

## Merchant's Bank Foundation Awards funds to MedQuest

Southern Vermont AHEC is pleased to announce that the Merchants Bank Foundation has awarded \$500.00 to the MedQuest program.

Each summer Southern Vermont AHEC (SVAHEC) sponsors two MedQuest programs. During summer 2011, MedQuest-West will be held July 10-15 at Southern Vermont College/Bennington in Partnership with Southwestern Vermont Medical Center. MedQuest-East will be held July 31-August 5 at The School for International Training/Brattleboro in partnership with Grace Cottage, Springfield, and Brattleboro Memorial Hospitals.

Paul Kowalski, manager of the Springfield branch of the Merchants Bank made the award, noting the contribution that the MedQuest program makes to the career development of southern Vermont youth. According to Nancy Lanoue, Executive Director of SVAHEC, "The recognition of the value of MedQuest is greatly appreciated. "The funds will help us develop our educational materials which reinforce the experiential aspect of the program. Each of the 40 students receives information about educational requirement for post-secondary education in health careers, financial aid for college, medical terminology, medical ethics, and health careers pathway information that can help students chart their high school course work so they can competitively apply to post-secondary education. For more information about MedQuest, contact Marty Hammond at 885-2126 Ext.5 or e-mail [mhammond@svahec.org](mailto:mhammond@svahec.org).



**Pictured: On the left: Nancy Lanoue, Executive Director of Southern Vermont Area Education Center accepts a check for \$500.00 from the Merchants Bank Foundation from Paul Kowalski, Manager of the Springfield branch of Merchants Bank. The funds will support MedQuest, a summer health career exploration program open to high school sophomores and juniors in southern Vermont.**