



# Bellingham DOLLARS *for* SCHOLARS

FALL 2007

59 Scholarships  
awarded through  
BDFS to the Class of  
2007 totaling \$54,500!

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.

## Congratulations & Best Wishes to the Class of 2007!



## Honoring Scholarship Providers & Recipients

Thanks to the generous support of our community, Bellingham Dollars for Scholars was able to award 59 scholarships to the graduates of the Class of 2007 from Bellingham's high schools. All of the benefactors and the students were honored at the annual BDFS Celebration Reception held this year on June 5, 2007.

We are grateful to each of the donors - the many individuals, local service clubs, families, alumni groups, and companies - for their generous contributions to support the following fifty-nine students in pursuing their educational goals. Bellingham Dollars for Scholars applauds our student recipients and wishes them every success in their academic pursuits.



## Meet Brittany Alexander

*One of the 2007 BDFS Scholarship Recipients*

Brittany graduated from Sehome High School this past June and thanks to the monetary support from BDFS is enrolled full time at WCC this fall. Getting her basic coursework in Math and English taken care of is her goal for this first year post high school. After completing her AA degree she plans to transfer to a four year university in Washington state to study elementary education or social services. Brittany says she is enjoying her college experience thus far, and that it certainly is "not as scary as everyone made it out to be!"

Her dreams of becoming a teacher or working in social services specifically with families and children are directly tied to challenges she faced over the past four to five years. Through hard work helping her family through a time of illness and financial hardship and hard choices involving friendships and the struggles she faced with the choices her peers were making, she became a mentor to an individual who others had given up on. It left a big impression on her. "In my heart, I now believe that everyone can achieve something; I want to help them reach their goals. This is why I want to be a teacher!"

Brittany was awarded the Carol and Roy Ericsson Scholarship through Bellingham Dollars for Scholars. It allowed her to pay for her first quarter's tuition and her books. "My time is full with my job at JC Penney Co., my classes at WCC and studying, so it (the scholarship money) came in handy." We wish you all the best, Brittany!

# Scholarship Recipients '07

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

From Bellingham High:

**Allison Blume** to attend Pomona College

**Michelle Jaquish** to attend the University of Washington

**Peter Donnelly** to attend Western Washington University

**Heather Helgeson** to attend Western Washington University

**Paul Kintzele** to attend Western Washington University

From Sehome High:

**Sasan Boostani** to attend the University of Washington

**Anna Dorough** to attend Washington State University

**Jasmine Duffy** to attend the University of Washington

**Marie Haller** to attend Whatcom Community College

**Hannah O'Neal** to attend the University of San Francisco

From Squalicum High:

**Devin Doane** to attend Western Washington University

**Halee Hyatt** to attend Linfield College

**Luiz Martinez** to attend Harvard University

**Marian Padilla** to attend University of Southern California

**Austin Pflanzner** to attend Western Washington University

Receiving the **Central Lions Club Scholarship** for \$1,000 each are:

**Whitney Kendall** from Bellingham High to attend Seattle University

**Chloe Binderup** from Sehome High to attend the University of Washington

**George Huang** from Squalicum High to attend the University of Pennsylvania

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

From Squalicum High School:

**Angela Dowdle** to attend Western Washington University

**Shiloh King** to attend the University of Hawaii, Hilo

**Mikel Johnson** to attend the University of Portland

**Sydney McDonald** to attend the University of Washington

**Maddie Neuman** to attend Western Washington University

**Jake Stick** to attend the University of Washington

Receiving the **BP Cherry Point Refinery Scholarship** for \$1500 is

**Rhyan Russell** from Squalicum High to attend Washington State University

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

**William Vanderboom** from Sehome High School to attend Gonzaga University

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

**Glen MacKay** from Squalicum High School to attend Oberlin College

Receiving the **Paul Clarke Memorial Scholarship** for \$4,000 is

**Laura Henninger** from Bellingham High to attend Pacific Lutheran University

Receiving the **Roy and Carol Ericsson Scholarship** for \$1,000 is

**Brittany Alexander** from Sehome High School to attend Whatcom Community College

Receiving the **Fourth Corner Elite Car Club Scholarship** for \$500 is

**Towner Atkinson** from Squalicum High School to attend Bellingham Technical College

Receiving the **Wade King Memorial Scholarship** for \$500 are:

**Michael Fazio** from Sehome High to attend Washington University in St. Louis, MO

**TJ Fife** from Sehome High to attend Brigham Young University

Receiving the **Steven A Dember Memorial Scholarship** for \$1,000

**Kai Hatch** from Sehome High to attend Utah Valley State College

Receiving the **Joan Beardsley Memorial Scholarship** for \$1,000 is

**Erin Keyes** from Sehome High to attend Loyola Marymount College

Receiving the **Robert D Frazier Memorial Scholarship** for \$1,000 is

**Kyle Fuller** from Bellingham High to attend the University of Washington

Receiving the **Lori Poad Memorial Scholarship** for \$1,000 is

**Jesus Garcia** from Squalicum High to attend the University of Washington

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

**Leah Storer** from Sehome High to attend American University in Washington, D.C.

**Kara Koenig** from Sehome High to attend Northwest University

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

**Matthew Goldfogel** from Sehome High to attend Whitman College

Receiving the **Eric McRory Scholarship** for \$500 is

**Spencer Corrin** from Sehome High to attend the University of British Columbia

Receiving the **Randle & Amy Carr Scholarship** for \$500 is

**Laura Slyman** from Bellingham High to attend the University of Washington

## Collegiate Partnership Program Benefits Donors & Students

512 colleges and universities  
have joined Dollars for Scholars

### **Collegiate Partner Program.**

This means that these colleges have pledged not to reduce a student's financial aid package by the amount of the Dollars for Scholars award the student receives. Additionally, over 120 colleges are **Matching Partners**, which means that they have agreed to actually match the award given by the local Dollars for Scholars chapter.

This partner program provides a tremendous opportunity to stretch the scholarship funds – for both the student and the benefactor.

The following schools in  
Washington are **Matching**

### **Partners:**

**Central Washington  
University**

**Gonzaga University**

**Heritage University**

**Pacific Lutheran University**

**Saint Martin's University**

... and more schools are joining  
this wonderful program every year!  
This is one more example of our  
community working together with  
educational institutions to create  
educational opportunities for our  
students.

# Turning Loss Into The Gift Of Education



*Paul Skaggs*  
*Math Teacher, BHS & SqHS*



*Joan Beardsley*  
*Math Teacher, BHS & SqHS*



*Lori Poad*  
*Math Teacher, Shuksan*

Several Whatcom County families are literally changing young lives while honoring the memories of their beloved family member. Bellingham Dollars for Scholars, a local foundation that provides scholarships for graduates of Bellingham's four high schools, is providing an opportunity for memorializing those whose lives reflected a commitment to learning and education in our community.

In the past year, Bellingham School District has lost three very special educators whose collective teaching affected thousands of students. The families of these teachers have established individual scholarships in their memories that promote the pursuit of their respective subject areas.

Paul Skaggs, long time math teacher for the District, succumbed to ALS June 14, 2006. After receiving his diagnosis and as the family struggled to cope, Paul's wife, Camille eventually asked Paul what kind of memorial he would like. "Paul LOVED teaching", Camille shares, "and he really wanted to be remembered through something that helped kids with their education." The Paul Skaggs memorial scholarship was established in an effort to recognize and support a student desiring to pursue further education in math.

"Not the "A" math student," Camille says, "rather, the hard working, committed student who may be struggling to achieve a C+ or B. Paul never turned away a student who needed help, and was in that building from 6 AM until 5 PM every day, ready to work with any and all students who needed support. He spent one day every weekend on schoolwork, insisting that he correct each and every paper so that he knew where his students needed help."

The Paul Skaggs Memorial Scholarship is a beautiful way of honoring Paul's memory, his love for teaching and his love for the kids that gained so much from his strong commitment to the profession.

"I'm sure that Paul is smiling down on this scholarship. Teaching was his joy," shares Camille.

Joan Beardsley, another long-time teacher in the District, died on March 12, 2007 from complications related to her treatment for multiple myeloma.

A chemistry teacher at Bellingham High School for many years, Joan also helped establish the Science Department at Squalicum High School. She joined Squalicum's science faculty when the new school opened.

The Joan Beardsley Memorial Scholarship was established after her death by her family. The award goes each year to a female student from one of the Bellingham's four high schools who plans to study science or math in college.

"My mother was always concerned about the decreasing number of women studying and working in the areas of science and technology. She was active in groups trying to address this problem," said Joan's son, David. "My brother, sister, and I thought a scholarship specifically for girls with an interest in science or math was a very fitting memorial for mom."

Joan saw the magic in science, and never lost her zeal for communicating her own sense of wonder to her students.

"Mom had a real gift for making science come alive. She loved what she did and that enthusiasm defined her approach to teaching and helped her engage with students," said David.

The Bellingham community also lost Shuksan Middle School's beloved math teacher, Lori Poad, on January 18, 2007, after her long battle with cancer. "Lori was one of the hardest working teachers I've known," said Sharece Steinkamp a friend and colleague. "Even during the most aggressive treatments for her cancer, Lori continued to work and make personal connections with her students. Lori had a soft spot for any student who struggled in math, but wanted to improve."

The Poad family has found a way to honor Lori's legacy as an educator through the Lori Poad Memorial Scholarship. "Lori would have loved knowing that her students were continuing in math related fields, and that is the best tribute possible," said Sharece.

These families have created enduring legacies that honor three extraordinary teachers. We thank them for their gift of education. We are also grateful to the many people who have contributed to these endowed scholarship funds.

*Scholarship Recipients '07 continued*

Receiving the **Paul Skaggs Memorial Scholarship** for \$1,000 is

**Kjel Funston** from Bellingham High to attend Pacific Lutheran University

Receiving the **Helen B. Anderson Memorial Scholarship** for \$1,000 is

**Angie McElroy** from Sehome High to attend Western Washington University

Receiving the **James and Jean Goldie Scholarship** for \$1,000 is

**Danna Bowers** from Sehome High to attend the University of California, Santa Cruz

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

**Kelly Staves** from Sehome High to attend Stanford University

**Sarah Anderson** from Squalicum High to attend Western Washington University

Receiving the **Margie & Steve Kimberley Character Scholarship** for \$1,000 is

**Kristina DeReese** from Squalicum High to attend Western Washington University

Receiving the **Bellingham Association of School Employees (BASE)**

**Scholarship** for \$1,000 are:

**Kristina DeReese** from Squalicum High to attend Western Washington University

**Yesenia Trujillo** from Bellingham High to attend Western Washington University

**Alicia DeBeeld** from Bellingham High to attend Bellingham Technical College

Receiving the **Bellingham Dollars for Scholars Board of Directors**

**Scholarship** for \$500 each are:

**Jacob Riley** from Sehome High to attend Stanford University

**Stephanie Wiley** from Squalicum High to attend Whitworth University

Receiving the **Bellingham High Staff Scholarship** for \$700 each are:

**Carson Darling** to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Kate VonKrusenstiern** to attend Middlebury College

**Kaitlin Sellereit** to attend New York University

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

**Adam Dickson** to attend The Masters College

**George Huang** to attend the University of Pennsylvania

**Shiloh King** to attend the University of Hawaii, Hilo

**Maddie Neuman** to attend Western Washington University

**Hannah Slater** to attend the University of Oregon

**Jaspreet Singh** to attend Western Washington University

**Greg Turk** to attend University of Southern California

**Stephanie Wiley** to attend Whitworth University

## BHS Class Of '53 Members Become Community Philanthropists

Shortly after their 50th Bellingham High School reunion, the Class of 1953 decided to make some major contributions to our community. After contributing to our local fire department and the dental program of the Interfaith Coalition, leaders of the class, Chuck Page, Jack Groom, and Chandra Jansen approached the Bellingham Dollars for Scholars Board wishing to set up scholarships for local high school graduates. Naturally, the Board was honored to accept their enthusiasm and money.

So these philanthropists started selling Red Raider blankets and hats at games and every other gathering to make this dream of scholarships come true. And the board has been able to award their scholarships during the past three years. Although they specified that a BHS graduate should get their first award, they wanted to make sure that Sehome and Squalicum students received the next two. Beginning in 2008, their contributions will fund two scholarships into perpetuity.

This eager group is hoping to raise money to fund even more scholarships. Chuck Page tells us that he is willing to still offer those wonderful Red Raider blankets for \$15 or 2 for \$25. You can call him at 734-3309. Know that the purchase of one or two will warm you and also future scholarship winners for years to come, thanks to a wonderful class and its commitment to our entire community.

# Note from the President

Welcome to our second issue of Bellingham Dollars for Scholars newsletter. I am proud of our work this year to grow Bellingham's scholarship program and am eager to share with you the power of a true community-based organization making a positive difference in the lives of Bellingham's youth.

In addition to the three featured memorial scholarships honoring the legacy of these very devoted Bellingham School District educators, we are thankful for several new scholarships this year. As you read through these, please note that donors have the freedom to establish their specific criteria.

## **NEW SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The Roy and Carol Ericsson Scholarship. Having taught and counseled in Bellingham Schools for many years, Roy and Carol's scholarship benefits a student attending a community college, and alternates between Sehome and Bellingham.

Don and Ailsa Houck established two scholarships honoring their parents. Don, a retired Navy pilot and science teacher at Bellingham and Sehome, established the James and Jean Goldie Scholarship targeting a student planning to study math, science, or engineering, while Ailsa established the Helen B. Anderson scholarship designated for a student planning to study English or library science.

The Margie and Steve Kimberley Character Scholarship seeks to honor a student who is exemplary in the areas of character and integrity.

The family of Robert D Frazier, long-time educator and much-loved principal of Bellingham High, partnered with Bellingham Dollars for Scholars for the scholarship honoring their father. The Robert D Frazier Memorial Scholarship honors a Bellingham High graduate who has participated in activities and athletics planning to attend a four-year college.

A complete list of all available scholarships and specific criteria is posted on our website each spring.

*Bellingham  
is a generous  
community with  
a strong legacy  
of supporting its  
young people.*

**Whether you're a member of a service club, a business or agency, a family, or an individual, Bellingham Dollars for Scholars is able to facilitate a scholarship program for you. We welcome your contributions to existing named funds and we'll also work with you to establish a new scholarship program.**

You would be proud of the students receiving these awards. The knowledge that people in our community believe in them and value their hard work helps inspire them to continue their efforts, and to give back to their communities in the future. Please read the article from our board member, Sharece Steinkamp, about the incredible power of community-based scholarships in her own life.

Bellingham is a generous community with a strong legacy of supporting its young people. I believe wholeheartedly that BDFS has a wonderful opportunity to grow this local scholarship program to support many more of our students. Our dedicated volunteer board shares the vision for bright futures for our youth. I invite and encourage your participation in BDFS – either with your financial contributions of any size or your volunteer efforts.

Debbie Granger

## The Power Of Community-based Scholarships

Being raised by a single mother with a ninth grade educational level, the idea of college was on the periphery of my awareness. I laugh when I think back to my strategy for getting into college; look and copy. When my college bound friends took the PSAT, I took the PSAT. When they registered for honors and AP level courses, I did too. When they spent their winter break compiling a scholarship portfolio, I used every resource I had to figure out what that even meant. I am so glad I did. The night before graduation, my high school held a scholarship assembly. One by one our names were read and the scholarships our community had awarded us were read. Smaller scholarships were awarded first in an alphabetical, orderly way. As the night progressed, and larger amounts were awarded my name was achingly absent. My dreams of college were pounding in my heart. To my relief and supreme gratitude, my name was read second to the last that night. I was awarded \$8,500 for college that night! My benefactors ranged from my former middle school's teacher sunshine club, to professional organizations and several memorial scholarships. When I graduated from Western Washington University a few years ago, I sent graduation announcements to each group. I am looking forward to sending a second graduation announcement later this year when I complete my Master's Degree.

Sharece Steinkamp  
Shuksan Middle School Teacher

## BDFS Enters The Human Race

A little rain could not dampen spirits during Bellingham Dollars for Scholars first year of participating in The Human Race on June 9th. Sponsored by the Whatcom Volunteer Center, local non-profits join together in this annual city-wide fund raising event. Proceeds from the walk/run enabled BDFS to cover its operating expenses for this year. Thank you to all who donated, and/or participated. We plan to make this an annual event, so lace up those walking shoes and join us!



*The Human Race on June 9th, 2007*



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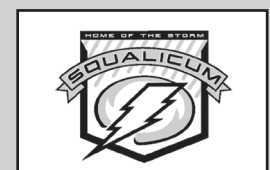
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