



Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Newsletter

A Dollars for Scholars Organization, Mount Baker School District

Scholarships awarded through MBSF to the Class of 2010 total over \$83,000!

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 2010!



Photo by Lisa Strachila

The Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation is proud to award over \$83,000 to the 54 students who submitted complete applications. We are pleased to be able to reward their hard work and efforts and wish all of them success in their chosen fields.

Danielle Scott has earned two scholarships: the \$2200 Christine Sygitowicz-Sherman Scholarship and a \$4000 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship. Danielle will be pursue general requirements at Western Washington University.

Nicholas Jacoby is awarded a \$2000 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship, the \$850 William Castle Scholarship and the

\$2550 Loren and Muriel Monsen Scholarship. Nicholas will begin studies in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Washington.

Fredric Vollmer is the recipient of a \$2000 Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship, as well as a \$3000 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship. He will study Film and Theatre Arts at Montana State University.

David Kashubin has earned a \$2000 Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship and a \$3000 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship. He will be attending the University of Washington to begin his education in Business.

2010 Scholarship Winners

Shayna Boardman will use her three scholarships to begin her higher education in Creative Writing/Film Studies at Seattle University. Shayna is receiving a \$2000 Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship, a \$2500 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship and the \$400 Calvin Johnson Scholarship.

AnneMarie Borg is the winner of a \$2000 Thomas and Martina Horn Scholarship as well as a \$1300 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship. She will major in Marine Biology at Western Washington University or Seattle University.

Leah Ford will use her \$3300 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship to help with expenses at Lewis and Clark College. She will concentrate on International Affairs/English.

Tasmin Wilhelm is the winner of a \$3,300 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation scholarship. Tasmin has been accepted to Western Washington University where she plans to pursue her interests in nursing and psychology and continue on to graduate school.

Lydia McClaran will begin her studies in Anthropology/Archeology at Western Washington University. She is awarded a \$3300 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship.

Schyler Evans has earned two scholarships: a \$1000 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship and a \$1500 Clyde and Judy Denton Scholarship. Schyler will begin Premed classes at University of Puget Sound.

Jamie Stoothoff is the recipient of a \$2500 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship. Jamie will attend the University of Puget Sound and will begin studies in Education, Psychology, Gender Studies or Social Work.

Irina Tikhonov is the winner of both a \$1000 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship and a \$1500 Clyde and Judy Denton Scholarship. Irina will work toward her Associate's Degree at Whatcom Community College.

Kassidy Van Berkum is receiving a \$2000 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship. Kassidy will concentrate on Nursing at Eastern Washington University.

Kelsey Oiness will use her \$1500 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship to help with expenses at Whatcom Community College. Her area of study will be Athletics.

Molly Cutler is receiving an \$850 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship as well as the \$650 Acmenormous Scholarship. She plans to concentrate on International Studies at the University of Washington.

Rachel Clemons will use her \$500 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship and her \$1000 Clyde and Judy Denton Scholarship to help finance her training in Surgery Technology at Bellingham Technical College. Rachel is also the recipient the 2010 Dollars for Scholars Community Volunteer Service Award.

Jovana Baisden has been chosen for a \$750 Mt. Baker Staff Scholarship and a \$750 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship. Jovana plans to major in Civil Engineering at the University of Washington.

Kylee DeCook is granted a \$1500 Thorleif Mohn Scholarship to help with expenses at the University of Washington where she plans to major in Biology.

Deanna Bozzo is awarded a \$400 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship, as well as the \$600 Jack Postlewait Scholarship. Deanna is enrolled at Western Washington University where she will begin her prerequisite classes.

Matthew Rhodes is this year's choice for the \$1500 Mandy Stavik Scholarship. Matthew will pursue studies in Math and Science at Skagit Community College.

Matt Birmingham will apply his \$1000 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship towards expenses at Western Washington University. Matt's areas of study are Saxophone Performance and Pre-Med.

Kagan Sloane is the winner of a \$1000 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. He plans on majoring in Engineering.

Wesley Finger will receive a \$1000 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. Wesley has been accepted at University of Puget Sound; his interests are Journalism, Political Science and International Affairs.

Courtney Addler is the recipient of a \$1000 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. She will study Fine Arts and Painting at Cornish College of the Arts.

Kelcey Brown will apply her \$1000 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship towards Accounting training at Washington State University.

Veronica Charles is the 2010 recipient of the \$2500 Merle Gallman Scholarship. Veronica is enrolled at Humboldt State University where she will begin Native American Studies: Law and Government.

2010 Scholarship Winners

Jessica Taranenko is awarded a \$1000 Clyde and Judy Denton Scholarship the \$500 George and Tena Giarde Scholarship. She is going to begin the Nursing Program at Bellingham Technical College.

Vladimir Farmahey will use his \$500 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship to help with expenses at Whatcom Community College. Vladimir will pursue courses in Business.

Hayden Yeomans will receive a \$250 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship, as well as a \$500 Mt. Baker Staff Scholarship. He will attend Washington State University; his interests are in Broadcast Communications and Music.

Aaron Tyska is the winner of a \$750 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship that he will use towards expenses at Washington State University. Aaron plans to major in Civil Engineering.

Megan Sutton has earned a \$750 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. Megan is enrolled at Whatcom Community College where she will work towards a transfer degree in the Arts.

Connor Williams has been accepted at University of Montana. He will use his \$750 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship to finance his education in Business Marketing and Management.

Stephen Raney is awarded a \$750 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. Stephen will pursue his interest in Communication at Washington State University.

Dustin Oshiro is the recipient of a \$750 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. He plans to major in Business at Western Washington University.

Elizabeth Horsmon has been chosen for a \$250 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship and a \$500 Mt. Baker Lion's Club Scholarship. She plans to train as a Physical Therapy Assistant at Whatcom Community College.

Lauren Frey will use her \$750 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship to help finance her education at Washington State University where she will begin fulfilling prerequisites.

Taylor Pulver is receiving a \$750 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. Taylor will attend the University of Montana. She is interested in Environmental Studies, Women's Studies and Latin American Studies.

Madisen Hawley has been accepted at University of Montana. She will apply her \$500 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship towards her training in Education and Cultural Studies.

Landan Campbell is this year's winner of the \$500 Monaghan Scholarship. Landan wishes to learn the skills of Photography and Outdoor Education at Colorado Mountain College.

Shakira Wilson has earned a \$500 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. She will enroll in studies in Psychology at Whatcom Community College.

Mackenzie Gabl will use her \$500 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship to help finance her training in Nursing at the University of Nevada.

Kelsey Copps is receiving a \$500 Mt. Baker Staff Scholarship. Kelsey wants to learn the skill of Dental Hygienist at Whatcom Community College.

Joseph Scarpete is the recipient of a \$500 Mt. Baker Staff Scholarship. He plans to earn his Transfer Degree at Whatcom Community College.

Sheri Nickell has earned a \$500 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. Sheri's interest is in the Healthcare-Nursing Program at Whatcom Community College.

Charles Kaus will receive a \$500 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship to support his training at Bellingham Technical College where he plans to learn the skill of Diesel Mechanics.

Shanise Bradley is awarded a \$500 PTA Scholarship. Shanise will attend the Art Institute of Seattle to study Culinary Arts.

Kelly Leech will use her \$500 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship to help finance her training in Process Technology at Bellingham Technical College.

Cora Howell is the winner of a \$500 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. Cora is enrolled at Whatcom Community College and will begin classes in Healthcare-Nursing.

Miranda Zender has earned the \$500 Class of '59 Scholarship. Miranda will begin courses in Paralegal Studies at Skagit Community College.

Clayton Barber Combines Work, Travel & Creativity

Marcellina Renteria is bestowed a \$1000 Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. She will enter the Nursing Program at either Haskell Indian Nation University or Bellingham Technical College.

Dani Blue Shute will receive a \$500 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship that she will use to help finance her studies in Photography at the Art Institute of Seattle.

Johnny Rodney will use his \$250 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship to help finance his education at Whatcom Community College where his area of study will be Business Administration.

Raymond Straka is presented with a \$250 Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. Raymond will work towards his Medical Science Transfer Degree at Whatcom Community College.

Ashley Green is awarded the \$500 Wolschlagel Scholarship to aid in finances at Whatcom Community College. Ashley is interested in training as either a Para Educator or a Hair Stylist.



Clayton Barber Class of 2003



Clayton with members of the Appalachian Mountain Club, New Hampshire, 2009



Clayton and a friend from the Sardis Raptor Center

Since Clayton Barber (class of 2003) is busy globe trotting, MBSF board member Susan Lenssen interviewed Clayton's mother, Kristin Barber. Here's what she discovered.

Clayton (Hobbes) Barber, 2003 recipient of a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Scholarship, was very interested in science, played saxophone in the band, sang in the jazz choir, and participated in plays, including being an Angel in *Grease*.

At an early age, Clayton showed an interest in ornithology. As a young child, he would watch birds and could identify them. He would listen to tapes of birdcalls and duplicate the calls.

At Mt. Baker High School, his interest in science was encouraged by Mr. Lewis. During his senior year, he volunteered at Sardis Raptor Center. He worked there all during college, training eagles and working with the veterinarians.

Clayton flourished in the scientific and physical environment at Western Washington University. He combined his interests in biology and outdoor activities. He bicycled, did work at the Raptor Center and had a job at the climbing wall at the Wade King Student Recreation Center. He also worked for two years at the library.

Clayton graduated from Western in 2008 with a degree in Biology. After traveling in Argentina and Chile, he secured an outdoor education job with the Appalachian Mountain Club, where he is a designated naturalist. During spring and fall, Clayton works with school children who enroll a week at a time. During summer, he leads students on one-week hiking, canoeing and rock-climbing expeditions.

During off-season, he traveled to Guyana and Barbados. In addition to other responsibilities, Clayton satisfied his artistic side at the ecotourism lodge in Barbados by making lampshades from vines he collected in the jungle. He spent a week after that vacationing in Barbados.

For two months he taught outdoor education in the Malibu County School District, and this summer he is working for a group called "Adventure Treks", hiking with groups of kids through the Olympics, Mt. St. Helen's area and Eastern Oregon. Next fall he will return to Appalachia.

Emily Nevels Believes “Success is what makes you happy.”

Clayton’s life of travel and environmental teaching requires a lot of flexibility. Everything he needs is in his backpack; he is happy in the outdoors with animals and plants, passing on his scientific and artistic interests to young students.

Clayton is the son of Kristin Barber and the late Jerry Barber.



Emily Nevels Class of 2005



Emily practices yoga.

Emily Nevels, a 2005 Mt. Baker High graduate and recipient of a Mt. Baker Scholarship Foundation Award, has just returned to Whatcom County from New Zealand, where she has been traveling and training in yoga.

When Emily and her sister were young children her father scheduled an “after-school outside hour”, when she and her sister played in their fort and in streams in the forest, and played baseball with the neighborhood girls. This sparked in Emily a love of the outdoors and physical activity.

Emily loved high school at Mt. Baker; she didn’t think life could get any better. She loved Mrs. Pitts’ English class and Mr. Lewis’ Geophysics. She played the flute in band, directed by Mr. Sutton, and was active in ASB, Honor Society and cheerleading. As a member of the Whatcom County Competitive Cheerleading Squad, she valued the gymnastics

side of cheerleading. The flexibility aspect has compelled her towards yoga training.

After high school graduation Emily attended Pacific Lutheran University, where she majored in Psychology and minored in Women’s Gender Studies and Global Studies. Her involvement in Students for Peace, as secretary, and as president in her senior year, was a big part of her university experience. Students for Peace focuses on issues of social justice, community service and environmental issues. Members volunteer at local food banks, hold a yearly carnival for Parkland youth, have fundraisers for the community and promote discussions on social issues and other activities. Emily says, “Being a part of Students for Peace was the most important factor in my development at PLU.”

As a member of the Psychology Honor Society, Emily presented her research on Gender Studies relating to aggression at the Western Psychology Association in Portland, Oregon. Throughout college, she worked at United Way for Pierce County as an Information Referral Specialist. She referred people to community organizations that could assist them.

After Emily graduated in 2009, she decided to go hiking in New Zealand. She traveled for two months, and then worked as a receptionist in a hostel in Christchurch. She also waitressed in a café, and met many locals, and felt that she was entering into a new community. She got involved in yoga training; her next step would be to get teacher certification.

Emily reflects, “In some ways it is terrifying to be off the school track,

but right now traveling is beneficial to finding out more about myself.”

Emily’s goal now that she is back in Whatcom County is to work for at least a year at a social service related organization. She plans to continue with school eventually and go into high school counseling.

Emily advises graduates to take some time to do what they love to do, as it feeds your soul. Success is what makes you happy.

Emily is the daughter of Richard and Kathy Nevels of Bellingham.



MBSF needs your help!

Volunteer to serve on the Board for this important group. What could be more rewarding than giving scholarships to deserving students?

Contact Gail Kuromiya at 592-2482.

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.

\$10 \$20 \$50 \$100

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