



Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Newsletter

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Scholarships awarded through MBSF to the Class of 2004 total \$29,000.

Thank you to all members of the community for your support!

MBSF is a volunteer group of community members committed to encouraging academic achievement by providing scholarships for students in the Mt. Baker School District.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Class of 2004!



Photo by Lisa Strachila

Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Awards \$29,000 in Scholarships to 37 Graduates

Kristen Krumdiack was awarded a *Clyde and Judy Denton Endowed Scholarship* for \$1,000. She will attend Pacific University in California to major in business. "After I graduate from college I plan to sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam to gain my license."

Aaron VanderYacht is the recipient of a *Thomas and Martina Horn Foundation Scholarship* for

\$1,000 and will attend Arizona State University to study theatre. "For me, there would be no greater thrill than to spend the rest of my life involved with theatre."

Shain Corey was given a *Thomas and Martina Horn Foundation Scholarship* \$1,000 and will be attending Willamette University in Oregon to major in economics and minor in pre-law. "At some point (in

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addition to attaining a law degree) I also wish to involve myself with the government, possibly running for governor or mayor.”

Wes Norstadt earned a *Thomas and Martina Horn Foundation Scholarship* for \$1,000. He plans to study pre-law at Gonzaga University. “My goal and purpose is to attend a challenging university where I will develop strong skills, build on my leadership qualities, possibly play baseball, have community diversity and earn the ability to face the work environment of being an attorney.”

Nathan Idczak is the winner of the first *Thorleif Mohn Endowed Scholarship* for \$1,000. He will use these funds to support his study at the University of Washington pursuing a pre-dentistry program. “I have seen what it is like behind the scenes in a dental clinic, and I believe that in a little over eight years I will be working as a dentist.”

Kaitlin Rohde is this year’s recipient of the *Christine Sygitowicz-Sherman Endowed Scholarship* for \$2,000. She will attend Seattle Pacific University to study biology with a long term goal of becoming a family doctor. “I know that I wouldn’t have set goals of majoring in biology, then continuing on to earn my doctorate if I hadn’t received encouragement throughout my life from my family.”

Zephyrus Uusitalo has been awarded a *Clyde and Judy Denton Endowed Scholarship* for \$1,000. He will enroll in the University of

Portland mechanical engineering program. “Up to this point I have constantly been working on projects with remote control cars, real cars, models, and other ventures that require a bit of ingenuity and design. These are also preparing me for what lies ahead in reaching my career goals in mechanical engineering.”

Alicia Dickinson has been chosen to receive a *Thomas and Martina Horn Foundation Scholarship* for \$1,000. She will be attending the University of Denver majoring in French, with a minor in international business. “While contemplating the many possibilities for my future I’ve found one path that I believe will fulfill my abilities as a person and a life long learner.”

Tyler Kuromiya-Parker is the recipient of a *Clyde and Judy Denton Endowed Scholarship* for \$1,000. Tyler has been accepted at the University of Portland where he plans to study mechanical engineering. “Building things has always fascinated me, and throughout my life I’ve been fascinated with the concept of being able to create things that are entirely my own.”

Kalyssa Fox has been awarded a *Thomas and Martina Horn Foundation Scholarship* for \$1,000. She will study accounting at Western Washington University to become a CPA. “I first discovered my passion for accounting my sophomore year. Ms. Charvet, my accounting teacher, kept this passion alive and I continued to enroll and excel in her class.”

Crystal Quimby, winner of a *Thomas and Martina Horn Foundation Scholarship* for \$1,000 will attend the DigiPen Institute of Technology to study fine arts in production animation. “I feel that the bachelor of fine arts in production animation is the degree I want to pursue because I really do hope that I will one day be working on a project that people will see and enjoy, and maybe even get a laugh or two out of it.”

Ross Michaelis is the 2004 recipient of the *Mandy Stavik Memorial Endowed Scholarship* for \$1,500. This will assist him in his attendance at the University of Washington where he plans to become a music educator. “Music and the experiences I have gained through it, has taught me to be come a better leader and more confident person.”

Karin Rohde is the winner of a *Thomas and Martina Horn Foundation Scholarship* for \$1,000 to aid her in attending Seattle Pacific University to study nursing. “With nursing, I know I will benefit myself as well as others because I will be doing what I love to do. I believe I will make a great nurse someday.”

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Katherine Williamson has been named the winner of a \$1,000 *Thomas and Martina Horn Foundation Scholarship*. She plans to enroll at Trinity Lutheran College in British Columbia to study linguistics and multi-cultural studies with a long term goal to become a pastor. "Being a pastor with a degree in multi-cultural studies would produce a good background for success in the linguistics field."

Aline Lane is the recipient of a *Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship* and a *Safeway Grocery Scholarship* for a total of \$700. She will enroll at Western Washington University to study political science, sociology, English, and criminal justice. "For years I have been fascinated by criminal law and want to study every aspect of it. I know that someday I will be writing about my experiences within the criminal justice system by becoming an author."

Katerina Pipenko is awarded a *Clyde and Judy Denton Endowed Scholarship* for \$1,000. She will attend Whatcom Community College to study business administration. "I want to be successful in life and I plan on making that happen. My goal is to reach the top and get the education I need."

Rachel Zender is the recipient of a *Clyde and Judy Denton Endowed Scholarship* for \$1,000. She will attend Whatcom Community College, focusing her studies on business and animal care. "While working at a veterinary clinic I learned that I cannot simply care for animals and call it a career, I have to run a business too."

Joshua Little has been selected to receive a \$1,000 *Clyde and Judy Denton Endowed Scholarship*. These funds will support his studies at Whatcom Community College to become a police officer. "I am a caring person who likes to help others, which is necessary to become an officer. I am also a person of great integrity and always want to make sure that things are done right."

Julianne Park is the 2004 winner of the *George and Tina Giarde Endowed Scholarship* for \$700. She will attend the Boston Conservatory of Music to study vocal performance. "By the age of four I had begun to take ballet lessons, had sung at my first concert, and by five I wrote my first song."



The following students have been named *Mt Baker Staff Scholars*, receiving \$500 scholarships:

Joshua Kollmar will enroll at Western Washington University to pursue a degree in business. "I have many varied interests, including a deep love for classical guitar, so it is difficult for me to decide on a field of study so soon. I have, however, discovered that I enjoy managing money, creating budgets, and investing money."

Leslie Hansen will study at the University of Washington where she plans to major in English. "I want to play a positively influential role in my future students' lives, teaching them not just about grammar and literature, but about life itself."

Mayra Herrera plans to attend Washington State University to study business or law. "I would like to work for a law firm or maybe travel around the world for a company and report back to them on financial statements."

Kimberly Haner will be attending Washington State University with a goal of becoming a pharmacist. "I will need to stand out as an individual in order to be accepted into the WSU Pharmaceutical Medicine program because there are so few spots available. I know I will be prepared because I have worked very hard in high school math and science classes."

Keith Williams has been accepted to attend Skagit Valley Community College to work toward becoming a physical education teacher. "I would

MBSF meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Baker School District Administration Office, September through June. Everyone is welcome!

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like to become a physical education teacher at the junior high level, or possibly become a personal trainer.”



The following students are recipients of **Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation** \$500 scholarships:

Molly Grbich will enroll at Whatcom Community College to become a physical therapist assistant. “Ever since I was young I knew I wanted to go into health care. The only way I see getting to where I really want to be is to continue my education and attain a degree.”

Caleb Osborn will attend the University of Alaska at Fairbanks to major in mathematics. “I am planning on going on to graduate school. I may concentrate on pure mathematics or go into mathematical modeling. I intend to stay the course and get a Ph.D.”

Matthew Hilgart plans to go to the University of Idaho and study chemical engineering. “At some time after getting a chemical engineering job, I plan to attend law school to get a law degree.”

Laura Fellows will study at Washington State University aspiring to a degree in veterinary medicine. “Call me crazy but I can’t wait to get to college and start taking veterinary classes because that means I am one step closer to my dream, becoming a veterinarian.”

Aaron Patz plans to study physics and computer science at Western Washington University. “I have taken a variety of classes at Whatcom Community College and have discovered that I enjoy learning about science and math. I hope to get a masters degree.”

Lexy Postlewait has been accepted at Webber International University to study landscape architecture. “I have become the dominating fastpitch baseball player in my conference. From my team the Triple B’s I learned about teamwork, being unselfish, hard work, ethics, leadership, finances, respect, and commitment.”

Chris Faber will attend Whatcom Community College to follow a course of study in environmental education. “I am planning on majoring in environmental education with which I wish to pursue a career as an environmental educator.”

Rory Savatgy plans to enroll at Western Washington University to study music. “At Western I will be part of the music department and this will help clarify my goals in music and at the same time help me decide if I want to pursue music as a career.”

Leslie Peters will study at Whatcom Community College with a goal of becoming a dental hygienist. “In the future I want to be content with my life. I know to get to this place I am going to have to work very hard, but I am willing to do what it takes for me to succeed in the real world.”

Jennifer George plans to pursue a degree in accounting or business at Whatcom Community College. “I am the oldest of five children and the first generation of my family to go on and further my education. I want to be a role model for my younger brothers and sisters to show them they can be something in their lives.”

Bailey Hulford will enroll at Shoreline Community College to study English and creative writing. “Since I can remember, writing has always been my passion. I would love to be a political journalist for a magazine.”

Jayonna Barber is enrolling at Bellingham Technical College to become an LPN. “I think I will be a good nurse because I really enjoy helping people and caring for the sick. I know it will be a difficult job, but I also know I will love the feeling of helping people.”

Inna Sushch intends to study business and law at Whatcom Community College. “Hopefully, if I work very hard, which I will, and with God’s help, I will get into law school.”



*Do you know a Mt. Baker Scholarship recipient?
Email me at June@nas.com so that I can contact them for an update to include them in a future newsletter!*

- June Thompson



The Louise E. Peterson Memorial Scholarship

Submitted by Cathy Harris

Having a thrifty nature, my history as a charitable giver had involved sending checks to public radio, homeless shelters, public television, women's groups and Salvation Army. Like you, I often collected household goods, sporting equipment and clothing, which I toted off to the ARC or Value Village. About three years ago, however, something happened that made me re-think my approach to helping others.

My mother's death in 2001 made me the beneficiary of funds that I wanted to pass along to a worthy foundation or individual. As a former teacher and junior high administrator (at Mount Baker Junior High School) I had seen a multitude of intelligent, worthy, enthusiastic students deprived of post-high school education because of limited financial resources. The dream of creating a

four-year scholarship bequest grew into reality after taking three steps:

The first step was to research the costs of course work at different educational institutions in our area. That research confirmed the feasibility of offering the four-year scholarship.

The second step was to find a vehicle for my charitable bequest. The Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation was chosen to do this.

The third step was to find an investment company offering charitable fund accounts, for ease in dispersing the funds. There are numerous companies willing to assist clients in this way.

It was thrilling when the Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation called me to tell me about the recipient selected for the **Louise E. Peterson Memorial Scholarship**. The scholar and I have met numerous times to discuss school progress and finances. He will finish Whatcom Community College this summer and enroll at Western Washington University for the fall term. I will continue to be available when needed as the next phase of his education begins.

The Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation - funded by generous community families, individuals, school staff members, and granting agencies - dispersed over \$40,000 to members of the Mount Baker High School graduating class of 2003. My mother's bequest enabled Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation to

add their first four-year grant to a single scholar to the already existing smaller grants to Mount Baker High School students.

As I reflect on the support of a scholarship of this type I see that it has allowed me to:

- Affect the life of one person
- Mentor the recipient
- Focus my giving on one project
- Spread contributions over a period of four years

I feel the memory of my mother is sustained by the success of this student in ways that would not have been possible without this scholarship. To create your own legacy to honor someone you love, or as a remembrance of yourself, please contact the Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation.



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Donation and Interest Form for Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Yes, I am interested in helping Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation raise scholarship funds for Mt. Baker students.

I am enclosing a tax-deductible donation for Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation:

\$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 (donor entitled to commemorative tile on Wall of Honor)

Other _____

Can we use your name in promotion efforts for the Foundation? Yes No Check with me first

I am interested in discussing setting up a Named or Endowed scholarship through Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation. Please contact me. A convenient time to reach me at home is _____.

Please contact me with more information about attending monthly meetings of the Foundation.

Please complete and mail this form to: Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 875, Deming, WA 98244.



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