

ADDENDUM: Timely Report May 2016

Scholarship Trust Introduced Scholars at April 26th Dinner

The St. Paul Branch and Scholarship Trust celebrated its 105th year of giving college scholarships to young women. Photographs of past and current scholars were projected on screen for the memberships' acquaintance. We heard from three current scholars: Jaci Stich, a scholarship recipient of 2015, spoke of her activities at the University of Minnesota where she is majoring in nursing and minoring in pharmacology. This summer she will be caring for elderly women with dementia. Hnouci Lee, a sophomore at St. Catherine's University, told the audience of her activity and promotion within the Asian Women's Association. Lauren Schlenker, a sophomore at the University of Minnesota, sent a letter announcing her summer internship with NASA at Langley, Virginia.

A historical synopsis followed describing the changes in women's education, limited career opportunities and accrual of scholarship monies since 1911. The Trust currently supports 24 scholars majoring in education, engineering, art and science. Educating more than 350 high school girls and women who returned to college, was made possible by careful investment of monies received from estates, charitable gifts and fund raising events conducted by the St Paul Branch and the Scholarship Trust. We try to minimize the debt of a student's education.

The 2016 selected scholars came from a pool of 55 applicants from 20 high schools in the St Paul area. The three new scholars had ACT scores well above the Minnesota average ACT score of 22.9. Their generation is replacing the baby-boomers in the work force. They are quick to learn and ready to get involved. In their speech about college plans, each scholar expressed gratitude and relief from the stress of financial burden to obtain their education.

The 2016 scholars:

- Elyssa Edgeton, Irondale High School, will attend Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, major in Biomedical Engineering on a path for medical school and has already contacted to join the campus chapter of AAUW.

- Cindy Nguyen, Harding High School, an ardent recruiter of women to STEM activities, she chose to attend Smith College in Massachusetts to major in Biomedical Engineering with the intent to develop affordable medicines. Her parents, grandmother and siblings also attended the Scholarship Dinner.
- Rebecca Lindholm, Highland Park Senior High, following in her family's tradition of attending the University of Minnesota, she knew the rouser song by the time she was three years old. She has been accepted in the Carlson School of Management for a double major in International Business and Marketing with an interest in both fashion design and managing a professional sports team.

Go for it young women! We are proud of you!
Submitted by Kim Blair, Chair, Scholarship Trust

Did you know in this month of Poetry Day ...

Member Lilian Osborn gave the first and only known named scholarship in 1998 to recognize a St. Paul scholar's poetic artistry. She was a distinguished poet and charter member of the League of Minnesota Poets and was invited to Washington, D.C. in the 1930s to join Edna St. Vincent Millay (a former speaker at our Branch) as a life member of the Academy of American Poets. Some of the Lilian Osborn Poetry Scholars had their poems read at our annual Poetry Day.

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