



Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Newsletter

A Dollars for Scholars Organization, Mount Baker School District

Scholarships awarded through MBSF to the Class of 2005 total over \$36,000!

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 2005!



Photo by Lisa Strachila

Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Awards Over \$36,000 in Scholarships to 45 Graduates

Robert Gay was awarded a \$2,000 Clyde and Judy Denton Endowed Scholarship to attend the University of Washington. He intends to study computer science, music and math.

Brittany Smith is the 2005 recipient of the \$2,000 Christine Sygitowicz-Sherman Endowed Scholarship. She will attend Whitman College and major in math.

Chris Millson is the winner of the Mandy Stavik Memorial Endowed

Scholarship for \$1,500. He will study Education at Western Washington University.

Sierra Golden was awarded a Mt. Baker Staff Scholarship for \$1,400. She will attend Gonzaga University to study education and medicine.

Kelsey Pullar is the recipient of a Thorleif Mohn Scholarship for \$1,000 and will attend Colorado College to focus on Spanish and other foreign languages.

2005 Scholarship Winners

Sara Strachila is the winner of a \$1,000 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship. She will be studying criminal justice at Eastern Washington University.

Kirsten Alfredsen has been awarded a \$1,000 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship to attend the University of Washington to study music.

Briana Kelley has been chosen to receive a \$1,000 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship. She will be attending Washington State University to study agricultural education and veterinary medicine.

Jordan Radke has been awarded a Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship for \$1,000. He will study education at Western Washington University.

Katy Philpott is the recipient of a \$1,000 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship. She will go to Western Washington University to pursue a career in medicine.

Ruslan Barabolkin has been given a Mt. Baker Staff Scholarship for \$1,400 to assist him in attending the University of Washington to study electrical engineering and computer science.

Emily Nevels has been chosen to receive a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award for \$1,000. She will attend Seattle University with a goal of becoming a school counselor.

Steve Westdal is awarded a \$2,000 Clyde and Judy Denton Endowed Scholarship. Steve will attend the University of Portland where he intends to study electrical engineering.

Joshua Lucy is the recipient of a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award for \$1,000. He will study at the University of San Francisco in the arts and sciences.

Kylee Cowden has received a Clyde and Judy Denton Endowed Scholarship for \$1,250. She will seek a degree in dental hygiene at Shoreline or Whatcom Community College.

Tatiana Mercy has been chosen to receive a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award for \$1,000 and will study forensics at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Rebecca Managan was given a Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship of \$500. She intends to enroll in a nursing program at Eastern Washington University.

Amber Smit is the recipient of a \$500 Mt. Baker PTA Scholarship and a \$500 George and Tina Giarde Endowed Scholarship. She intends to study teaching and counseling at Washington State University.

Dan Chudek is the winner of a Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship for \$500. He intends to study natural resources and science at Western Washington University.

Damian Cade has been given a Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship for \$500. He will attend the University of Washington to major in physics and chemistry.

Holly Lockwood is the recipient of a \$1,250 Clyde and Judy Denton Endowed Scholarship. She will attend Whatcom Community College in the medical assistant program.

Celina Mallahan has earned a Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship for \$500 to attend Western Washington University and study business administration.

Megan Monaghan is chosen to receive a Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship for \$500. She will enroll at Everett Community College to study physical therapy and veterinary medicine.

Lange Solberg was selected to receive a Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship for \$500 to attend the University of Washington to study entrepreneurial business.

Luda Kazadaev is the recipient of a Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship for \$500. She will study at Bellingham Technical College to become a medical receptionist.

Heather Larsen has been given a Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship for \$500. She intends to study art or landscaping at Whatcom Community College.

Christina Barton will receive a Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship for \$500 to attend Whatcom Community College.

Garrett Graham has been awarded a Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship for \$500 to attend Whatcom Community College and study engineering.

Shawna Tyler has been chosen for a Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship for \$500. She will attend Whatcom Community College to study fashion design.

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Aaron Banchemo will receive a Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship for \$500. He will attend Western Washington University to study environmental science.

Bailey Wilson is the winner of a \$500 Karen Marie Wolshlagel Endowed Scholarship to attend Whatcom Community College. Bailey will study fire fighting.

Ronald Russell is the recipient of a \$500 Karen Marie Wolshlagel Endowed Scholarship to attend Bellingham Technical College in the electrician program.

Carrie Strachila is the winner of a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award for \$500. She plans to attend Central Washington University to study education.

Carrisa Zender is the recipient of a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award for \$500. She will attend Whatcom Community College to study child development.

Matt Raney has been chosen to receive a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award for \$500. He will enroll at Whatcom Community College to study music composition and performance.

Rebecca Orlovski is the winner of a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award for \$500. She will attend the American Musical and Dramatic Academy where she will study music and acting.

Jordan Hart has won a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award of \$500. He plans to study engineering at the University of Hawaii.

Tiffany Phy has been chosen for a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award of \$500. She will enroll in the nursing program at Whatcom Community College.

Mike Castro has been given a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award for \$500. He plans to attend Whatcom Community College and study business administration.

James Ward is the recipient of a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award for \$500. He will study education at Whatcom Community College.

Crystal Cartner has been chosen for a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award of \$500. She plans to enter the dental assistant program at Bellingham Technical College.

Malori Smith is the recipient of a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award for \$500. She intends to enter the nursing program at Whatcom Community College.

James Christiansen won a \$500 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award. He intends to go to Bellingham Technical College to learn welding technology.

Jonathan McGovern, winner of a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation award for \$500, will attend Bellingham Technical College to learn computer networking.

Will Hagen was awarded a Clyde and Judy Denton Endowed Scholarship for \$500. Will is going to attend the Universal Technical Institute in Arizona to study auto mechanics.



Terrific News from Heather Short (Class of 2000)



I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Pacific Lutheran University in December 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education. I also have minors in Norwegian and Music, and my supporting endorsement for teaching is Earth Science. I was hired by Arlington Elementary in Tacoma as a 3rd grade teacher in January, and will teach there through the end of the school year. In the fall, I will travel to Norway for a year to study language acquisition on a Fulbright Scholarship. I would like to thank the Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation for helping me to realize these dreams. I received the Rose Gerber Scholarship, the Muenscher Scholarship, and the Thomas and Martina Horn Foundation Scholarship.

Heather is the daughter of Charles & Debora Short of Bellingham.

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Ferentchak Siblings Graduate to Success



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Nancy and Eric Ferentchak who now live in Butte, Montana have a lot to be proud of in their children as does the Mt. Baker community. All four Ferentchaks were recipients of MBSF scholarships and all four have continued on to full and successful lives as illustrated in the following profiles.

Bekki (Ferentchak)

Andersen

Bekki Andersen, 27, class of '96, graduated from Whitworth College with a BA in English and Music in 2000. She completed a Master of Arts in Composition, Rhetoric, and Technical Communication at Eastern Washington University. Bekki then taught professional and technical writing and editing courses at Washington State University for a year before moving to Milwaukee to pursue her Ph.D. in Professional Writing at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM). After graduating with her Doctoral Degree (anticipated 2008), she plans to work either in industry as a technical communicator or seek a full-time teaching position at a four-year university.

While in high school Bekki never imagined spending over 11 years in college; she thought she would earn her degree in political science or law and jump right into the work force. However, while at Whitworth, she found that she really enjoyed learning and being a student. Though her emphases have changed a number of times, she has found a passion for studying communication and hopes to use her knowledge and skills to help workplace professionals and students become effective communicators.

In July of 2004, Bekki married Ken Andersen, whom she met in the summer of 1998 while working at Roche Harbor Resort and Marina. When they're not working (Ken teaches full time at the Milwaukee School of Engineering), they enjoy attending Brewers and Bucks games, playing golf and croquette, and traveling. This summer, they are looking forward to their first trip to Ireland.

As a Mt. Baker High School student, Bekki was a member of the student government, cross country team, basketball team, jazz band, year-book staff, and a number of clubs. She was also involved in her church and took private piano lessons. All of these activities helped her get into the college of her choice and earn scholarships to pay for it. Bekki says "I can not emphasize enough how important extracurricular activities were to my success in college."

Her advice to students interested in going to college is to get involved in extracurricular activities, apply for as

many scholarships as possible, and not be discouraged—if students want something bad enough, they can have it if they are willing to commit their best effort. Her advice to students once they are in college is to get to know their professors, develop a support network, and find an area of study that ignites their desire to learn.

Stacy (Ferentchak) Kuszmaul

Stacy Kuszmaul (now 25), MBHS Class of '98, attended Montana State University/Billings and then Montana Tech of the University of Montana where she graduated in 2003 with a BS Degree in General Engineering with an option in Mechanical Engineering. While attending college Stacy participated in Women's Basketball Team, Montana Tech's Chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) Design Team, and the campus Baptist Student Union.

Stacy recently moved from Iowa and is currently working full-time for United States Gypsum Company (USG) in Jacksonville Florida as a Project Manager. She plans to pursue her MBA with an emphasis in Project Management in the near future. Stacy says, "I love working in the plant environment, as everyday I

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

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learn something new and am continually challenged!”

In May of 2003, Stacy married D.J. Kuszmaul, whom she met while attending Montana Tech. In their spare time they enjoy remodeling their home, playing golf, and attending sporting events. As new Florida residents, they plan to spend many days at the beach and take advantage of all the state has to offer!

As a Mt. Baker High School student, Stacy was a member of the cross country team, basketball team, fall cheerleading squad, jazz band, marching band, FFA team, and National Honor Society. Outside of the classroom she was very involved in AAU Basketball and 4-H. All of these activities aided her in becoming a well rounded individual, taught her how to manage her time, and helped her earn academic and athletic scholarships to pay for college. For those seeking to attend college, become involved in activities that interest you, are challenging and will help you become a well rounded individual.

Don't be afraid to try something outside of your comfort zone. Your transition from high school to college will be less of a shock if you take as many challenging courses in high school as you are able and not just the bare minimum to graduate.

College is a great experience and an eye opener to what is out in the world for you to grab a hold of. Your success in college is up to you. You must be disciplined, learn to manage your time effectively and know when to play and when to

study. There is so much more the world offers than you can imagine and college is one place where you are able to discover yourself and the many opportunities awaiting for you. Most importantly, seek out what you are interested in, not what others are interested in you pursuing.

Randy Ferentchak

Randy Ferentchak, 31, MBHS Class of '92, attended Western Washington University and received a Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering Technology in 1998.

Randy is an Application Engineer for Kenworth Truck Company (a division of Paccar, Inc.) and is currently attending Seattle University to complete a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. In October 2004, Randy married Sue McGavern, whom he met while living in the Seattle area.

Randy feels a measure of success is achieving all the goals you set for yourself when you leave high school in addition to the new goals you set along your career path. He notes a strong desire and hard work ethic will help you achieve your goals.

Lisa Ferentchak

Lisa Ferentchak, 22, MBHS class of 2000 attended Washington State University until 2003 and majored in Interior Design before switching her major to Psychology. Currently Lisa lives in Seattle and plans to attend the University of Washington to complete her Psychology Degree in the next year. Lisa enjoys raising her puppy "Honey" in her spare time.

While a Mt. Baker High School student, Lisa was a member of the cross country team, basketball team, cheerleading squads, FFA team, and National Honor Society. Outside of the classroom she was very involved in 4-H and AAU Basketball. All of these activities helped Lisa earn scholarships to college.



Mt. Baker School District Awards the Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation "Community Leadership Award"



*Superintendent Rick Gantman (left) with
MBSF President Rachel Osborn and
Fundraising Chair Neal Bittner*

The Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation was the recipient of the Washington Association of School Administrator's (WASA) "Community Leadership Award" this spring. The award is given to individuals or groups that have made a positive impact on their school district. MBSF President Rachel Osborn and Neal Bittner, Fundraising Chairperson, accepted the award from Mt. Baker School District on behalf of the foundation.



Donation and Interest Form for Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation

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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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