

Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association Newsletter

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Wade Bingham – Advisor of the Year

At the October 2013 NCSF Banquet at the Round Hill Country Club, the Alumni Association continued the tradition of honoring an outstanding advisor with the Advisor of the Year Award. This year's recipient was John Wade Bingham, Jr.

In addition to his role with NCSF, he has served on the Patterson City Council for 10 years and was elected Mayor of Patterson twice. He also served on the Patterson Planning Commission and as the Patterson Public Safety Commissioner, which included being both Police and Fire Commissioner. Wade co-founded Pacoast Chemical in 1959. The company grew to have offices in Sacramento, Ripon, Escalon, Marysville, and Patterson.

Throughout his many years of service to the NCSF, Wade Bingham has always been a friend of the Alumni Association and his tireless service has helped to keep the Foundation running smoothly. It is our privilege to recognize his dedication and service as an advisor with an acrylic pylon bearing the Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association seal and his name.

Thank you, Wade, for your dedication to the students and alumni. It is an inspiration to all of us.

Congratulations!

Treasurer's Report

With the holiday season again upon us, it is an appropriate time to express our gratitude. On behalf of the Alumni Association officers and board, thank you for your generous contributions!

In 2012, we received 65 contributions totaling \$16,253 and averaging \$250. As of November 29, 2013, we have received \$14,174 through 22 contributions, averaging \$644. The average contribution in 2013 is much higher than in previous year, due to an amazingly generous contribution of \$10,000 received in January.

Based upon the contributions received, we were able to provide \$20,000 of scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year.

The investment portfolio was valued at \$179,684 at December 31, 2012, up about \$9,700 from the previous year. As of October 31, 2013, the investment portfolio was valued at \$206,394. The funds continue to be invested in various securities, with a minimal amount held in cash/money market accounts.

Through October 31, 2013, the invested funds have generated about \$7,150 in interest and dividend income. 2012 interest and dividend income totaled \$7,888.



President's Message

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the officers of the Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association, Inc., it is again my pleasure as your current President to wish you all Happy Holidays. I hope that this letter finds you and your family with health and happiness.

Thanks to you, the Alumni Association raised enough money to award 33 scholarships this year. The \$20,000 that we were able to provide is incredible. Our ability to provide these scholarships was greatly enhanced by an extremely generous contribution of \$10,000 in January.

In addition to the scholarships, several alumni again assisted the Northern California Scholarship Foundation in selecting their new recipients. We have also had many alumni volunteer as advisors.

Once again, several alumni and I had the honor of returning to one of the banquets this fall. The current students I met at the banquet are exceptional, with academic achievements, social contributions, and lofty aspirations that inspire. The Northern California Scholarship Foundation's continued generosity in supporting these bright young minds is truly incredible.

With the costs of undergraduate and graduate education continuing to rise, the work of NCSF and the Alumni Association to support students is ever more important. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the average tuition and fees for both graduate and undergraduate students has almost doubled since the 1999-2000 school year. These increasing costs result in a heavy debt burden on many of today's graduates. For instance, in the 2007-2008 school year, the average amount a student had to borrow to complete undergraduate and graduate school was \$54,980.

We all know what a difference assistance from NCSF or the Alumni Association can make. As you read in our Financial Aid Committee Report, the Alumni Association was able to distribute \$20,000 in aid to three fifth year undergraduate and twenty graduate students in addition to 10 Benjamin Scholarships. This invaluable assistance would not have been possible without the support that you all provide to the Alumni Association. With your help, we can continue to support our scholars.

Best Wishes,

Nikolaus Baer



Please Visit Our Website

The Alumni Association has continued to improve our website, www.ncsfalumni.org. We hope that you will take the time to read our calendar of events and information about our Board of Directors and Officers.

Please visit us and leave a comment or submit an updated mailing or email address via the contact page, so that this newsletter and all our communications continue to reach you each year.



Financial Aid Officer's Report

On Saturday, April 14, 2013 the Alumni Aid Committee of the Alumni Association met to confirm the assistance to be given to NCSF graduate and fifth year aid applicants. All 33 applicants were found to be deserving of assistance, so they were all awarded a Benjamin Scholarship or a portion of the twenty thousand dollars that we had available to provide to graduate and fifth year students. The following individuals received aid:

Alumni Aid Recipients 2013-2014

Fifth Year Aid

Mi Thich
Hank Davis
Rachel Tsao

Erik Alair
Megan Baer
Tamma Carleton
Joshua Charles
Adam Clements
Ben Codog
Zoya Derebenskiy

Graduate Aid

Emily Dowlearn
Kelly Garton
Erin Gilday
Marjorie Rose
Gomez
Maxwell Hinson
Erin Jenkins

Lydia Kosmos
Hua Ni
Desiree Skadal
Ginny Van
Kelley Volkar
Jennifer Wallace
Arsani William

Benjamin Scholarships

Sally Chang
Greg Downs
Amanda Evans
Monique Hamilton
Jordan Harms
David Kashevaroff
Joseph Park
Ellesse Schubert
Lena Sweeney
Caitlin Vejby

Connect with Our LinkedIn Group

The Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association has continued to maintain a LinkedIn group for all alumni. The Alumni Association uses the group's page to share events and other alumni information. Alumni are also welcome to post opportunities, such as open positions, to all active members. Alumni are encouraged to leverage the group to grow their own professional networks.

How will the Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association group help you?

- The group facilitates communication with other alumni and accelerates the important process of building a professional network.
- The group serves as a central bulletin board for announcements and job opportunities from other alumni.
- The group is used to select the Advisor of the Year, so please join and vote.

How can you join the Alumni Association LinkedIn group?

If you are interested in joining the alumni group and connecting with other professionals that are part of the Alumni Association, please send an email to Jennifer Miller, Sr. Vice President of Alumni Affairs, at jenmiller610@gmail.com and we will send you an invitation. Membership in the alumni group is by invitation only and is restricted to alumni.

We hope to grow the group so that we can all build our professional networks and share our stories. Once you are a member, please visit the discussion board and share what you are interested in and what you would like to see from the Alumni Association.



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How You Can Help?

For those of you who are able, a contribution to our scholarship efforts would be most appreciated. Due to out-of-state solicitation registration requirements, we can only accept gifts from California at this time. In the past, alumni have suggested the following schedule for contributions:

One year	\$25
Up to 10 years	\$50
10-20 years	\$125
20-25 years	\$250
25 years+	\$300

Your contributions are tax deductible per IRS#94-6104364 and should be made payable to the

Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association, Inc.
c/o Alana Maxwell
2388 Callender Rd., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420.

Historically, the recommended sums have been modest. People have contributed at levels that we hope have been comfortable. Please do what you can.

If you have never contributed, consider starting small. If you cannot contribute, please consider working with the alumni to improve our newsletter, our website, and our activities or—if possible—serving as a networking resource for employment and career development.

