



## *Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Newsletter*

*A Dollars for Scholars Organization, Mount Baker School District*

Scholarships awarded through MBSF to the Class of 2011 total \$70,000!

Thank you to our generous community for all 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 Class of 2011!



*Photo by Lisa Strachila*

Thanks to the generosity of our community, the Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation awarded \$70,000 in scholarships to 56 Mt. Baker High School graduates this year. We are pleased and honored to contribute to their future plans in higher education. Please join us in celebrating their academic accomplishments and in wishing them best wishes for success in all their future endeavors.

The following students received multiple scholarships:

The **Christine Sygitowicz-Sherman Scholarship** is awarded to Kristina Pilat (\$1800). Kristina also received a \$3200 **Mohn Scholarship**. She will study medicine at the University of Washington.

Gabrielle Hilgart received a \$4000 **Mohn Scholarship** as well as a \$1000 **Denton Scholarship**. Gabrielle will attend University of Washington to pursue her education in Engineering.

## 2011 Scholarship Recipients

**The William Castle Scholarship** recipient is Madison Brown (\$700), who will study Law, Society and Justice at the University of Washington. Madison also received a \$2300 **Mohn Scholarship**.

Lesya Lyashenko is awarded a \$1000 **Denton Scholarship** as well as a \$2000 **Mohn Scholarship**. Lesya will be taking courses in Business/Accounting at Western Washington University.

The \$500 **People's Bank Scholarship** is awarded to Emily Patz, who will prepare for a career in Early Education and Special Education at Western Washington University. Emily is also the recipient of a \$1500 scholarship from the **Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation**.

Albert Howard, Jr. is awarded a \$1000 **Denton Scholarship** as well as a **Mt. Baker Staff Scholarship** for \$1000. He is attending Washington State University to study Engineering.

A \$400 **PTA Scholarship** is awarded to Alex Kazadayev to help with training in Civil Engineering at Whatcom Community College. Alex is also the recipient of a \$1100 **Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation** scholarship.

Zachary Nern will study Aerospace Engineering at the University of Washington. Zach is the recipient of a \$600 **Monsen Scholarship** as well as a \$400

scholarship from the **Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation**.

The \$350 **Calvin Johnson Scholarship** is awarded to Janelle Richner who will begin her courses in Nursing at Eastern Washington University. Janelle is also the recipient of a \$150 **Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation** scholarship.

The \$400 **George and Tena Giarde Scholarship** goes to Caleb Buchanan who will study Engineering at Washington State University. He also receives a \$500 **Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation** scholarship.

A **Wolschlagel Scholarship** (\$430) is earned by Aleksey Kovalenko who will attend Bellingham Technical College in Automotive Technology. Aleksey also receives \$70 from the **Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation**.



The following students received single, named scholarships:

The 2011 recipient of the **Merle Gallman Scholarship** is Ella Salkeld (\$2500). She will attend Skagit Valley College to pursue studies in Environmental Conservation.

An **Acmenormous Scholarship** is presented to Mark Wight (\$550), who will go in to Fire Science at Skagit Valley College.

This year's recipient of the **Mandy Stavik Scholarship** is Eloise Davis (\$1200). She will study Early Childhood Development and Education at Washington State University.

A **Class of '59 Scholarship** is presented to Sergey Streltsov (\$500), who will learn Welding at Bellingham Technical College.



**These students are the recipients of Thorleif Mohn Scholarships:**

Derrek Bachelder (\$3500), will study Real Time Interactive Simulation at Digipen Institute of Technology.

Alexia King (\$3500), is studying Fine Arts at Cornish College of the Arts.

Rebeca Parker (\$3000), is enrolled at Western Washington University to study English.

David Philips (\$2000), will study Business Ethics at Seattle Pacific University.

Angela Murashov (\$2000), will begin classes to become a Registered Nurse, at Whatcom Community College.

Zachary Lepper (\$1500), will attend University of Michigan to major in Mechanical Engineering.

Gabrielle Hilgart (\$4000)

Madison Brown (\$2300)

Kristina Pilat (\$3200)

Lesya Lyashenko (\$200)

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### **The following students have been chosen to receive Clyde and Judy Denton Scholarships:**

Michael Hoffer (\$500), will study Biochemistry at Tufts University, in Medford, MA.

Oksana Kapustin (\$500), is enrolled in Bellingham Technical College to become a Registered Nurse.

Gabrielle Hilgart (\$1000)

Lesya Lyashenko (\$1000)

Albert Howard Jr. (\$1000)



### **Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarships are awarded to these students:**

Andrea Paulson (\$1500), will begin Education classes at Western Washington University.

Miranda Munsell (\$1400), is enrolled in Eastern Washington University to study Graphic Design.

Leo Streltsov (\$1000), will be attending Bellingham Technical College to learn Automotive Technology.

Anzhelika Taranenko (\$750), will prepare for a career as a Registered Nurse at Whatcom Community College.

Shane Everbeck (\$750), will go to the University of Washington to study Political Science.

Alyssa Zender (\$750), will earn her transfer degree in Science at Whatcom Community College.

Allysun Schorr (\$500), is accepted at the University of Oregon to study English.

Jaydee Schmidt (\$500), will study English, Literature/Writing or Journalism at Highline Community College.

Kristanie Maleng (\$500), will begin courses in Education at Eastern Washington University.

Zachariah Magee (\$500), will take general courses at the University of Washington.

Katie Baisden (\$500), is going to Eastern Washington University, where she will start with general requirements.

Pavel Onishenko (\$500), is enrolling in the Paralegal Program at Whatcom Community College.

Duncan Wright (\$500), is beginning Pre-Medicine at Western Washington University.

Molly Scoles (\$500), is attending Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon to study Education/Psychology.

Patricia Adams (\$500), is going to Old Dominican University in Norfolk, Virginia, where she will study Exercise Science, Sport, P.E. and Recreation.

Antonia Casados (\$300), will attend Western Washington University to study Chemistry.

Alicia Nambo (\$300), will begin training to be a Registered Nurse at Bellingham Technical College.

Lanay Newgard (\$350), will enter

the fields of Psychology/Education at Western Oregon University.

Adriana Adams (\$250), will learn Motorcycle and Small Engine Repair at Lake Washington Technical College.

Keith Giddings (\$250), is going in to Computer Science at Montana State University.

Monica Johnston (\$250), is attending Whatcom Community College to study Visual Communications.

Carson Schenk (\$250), is pursuing a Business Major for use in the field of Law Enforcement at Whatcom Community College.

Karina Rosas (\$250), is attending Whatcom Community College to study Pre-Law.

Emily Patz (\$1500)

Alex Kazadayev (\$1100)

Janelle Richner (\$150)

Caleb Buchanan (\$500)

Aleksey Kovalenko (\$70)

Zachary Nern (\$400)



### **These students are awarded Mt. Baker Staff Scholarships:**

Kyle Strachila (\$2000), will study Business at Campbell University at Buies Creek, NC.

Albert Howard, Jr. (\$1000)

## *We hear from appreciative recipients*

### **The following students will receive Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarships:**

Antony Urbano (\$1500), will be attending the University of Portland to study Linguistics.

Joshua Buchanan (\$1500), is enrolled at the University of Washington in Engineering.

Bernard Westdal (\$1500), is enrolled in Business courses at Whatcom Community College.

Carly Gliva (\$1500), is going to Western Washington University to major in Physical Therapy.

Josephine Garcia ((\$1500), will study Engineering Technology or Geology at Western Washington University.

McHenry Pattison (\$500), will begin Education courses at the University of Puget Sound.



### **Loren and Muriel Monsen Scholarships are awarded to:**

Andrea Ferrell (\$500), will be attending Western Washington University for Environmental Studies.

David Chapman (\$500), will study Psychology at the University of Oregon.

Realyn Stratton (\$500), will attend the University of New Hampshire to study Linguistics and Business.

Zachary Nern (\$600)

## **Note of Appreciation from David Kashubin**



*Hearing from former MBSF scholarship recipients is one of the most rewarding parts of serving on the MBSF board. We recently received this letter from David Kashubin, class of 2010.*

*Dear MBSF,*

*It's been nearly a year since I have left my hometown of Deming to study at the University of Washington, but it feels like just yesterday I was planning and dreaming of going to college. This year has been a great transition from high school into the rest of my life, and a lot of that has to do with the support I have received from back home. The financial support of the Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation has helped me realize that I can graduate from a University with a degree and pursue my life-long dreams. I would like to thank the whole foundation and our great school district that has helped guide me towards success in life. Currently, I am finishing up my third quarter at the University of Washington and I plan on applying to the Foster School of Business early next spring. This year I have enjoyed living in Seattle because of the numerous new experiences. UW is a great school where one can learn and feel a part of the community from day one. Going to school here I have made friends from around the country and I have being challenged by the rigorous courses I have taken. Academically, I have*

*maintained a B-average throughout my freshman year which was not easy, but right now education is very high on my list of priorities. I am ecstatic to go home over summer and enjoy some time off from school and spend time with my family that has also been highly supportive of my education. Once again, I can't thank your organization enough for your support and I will make sure that in the future I will help other future students pursue their dreams of an education.*

*Sincerely, David Kashubin*

*David is the son of Alex & Natalya Kashubin of Maple Falls.*



## **Brittany Smith**

*"Global Citizen, Class of 2005"*

*Interview by Sue Lenssen*

I interviewed Brittany Smith by phone in Vermont, where she was defending her thesis in preparation for graduation on Saturday. Brittany will graduate with a Master's Degree in Sustainable Development, with a concentration in Development Management.

*Congratulations on your graduation, Brittany. What will you be doing after graduation?*

I will return to Port au Prince, Haiti, where I will continue my work as Development Coordinator for GrassRoots United. The international organization I work for aims to build the capacity of civil society organizations in post-disaster contexts. We currently

## Brittany Smith, “Global Citizen”

partner with over 50 organizations in Haiti, and are mentoring a new Haitian-run association. Because there is always lots to do, I am involved in many activities. For example, I write grants and facilitate fundraisers, as well as work on de-worming, vaccination and health awareness programs, art programs for kids in tent cities, alternative building projects, and environmental management programs. I also teach computer literacy classes and partake in an English-Creole language exchange program.



*What is it like living in Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake?*

My experience has been wonderful. The people are empowering, inspiring, and most certainly resilient. Yes, much of the infrastructure is still destroyed, streets are still filled with rubble, and cholera is still a constant battle, but the amount of passion and love people exude make living here one of the best decisions of my life. Currently, with the inauguration of their

new President, Michel Martelly, there is a lot of energy and motivation to rebuild communities. There is still a major need for funds and volunteers, though, so if anyone is interested in supporting the people of Haiti, I would encourage them to learn more at <http://www.razoo.com/story/BrittanySmith/>.

*Tell us about your graduate program in Vermont.*

The first year I took classes in Brattleboro, VT. Then, I traveled to Switzerland for my practicum experience with ProAct Network, where I supported their environmental management and climate change adaptation programs and proposals for countries, such as Pakistan, Sudan, and Tanzania. To conclude my degree, I wrote and presented my thesis, which was an action research qualitative study for the global Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction. The resulting document is intended to help the Partnership with their strategic planning processes.

*How did you become interested in sustainable disaster management?*

As an undergraduate, I became highly involved in extracurricular activities that focused on environmental and social justice issues. After my graduation from Whitman College, where I majored in Gender Studies with minors in Mathematics, Biology, and Education, I joined AmeriCorps and worked in New Orleans for the American Red Cross. For about

a year, I was one of their Emergency Responders and Health and Safety Instructors. After my service term ended, I decided I wanted to explore alternative approaches to disaster management, including those that took into account the environment. Thus, I found myself in Washington D.C. with the World Wildlife Fund's Humanitarian Partnerships Department, which promotes green recovery. Ever since, I have been interested in sustainable disaster management and plan to create a long-term career in this field. My ultimate goal is to start my own organization that supports holistic recovery strategies for communities impacted by natural hazards.

*What advice do you have for high school graduates?*

Most definitely, I would tell high school graduates to cherish their relationships. Mt. Baker High School provides a foundation for learning, but not only learning from textbooks, but from the students and teachers themselves. Additionally, it is important to take advantage of opportunities presented. In doing so, many doors will continue to open. For example, it was in part because of the Christine Sygitowicz-Sherman Scholarship I received that I was allowed to pursue a post-secondary education, which has since given me a new international perspective and refined career path.

*Brittany is the daughter of Gail Weiss & Dennis Smith of Deming.*

# 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.

\$10     \$20     \$50     \$100

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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