



Bellingham DOLLARS *for* SCHOLARS

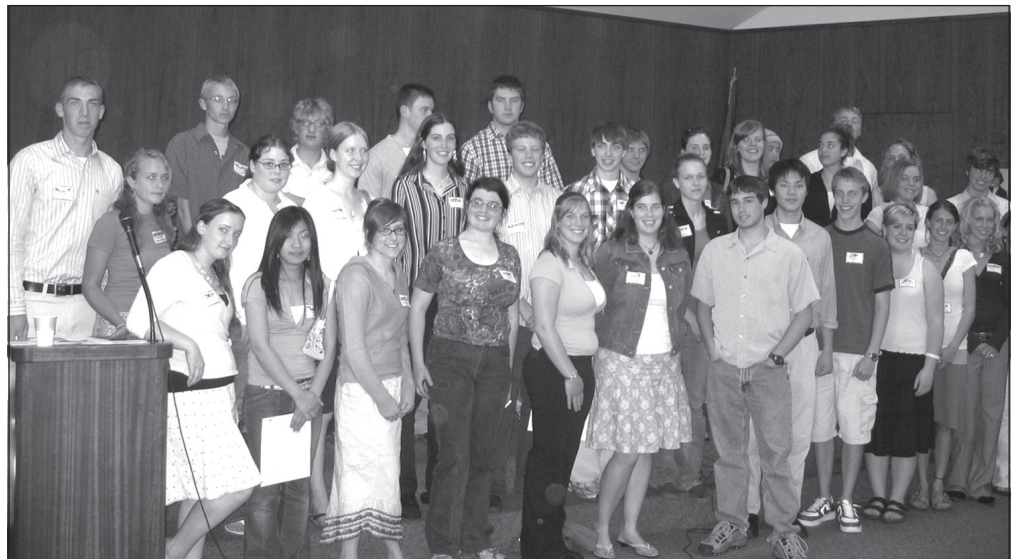
FALL 2006

76 Scholarships
awarded through
BDFS to the Class of
2006 totaling \$53,500!

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

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

Class of 2006 Scholarship Recipients



Honoring Scholarship Providers & Recipients

A reception was held in the Roeder conference room on June 7th to honor the scholarship providers and recipients of the 2006 graduating class. All of the high schools of Bellingham had student honorees. Bellingham Dollars for Scholars board president, Debbie Granger, was proud to mention some accomplishments of the scholarship winners and plans for their future education, which that scholarship will help attain. After the presentation of the graduates,

punch and snacks were available as the providers and recipients had the opportunity to identify each other and express their mutual admiration. Bouquets from board member gardens decorated the refreshment laden tables. The conference room was at capacity this year with 75 scholarships awarded. Since the Board hopes to increase the number of scholarships each year, a new venue will need to be scouted for next year's reception.



Note from the President

Welcome to our first issue of Bellingham Dollars for Scholars newsletter. We are eager to share with you the power of a community-based organization that can make a huge difference in the lives of Bellingham's young people. We invite you to read through this newsletter, enjoy the student feature, and understand our mission.

We are grateful to ALL of our donors. In 2006, our generous community raised \$53,750 to fund scholarships for 76 deserving graduates. This is a 35% increase from 2005. We'd love to increase this much next year. You can help us to reach this goal. Every penny will go to scholarships—we are all volunteers.

Today's high school students recognize the vital role that post-high school education plays in today's competitive job market. Whether technical, community, or four-year college, additional training has become essential to earning a living. The applicants for our scholarships have motivation and ability, but lack the money to reach their goals. Give to us so that we may pass it on to them.

Bellingham is a generous community with a strong legacy of supporting our schools. Help us to help these current graduates become the self-sufficient, community-supporting citizens of tomorrow. We invite and encourage your participation in our community scholarship program- either with your financial contributions of any size, or with your volunteer efforts.

I am honored to be part of BDFS and its Board of dedicated volunteers who share a vision for bright futures for our youth. We invite you to join us.

Thank you in advance for your support,
Debbie Granger

Scholarship Recipients '06

We are grateful to each of the donors - the many individuals, local service clubs, families, and local companies - for your generous contributions to support the following seventy-five students in pursuing their educational goals. The example you provide to these young people is important. We are confident that these young people will remember you and your contributions and will continue the legacy of giving and being involved in our communities.

Receiving the **Thomas & Martina Horn Scholarship** for \$1,000 each are:

From Bellingham High:

- Julia Citron to attend Long Island University
- Victoria Gantman to attend the University of Washington
- Kevin Gowan to attend Washington State University
- Julie Guthrie to attend Gonzaga University
- Scarlet Ponder to attend Whitworth College

From Sehome High:

- Mackenzie Brown to attend Chapman University
- Lauren Flynn to attend the University of California at San Diego
- Jena Patnon-Barnar to attend Washington State University
- Katherine Swigert-Harris to attend University of Washington
- Li Te Wu to attend University of Washington

From Squalicum High:

- Graham Best to attend Washington State University
- Valentina D'Aquino to attend Washington State University
- Rhett Fenton to attend Linfield College
- Brittany Levenson to attend the University of California, Berkeley
- Lina Walkinshaw to attend Carleton College

Receiving the **Central Lions Club Scholarship** for \$500 each are:

- From Bellingham High is Jaclyn Lemon to attend Pacific Lutheran University
- From Sehome High is Jacque Lager to attend Colorado School of the Mines
- From Squalicum High - Brad Peterson to attend the University of Washington and David Shields to attend Willamette University

Receiving the **Bellingham Bay Rotary Scholarship** for \$1,000 each are:

From Squalicum High School:

- Kim Mason to attend Cornish College of the Artss
- Gabrielle Mertz to attend Washington State University
- Katelin Peterson to attend the University of Washington
- Kellen Oetgen to attend Whitworth College
- Kelly Sandberg to attend Humboldt State University
- Erica Zender to attend Whatcom Community College

Receiving the **BP Cherry Point Refinery Scholarship** for \$1500/yr for four years are:

Alexis Brooks from Squalicum High to attend Trinity Western University

Josh Hatfield from Sehome to attend the University of Washington

Receiving the **McEvoy Family Scholarship** for \$500 is:

Trang Vu from Sehome High School to attend Whatcom Community College

Receiving the **BHS Class of '53 Scholarship for \$500** is:

Natalie Andrews from Sehome High School to attend the University of Washington

Receiving the **Paul Clarke Memorial Scholarship** for \$2,000 from Bellingham High are:

Megan Aucutt to attend Lewis & Clark College

Elsa Couvalier to attend Western Washington University

Receiving the **Wade King Memorial Scholarship** for \$500 from Sehome High School is:

Katie Hayden to attend University of California, Santa Cruz.

Receiving the **Stephen A. Dember Award of Excellence** for \$1,000 from Sehome High is:

Michael Cozad to attend Whitworth College in Spokane

Receiving the **Key Bank Scholarship** for \$1,000 are:

Ryan Morrill from Squalicum to attend Princeton University

Megan Aucutt from Bellingham High to attend Lewis & Clark College

Receiving the **Alpaugh Family Scholarship** for \$500 are:

Ashley Thompson from Squalicum to attend Western Washington University

Devon Majkut from Bellingham High also to attend Western Washington University

The **Brett Daugert/Formway Scholarship** for \$500 goes to:

Teal Millage to attend Linfield College

Receiving the **Anvil Corporation Scholarship** for \$1,000 is:

Alexander Keyes from Bellingham High to attend the University of Puget Sound

Receiving the **Eric McRory Scholarship** for \$600 is:

Sebastien Gayraud from Sehome High to attend the University of Washington

The **Randle & Amy Carr Scholarship** for \$750 goes to:

Keena Mullen from Bellingham High to attend Washington State University

Receiving the **B.A.S.E. Scholarship** for \$600 each are:

From Squalicum High:

Catalina Tobon to attend Whatcom Community College

From Bellingham High:

Jennifer Flood to attend Ashmead College



Bellingham High School

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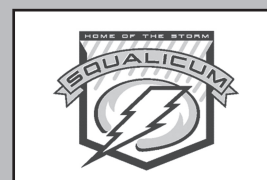


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Meet Catalina Tobon

One of the 2006 BDFS Scholarship Recipients

Catalina graduated from Squalicum High School this past June and thanks to the monetary support from BDFS is enrolled full time at WCC this fall. Following her long-held dream to become an RN she is currently enrolled in pre-req. courses for the nursing program. Her favorite class is Biology 102, because she likes the labwork. Once she completes her program, Catalina hopes to return to her native South America to practice nursing.

This young woman's story is one of deep determination and strong effort. At fourteen years of age, Catalina traveled alone from her home country of Colombia to live with an aunt in Bellingham. She enrolled at Squalicum High School knowing little more English than "Good Morning" and "Hello." During this past year she has worked at Alderwood Convalescent Center and moved into her own apartment.

In addition to her nursing degree goal, Catalina has at least two more immediate goals she is putting effort towards. One she speaks very proudly of is to become a U.S. citizen. "On November 29th, this year, I will have been in America five years. Then I can apply for citizenship. I want to become a citizen in 2007." She also hopes to bring her family to the United States from Colombia..."at least my younger sister as she is strong and I want her to have the same opportunities I have had."

Catalina earned the BASE (Bellingham Association of School Employees) scholarship through BDFS. Catalina appreciates the help and support her BDFS scholarship has provided her. She used it to help pay her tuition and fees at WCC this fall.

Receiving a \$500 scholarship from

Bellingham Dollars for Scholars (general fund) are:

Bellingham High:

Thomas Brounstein to attend Willamette University
Phillip Christy to attend the University of Washington
Caitlyn Clark-Martin to attend Randolph Macon Women's College
Courtney Fortune to attend the University of Southern California
Jessica Ibach to attend Whitworth College
Caitlin Kahn to attend the University of Washington

Sehome High:

Sarah Chaplin to attend the University of Washington
Lisa Marzocco to attend the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
Katherine Scherrer to attend The Evergreen State College
Rita Sodt to attend the University of Washington

Squalicum High:

Josh Burdick to attend Trinity Western University, British Columbia
Jana Benjanin to attend Seattle University
Jay Chen to attend the University of Washington
Renee Koester to attend SUNY College in New York
Janell Murry to attend Western Washington University
Bailee Seldal to attend Western Washington University

Receiving the **Bellingham Dollars for Scholars**

Board of Directors Scholarship for \$500 each are:

From Sehome High:

Abby Frankenfeld to attend Whatcom Community College

From Squalicum High:

Kelsey Butenschoen to attend the University of Washington

Receiving the **Bellingham High Staff Scholarship** for \$400 each are:

Ali Angle to attend the University of Washington
Jordan Brown to attend Western Washington University
Robert Gass to attend Macalester College
Joie Hsu to attend the University of Washington
Elizabeth Otten to attend the University of Washington
Rachel Yorkston to attend Seattle University

Receiving the **Squalicum High Staff Scholarship** for \$300 each are:

Aristides Diamant to Seattle Pacific University
Hillary Fairbanks to Whitman College
Thomas Haymaker to Whatcom Community College
Roseanne Jones to the University of British Columbia
Kalin Magruder to Western Washington University
Kim Mason to Cornish College of the Arts
Phil Thompson to the University of Washington
Krysta Wilson to Gonzaga University

Bellingham Dollars for Scholars Nuts & Bolts of our Chapter

Bellingham Dollars for Scholars (BDFS), established in 2002, is part of a national, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to raising money to provide scholarships to high school graduates. The concept behind our mission is: **“Local Support for Local Students”**.

How does Bellingham Dollars for Scholars work?

BDFS

- Is entirely locally controlled and operated.
- Is volunteer-operated with no overhead. All moneys are given directly to the students.
- Serves all FOUR Bellingham high schools (Bellingham, Sehome, Squalicum & Options).
- Scholarship moneys are used for students to pursue their post-secondary education programs – community, technical or four-year college.

Board members represent a cross-section of our community.

Funds Come From

- Individuals, families, local businesses and organizations.
- Memorial endowment funds have been established to honor the legacy of a family member.
- Local groups (Central Lions, Bellingham Bay Rotary, etc.) partner with BDFS.
- Donors establish their own criteria, thus maintaining their unique identity.

Benefits to Donors

- All contributions are tax deductible.
- BDFS coordinates the scholarship application process, the review process, provides checks & coordinates with the post-secondary institutions.

Benefits to Students

- Students apply using ONE scholarship application and one deadline.
- Scholarships awarded via Dollars for Scholars have the potential advantage of the **Dollars for Scholars Matching Program**. The two matching programs are:
 1. **Collegiate Partner:** more than 500 colleges nationwide have pledged not to reduce a student's financial aid package by the amount of a Dollars for Scholars scholarship
 2. **Collegiate Matching Partners:** over 120 colleges (6 in Washington) have agreed to match Dollars for Scholars scholarships. Visit www.dollarsforscholars.org for more information

We Award Scholarships

- Using an independent, blind review process each application is carefully reviewed and scored and assigned points.
- Points are totaled & scholarships awarded according to criteria established by the donor.

How can You Give?

- Each year, BDFS accepts contributions for the scholarship fund.
- **All donations are tax deductible** (BDFS is a tax-exempt IRS 501(C)3 organization).
- Contributions can be made on a one-time, or continuing basis.
- Endowment Scholarships may be created with a minimum of \$5,000. Endowments provide perpetual scholarships in your name, your business or someone you wish to remember. They may be established with a one-time payment, a payment over 5 years or through your will.
- Any donation of any size is greatly appreciated and helps contribute to our students' futures.

More Information?

Call 223-3994 or visit our website (to be updated by January 2007), www.bellinghamdollarsforscholars.com or Washington's website: www.wadollarsforscholars.org

In Loving Memory Two New Memorial Scholarships

To all contributors to the Paul Skaggs Memorial Scholarship and to the Stephen A. Dember Award of Excellence Scholarship, we send our sincere appreciation.

Stephen Dember, recent graduate of Sehome High School and an outstanding athlete, school leader and mentor to many students, passed away tragically while in Europe last year. Upon his death, his family established the Stephen A. Dember Award of Excellence Scholarship. Michael Cozad, Sehome Class of 2006 and fellow member of the Sehome Baseball Team, received this scholarship to support his college studies at Whitworth College.

Paul Skaggs, long-time math teacher at Bellingham High School, passed away last year after his heroic fight with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Teachers, colleagues and former students have generously donated to the Paul Skaggs Memorial Scholarship. BDFS and the Skaggs family will be honored to provide a scholarship to the first recipient of this scholarship to a graduate from the class of 2007.

Memorial scholarships provide a loving and significant way to continue the legacy and contributions of our family and community members. If you are interested in donating to these memorial scholarships, please contact a board member or complete an interest form and mail it along with your contribution to the address listed.

Donation and Interest Form for Bellingham Dollars for Scholars

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Yes, I am interested in helping Bellingham Dollars for Scholars raise scholarship funds for our local graduates.

I am enclosing a tax-deductible donation for Bellingham Dollars for Scholars.

\$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

May we use your name in promotion efforts for Bellingham Dollars for Scholars? Yes No Check with me first

I am interested in discussing setting up a Named or Endowed scholarship through Bellingham Dollars for Scholars.
Please contact me. A convenient time to reach me at home is: _____

Please complete and mail this form to: Bellingham Dollars for Scholars P.O. Box 5213, Bellingham, WA 98226



Bellingham Dollars for Scholars Board Members Include:

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