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BWS Scholarship Fund News

Welcome to the first digital edition of the Bess W. Scott Scholarship Fund annual newsletter. This is a summary of events from 2012.

2012 BWS Scholarships Applied to Classes, Internships

What have the 2012 scholarship winners been up to? Both have put the BWS scholarship proceeds to good use.

Zahra Farah of San Antonio

The Texas State University student received the **Bess W. Scott Journalism Scholarship**. A first-generation Somali-American, she plans to work in foreign and investigative journalism after graduating in the fall of 2013.

"In May, I participated in the New York Times Journalism Student Institute in New Orleans. This is a program where the top 25 journalism students in the country are picked to go to New Orleans and not only write dailies, but create an enterprise story. I wrote about why Louisiana couldn't close its state budget and how its natural resources aren't providing the revenue needed for the state to stay afloat.



Also, I was granted a 10-week Buster Haas Minority Internship Scholarship, which allowed me to work for the daily newspaper in San Angelo. I covered everything from religion to local community events.

None of this would have been possible if I hadn't received your scholarship, which allowed me to focus on journalism instead of working this summer to afford tuition for the fall."

LaJuana Hale of Flower Mound

The high school journalism/creative writing teacher in Lewisville ISD won the **Scott Scribes Scholarship for Ages 40 and Older**. She is studying for a Masters in Journalism at the University of North Texas and expects to finish in the spring of 2013.

"This summer I was able to attend college as a full-time student because of the BWS scholarship.

Taking nine hours may not sound like a fun

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summer, but it was a wonderful experience to make my college work the focus of my day instead of fitting it into the evenings after my full-time job was over. I was able to spend as much time as I wanted on papers and other assignments and I produced some work I was quite proud of.

I am in my last semester of coursework and will take my comps in the spring. I'm thrilled to be nearing completion of my degree, and I can see how much my teaching has improved because of this education.

I do enjoy my high school teaching job. However, I would like to begin to teach some college classes next summer and in a few years transition to teaching college."

2011 Wrapping Fundraiser Nets \$3,535



Fred Meredith

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The 2011 Gift-wrapping Fundraiser saw a glorious end to our 20th anniversary celebration. Coordinated by **Donna Snider**, 68 of us wrapped gifts for a total of 350 hours at four bookstores and earned \$3,535 for the BWS Fund.

One-third of the volunteers worked two shifts or more. The hardest working wrappers, each with three shifts or more, were **Sally Baker, Kathy Rose Center, Elaine Davenport, Angero Holt, Jorjanna Price, Beth Sample** and **Anne Stoll**. Those doing two shifts were **Fred Afflerbach, Stephanie Barko, Diana Bolling, Annie Brudno, Ann Cabot, Emily Carter, Claudia Corum, Nancy Eskridge, Laura Kooris, Ken Loveless, Camille Nerada, Joann Odenwelder, Pat Saunders, Donna Snider, Susan Violante, Jo Virgil, Brad Whittington** and **Blaine Williams**.

Rounding out the list were **Diane Afflerbach, Dorothy Barnett, Cory Barnett, Sue Bilich, David Boyd, Bill Brink, Ray Bronk, Nita Lou Bryant, Vicky Campbell, Lana Castle, Shelli Cornelison, Dyane & Javier Cortez, Jen Eyre, Kathy Fitzgibbon, Gail Folkins, Helen Ginger, Debbie & John Gonzalez, David Hansard, Stan Herbert, Kathy Keller, Janet Kilgore, Rachel Kuhl, Sara Laas, Fred & Nancy Meredith, Mark Mitchell, Jeff Morris, Peggy Murphy, Barbara Owens, Jeffee Palmer, Margaret Price, Mindy Reed, Kellie Salome, Donna Salome, Phyllis Schenkan, Brenda Schoolfield, Louise Shelby, Sylvia Dickey Smith, Mary Gordon Spence, Susan Tedter** and **Karen Trikilis**.

Your helping hands make our scholarship work. Thank you!

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- **Mr. & Mrs. Richard Yantis**

We've been awarding scholarships to journalists and writers for 20+ years, and could not do it without you. We send profound thanks to our BWS extended family and kind wishes during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Bess W. Scott Scholarship Fund Committee