



Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Newsletter

A Dollars for Scholars Organization, Mount Baker School District

Scholarships awarded through MBSF to the Class of 2008 total over \$85,000!

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 2008!



Photo by Lisa Strachila

The Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation is proud to award over \$85,000 in scholarships to students in the class of 2008. We salute all our scholarship recipients as well as our generous community members who make these awards possible.

Congratulations and best wishes to our 2008 graduates!

Claire Smith has been awarded a \$5000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. She will use this scholarship to pursue her studies at Seattle University. She would like to become an international journalist or an English teacher in a foreign country.

Alexandria Lepper is the recipient of a \$5000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Alexandria will attend Cornell University/Washington State University where she will prepare towards a career as a large animal veterinarian.

Sierra Brisky will use her \$5000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship** to pursue her interest in design and environmental studies at Western Washington University.

Kendra Pass has been awarded a \$2000 **Clyde and Judy Denton Scholarship** as well as a \$1000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. She

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will attend Washington State University to study psychology or mathematics.

Bayli Hochstein will apply her \$2000 **Clyde and Judy Denton Scholarship** and her \$1000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship** to study to be a nurse at the University of Washington.

Megan Gliva has been awarded a \$2400 **Christine Sygitowicz-Sherman Scholarship** and a \$600 **Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship**. Megan will attend Washington State University where she will study to be a pharmacist.

Nicole Knauft will receive four scholarships: a \$1100 **William Castle Scholarship**, a \$600 **Mount Baker PTA Scholarship**, a \$1200 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**, and a \$100 **Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship**. Nicole would like to study accounting, psychology or secondary education at Western Washington University.

Garrett Whitmyre is the recipient of a \$2000 **Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship** as well as a \$1000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Garrett will attend Western Washington University. He aspires to be a science or math teacher.

Eric Tesch is the winner of a \$2000 **Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship** and also a \$1000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Eric will be entering Embry-Riddle Aeronautical in Arizona to study aerospace engineering.

Heidi Hollinsworth has been awarded a \$2000 **Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship** and a \$1000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship** to help further her education at Seattle University. Heidi is interested in environmental studies.

Nicholas Marshall will receive a \$2000 **Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship**. Nicholas will attend Western Washington University where he will pursue his interest in engineering.

Alisa Maleng has been chosen for the \$1800 **Mandy Stavik Scholarship**. She will also receive a \$200 **Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship**. Alisa will work towards a degree in science and nursing at the University of Washington.

Derek Johnson will apply his \$2000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship** towards earning a teaching certificate at Corban College, Oregon. Derek would love to come back and teach history at Mt. Baker.

Celeste Hilgart is awarded a \$2000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Celeste will attend Western Washington University where she will study biology.

Tiana Oshiro will use her \$2000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship** to help fund her education at the University of Washington. Tiana is interested in accounting.

Jeff Hurlbert has been chosen as a recipient of a \$2000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Jeff will be attending Washington State University where he will study mechanical engineering.

Tiffany Baisden is awarded two scholarships: a \$500 **Calvin Johnson Scholarship** and a \$1500 **Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship**. She will be studying nursing at Eastern Washington University.

Megan Zender is awarded a \$1500 **Clyde and Judy Denton Scholarship** as well as a \$500 **Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship**. Megan will study at Bellevue Community College. She plans to become a nurse.

Haley Kraft will use her \$2000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship** to further her education at either University of Washington or Western Washington University. Haley wants to study engineering and mathematics.

Ben Kelley is the recipient of a \$2000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Ben will continue his education at Quest University in British Columbia, Canada. Ben will pursue studies in environmental policy and sustainability.

Koji Kuromiya-Parker is awarded two scholarships: a \$1000 **Clyde and Judy Denton Scholarship** and a \$1000 **Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship**. Koji will be studying automotive technology at Bellingham Technical College.

Vicky Herrera is the winner of a \$2000 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Vicky will use this scholarship to help finance her education at the

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University of Rochester, where she will major in either business or science.

Elly Hagen will receive a \$1550 **Mount Baker Staff Scholarship** and a \$650 **George and Tena Giarde Scholarship**. Elly would like to prepare for a career in education at Western Washington University.

Karolyn Krumdiack is the recipient of a \$1000 **Mount Baker Staff Scholarship** as well as a \$500 **Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship**. Karolyn will prepare for a career in early childhood education at Whatcom Community College.

Daniel Sutton is awarded a \$1500 **Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship**. Daniel will study computer science at Pacific Lutheran University.

Tyler Yost is the winner of a \$1500 **Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship** to help fund his education at Whatcom Community College. Tyler will begin his college career with general studies.

Nathan Campbell will receive a \$1500 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Nathan will study music composition at Chapman University, California.

Ashlee Phy will receive \$1500 **David Way Scholarship**. Ashlee would like to study to be either a dental hygienist or a registered nurse at either SFU, Bellingham Technical College, Whatcom Community College, Clark or Pacific.

Melissa Wigg will use her \$1500 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship** to help finance her education at Whatcom Community College, where she will study business administration.

Meghan Strachila is awarded a \$1300 **Rose Gerber Scholarship** as well as a \$200 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Meghan will work towards a teaching degree at Western Washington University.

Chelsea Holcombe is the winner of a \$1500 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Chelsea will be attending Seattle University where she will pursue her interest in business and economics.

Frank Kaus is awarded a \$1500 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship** to help further his education in music and drama at either Western Washington University or Whatcom Community College.

Larissa Bertschinger will use her \$1250 **Loren and Muriel Monsen Scholarship** and her \$300 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship** to help finance her continuing education at Whatcom Community College. Larissa wants to major in art.

Brittany Hammer is awarded two scholarships: an \$800 **Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship** and a \$500 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Brittany will attend Eastern Washington University where she plans to major in physical therapy.

Jesse Copps is awarded a \$1300 **David Howem Scholarship** to help

with expenses at Bellingham Technical College. Jesse will work towards becoming an electrician.

Melissa Linebrink will receive a \$600 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Melissa will take general studies courses at Central Washington University.

Laura Basart will use her \$600 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship** to help finance her continuing education at Whatcom Community College. Laura wants to become a pediatrician.

Jared Ash is the recipient of a \$600 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Jared will study computer network technology at Bellingham Technical College.

Megan Wight is awarded a \$600 **Karen Marie Wolshlagel Scholarship**. Megan will attend Northwest Hair Academy to learn cosmetology.

Gregory Bryce McKay will receive a \$600 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship** to help with expenses at Whatcom Community College. Gregory would like to work towards getting a teaching certificate.

Eli Jacoby will use his \$600 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship** to help fund his education at Bellingham Technical College, where he will enter the instrumentation and control technology program.

Arianna Thomas is the winner of a \$600 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Arianna will study at Bellingham Technical College to learn to be an accounting technician.

The Giarde Family's Lasting Legacy

Shelli Anderson is awarded a \$500 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. Shelli plans to study accounting at Bellingham Technical College.

Nicole Buchanan is awarded a \$500 **Thorleif Mohn Scholarship**. She will enroll in general studies at Everett Community College to prepare for a four-year university.

Jon Raney has been chosen to receive a \$500 **Monaghan Scholarship** as well as a \$600 **Mount Baker PTA Scholarship**. Jon will take courses in secondary education or sports therapy at Linfield College, Oregon.



George & Tena Giarde's 25th Anniversary 1959

Photo provided by Nancy Burke

The George and Tena Giarde Scholarship

Written by Nancy Burke, Daughter of Tena and George Giarde

My parents, George and Tena Giarde, valued the superior education offered in the Mt. Baker School District. George, a 1925 graduate of Harmony High School, and Tena were hard working farmers who owned a dairy/beef, raspberry/strawberry farm on the Sand Road. My sister, Dorothy, and I attended Harmony Elementary School and then Mt. Baker Junior/Senior High Schools. Dorothy, class of 1955, favored her band teacher, Winnie Robertson, at the high school. Even back then, the marching band wore kilts. Dorothy loved playing the drums. She went on to own a men's clothing store and worked as an accountant.

My favorite teachers were Arlene Niegemann, who taught home economics; Mr. Lucas, who taught me to write; and Mrs. Alnita Adams, who got me my first job at the *Bellingham Herald* during summers of my college years. I graduated from the high school in 1958 and attended Washington State University. I became a career vocational home and family life teacher.

Our parents established the George and Tena Giarde Scholarship through the Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation. They especially wanted to honor the excellent education we received through the Mt. Baker School District. My father passed away in 1995 and my mother is living at age 94 in Marysville near Dorothy.

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Kristen Rohde, 2002 Recipient of Giarde Scholarship

This year is the 10th year the George and Tena Giarde Scholarship has been awarded. Recipients are chosen by Dorothy and me on the basis of need, respect for their teachers, contributions to their communities and career goals.

What a great fund! Every year it is a pleasure to read the outstanding applications and know that our parents' dollars are being put to such a good use.

The Giarde's 4th generation descendants are currently attending schools in the Mount Baker School District.

The Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation extends sincere thanks and appreciation to the Giarde family for their ongoing support of our students.



Kristen Rohde 2002 Recipient of the George and Tena Giarde Scholarship



When Kristen Rohde graduated from Mt. Baker High School in 2002, she chose the University of Portland for its small and beautiful campus, the

small campus feel (where you always see familiar faces and know all your classmates by name) and for the running program at the D1 level. She tried several majors and took classes in education and business before she discovered her love for biology and studying the human body. She graduated with a major in Life Sciences and a minor in Health and Physical Fitness Education. While at UP, Kristen was on the varsity cross country, and track and field teams. She was also in Alpha Lambda Delta, the honor society that inducts freshman students.

After graduating from UP she entered graduate school at Pacific University in the field of Physical Therapy. She just finished her first year of classes and her first clinical internship where she enjoyed learning and actually working with patients. She will graduate in 2010 with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Outside of the classroom, Kristen is still involved in running. She enjoys entering fun runs every few months. Her favorite was the Hood to Coast Relay last year, where she was part of a 12 person team that ran 197 miles from Mt. Hood, Oregon to the Oregon coastal town of Seaside.

For fun, Kristen runs and hangs out with friends. This past month, she's lived in Seattle with her sisters for her internship and enjoys exploring the area with her siblings.

Kristen writes: "The Giarde Scholarship and other Mt. Baker Scholar-

ships really helped me during my first year of undergraduate education. With that money, I spent more time on my studies and was on the Dean's list for 8 out of 10 semesters. I also felt supported by the Mt. Baker community when I could pay my tuition without taking out any loans at UP.

I have some good memories at Mt. Baker High School. One of my favorite teachers was Mrs. Pitts because she provided me with valuable skills especially in the areas of writing and research that I have used throughout college. Mr. Urbano also influenced me greatly because his coaching taught me what it was like to push myself and find my own limits, whether that was in running, learning, or in relationships.

My advice for high school students is for everyone to challenge himself or herself. You can only do as well as you decide to do and I have found that when I didn't put my full effort into something, it never turned out as well as when I was motivated to give 100%. Also, being involved in the Mt. Baker community is very important. Band, honor society, sports and other groups are all fun and at the same time fulfilling activities. Some of my best memories were in these groups, whether it was band trips, track races, or volunteer projects."

Kristen is the daughter of Leroy and Maryann Rohde.





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