

"Corey is a very focused individual, and we are very proud of him," said NHS interim principal, Gregory Catrambone. "He has a very bright future ahead of him."

Filmmaking for Smith is a passion.

Last year, he directed a short film for MTV. The Music Television Network aired a show that highlighted only a handful of schools from across the country with NHS being one of them. Smith had the opportunity to direct actor, Huge Ackman.

Only last week, a 40-minute experimental video Smith edited on his home computer was selected as the "Director's Choice" award at the notable, Black Maria Film Festival, in West Orange. Smith was the youngest

entry in the contest.

"I want to teach people a life lesson in my films, but I don't do it just for the entertainment value," said Smith, who is the president of the Film and Video Club at NHS. "I want to learn as much as I can about filmmaking."

Smith's love of film and video propelled him to create Nutley's own Film and Video Festival, last year. This year's 1st annual Film and Video festival will be held on May 26 at the high school auditorium.

The student's mother, Margit Smith, said her son has been offered a number of scholarships including a \$9000 scholarship to the New Jersey Institute of Technology and a paid-in-full scholarship to New Jersey University.

"He's really has his mind

set on going NYU's film school," she said. "It's supposed to be the best. However, it's a very expensive so each of the scholarships he earns will help, and we are very thankful."

Smith said his latest project involves a dramatic script involving how a family deals with a father's abandonment.

"I want my films to have an impact," he added.

For more information about the upcoming film festival in Nutley interested parties can check out: www.homepage.mac.com/smithcorey

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