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## **Scholarship fund honors fire victim**

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ANDOVER -- Katya Yerozolimsky, an Andover High School graduate who died in an Amherst house fire Saturday, will be remembered through a scholarship fund set up by her mother's co-workers.

Yerozolimsky, 21, was a junior studying anthropology at the University of Massachusetts. She emigrated from Moscow to Andover in 1988 with her parents and younger brother.

Sandy Brown, managing partner at **Keller Williams Realty** and a co-worker of Yelena Yerozolimsky, said the fund is a way of keeping Katya alive in people's hearts.

"Yelena joined us a few months ago, and we've all come to know and love her," Brown said. "We were trying to think of a way to help her with this grief. It's never easy losing someone, but when it's your child you're never prepared for it."

The fund will award one scholarship a year to an Andover High School senior, Brown said.

Keller Williams made the first donation of \$500 and a number of the firm's agents have pledged to make a donation for every real estate transaction they complete, he said. Members of the public are also invited to make donations.

Students applying for the scholarship will be asked to describe their value systems and give an example of those values being put to a test, Brown said. The firm and the high school administration will pick the winner, Brown said.

It will be awarded for the first time to a member of this year's graduating class.

Donations should be sent to The Katya Yerozolimsky Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o David Coco, Northmark Bank, P.O. Box 825, North Andover, MA 01845.