walk for the Children of Darfur clearly demonstrated The Barrier Breakers' goal to recognize students who freely give their time and talent to "Removing Barriers and Celebrating Diversity in the Midlands."

The attached photo shows Ashwin Shahani and Dr. Greg Owings, principal of Spring Valley High, with Dr. Deborah Davis and Helen Munnerlyn at the awards presentation. Shahani was presented with a \$2,500 check and certificate, and Dr. Owings received a commemorative plaque for the school.

(The photo taken by Bryn-Alan Studios.)