



2010 Kent Community Foundation Grants and Scholarships Awards Banquet

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 –The Kent Community Foundation held its annual Grant and Scholarship Awards Dinner on June 9th at the Golden Steer Restaurant in Kent. City of Kent Mayor Suzette Cooke gave the welcome message and Dr. Wade Barringer, Principal of Kent Meridian High, provided words of inspiration.

The following Community Grant Awards, Educational Grants Awards and Scholarship Awards were presented for a total of over \$18,000 in awards. Congratulations to all the recipients.

COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDS

- * **Kent Kids Arts Day** sponsored by the City of Kent in March was awarded \$500
- * \$1,000 was awarded for the **Cruzin Passport Challenge 2010** program that promotes healthy student living by eating smart, playing hard and learning. The grant was submitted by Colleen McMeen of Multicare Health Services.
- * The **Youth Tree Education Program** submitted by Victoria Andrews of the City of Kent was awarded \$1,000 for their ongoing program of involving students in planting trees.

EDUCATIONAL GRANT AWARDS

- * The **East Hill Elementary School Mallet Ensemble** led by Music Specialist Matthew Kelly was awarded up to \$1,000 to help cover expenses for their trip to perform at the American Orff Schulwerk Association National Convention in Spokane in November. This ensemble began as the result of a Foundation grant 12 years ago and has been performing to rave reviews ever since. They are one of only four schools from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska invited to this convention.
- * The **Future Business Leaders of America [FBLA]** led by student President Tyler Walker at Kent Meridian High School was awarded \$1,000 to assist five students who qualified to attend the National FLBA Leadership Conference in Nashville Tennessee. They will share their experience with many other FLBA students when they return.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- * The **Richard and Ina Balash Scholarship** award for a senior residing in Covington planning to participate in business or engineering training was awarded to **Yvette Agduyeng** of Kentwood High for \$500.
- * The **Covington Chamber of Commerce Scholarship** for a senior residing in Covington was awarded to **Kristina Bankhead** of Kentlake for \$500.
- * The **Rob Osborne Scholarship** for a senior scholar/athlete attending Kent Meridian was awarded to **Larren Wright** for \$500.
- * The **Linda Ruby Scholarships** for seniors or re-applying graduates intending to pursue careers in education were awarded to four seniors and six graduates as follows:

Catherine Brooks from Kentwood - \$2,000

Rachael Kelly from Kentridge - \$1,500

Rui Li from Kentwood - \$2,000

Michelle Peterson from Kentlake - \$1,500

Brianna Armstrong from Kentlake, currently attending Gonzaga - \$1,000

Byron Edelman [aka--Butch T Couger] from Kentlake, currently attending WSU with one semester to go - \$500

Alexander Li from Kentwood, currently attending Stanford - \$1,000

Holly Nies from Kentwood, currently attending Central Washington - \$1,000

Megan Sandall from Kentridge, currently attending Linfield - \$1,000

Simone Senn from Kentwood, currently attending Western Washington - \$1,000

I wish we could summarize all of the qualifications that led to these awards, from the 3.97 GPA'S to the myriad of activities in which the students were involved to the secret identity of "Butch the Cougar" and their over-achieving stories. Suffice it to say that the evening was a celebration of all that is RIGHT today with our city, our community and, especially, with our students.

Jim McGinnis, President

Kent Community Foundation