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President's Message

Dear Alumni,

It is my pleasure to wish you all a happy end to 2018, and that the new year brings you and your families health and opportunities. Thanks to you, members of our alumni association, 24 scholarship recipients are completing their Autumn term with far less stress around the financial burden of graduate studies or a fifth year of undergraduate study. As someone who received a fifth year scholarship from our alumni association, I'd like to thank you for that support, as it enabled me to focus and successfully pivot my trajectory during that extra semester of undergraduate studies.

As our active member base has grown over recent years, we have increased our involvement with the Northern California Scholarship Foundation, from interviewing scholarship candidates and assisting as advisors, to having dinner together a year ago Spring. Just after this year's Alamo banquet, several of the alumni met at Delancey Street in San Francisco to discuss the purpose of our organization beyond providing assistance to fifth year students and graduate students, namely how to cultivate relationships within the association and thereby create opportunities for new graduates and frankly any alumni looking for them. While I've learned of a few internships that have come about from the pre-dinner conversations at the banquets (and my own first role in risk management resulting from a carpool to the banquet), that evening is only accessible to current students, advisors, and trustees. The conversations

from Delancey Street both echoed ideas from previous years and shared some new ones to address this existing gap: informal alumni events, alumni-based mentor-ship programs, advisor program for our graduate students. A direct result from the dinner is a larger body of officers elected this year with the intent of organizing some of the ideas shared there. Look for these starting this coming Spring.

In past years, other presidents have underscored the importance of the help our alumni association provides fifth year students and alumni attending graduate school. The importance of that work has not lessened. If you are capable and willing, we would love to receive your donation in order to pass it onto deserving students. And if you are a fifth year student or prospective graduate student in need, please do not hesitate to apply for aid! That said, there are other ways we can also strengthen NCSF and benefit the alumni association. Please join our LinkedIn group, and email an update to admin@ncsfalumni.org, especially if your contact information may be out of date. If you are interested in becoming an advisor or getting more involved in the association, please reach out. We regularly recommend alumni as new advisors.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our students and in building our alumni association.

Caleb Holtzinger

Advisor of the Year — James F. McClung, Jr.



I am delighted to announce James F. McClung, Jr. as our 2018 NCSF Advisor of the Year. An Oklahoma City native and Texas transplant, James grew up calf roping in rodeos. He was originally involved with the Scottish Rite in Houston, Texas before becoming an active member here at the Oakland Scottish Rite.

When moving to California, James didn't leave his roots behind; he continues to attend rodeos a few times a year, and has

been going to the Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming for over 40 years. He has participated in the National Rodeo Circuit, and competed at the National Rodeo Finals in the Barrel Racing event. Last, James attends the National Finals Rodeo each December in Las Vegas with Dallas Cason. When not at these events (or maybe simultaneously), James routinely advises 9 to 10 advisees every year, and has been doing so for the past 20 years. The NCSF is a major part of his life, and he especially enjoys the interviews, acting as a trustee, and becoming acquainted with the scholars and mentoring them. He has also been a President of

the Laird Foundation and a trustee of that scholarship for many years.

Outside of the foundation and rodeos, James has worked with the Shrine Children's Hospital to advance their mission to aid children and families in need. He currently works to improve indoor air quality as the founder and president of American Environmental Specialists.

The Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association is honored to have presented James with an inscribed mantel clock at the Alamo banquet this past October. Thank you for your dedication toward our students James F. McClung, Jr.

Trustee Message—Bill K'Burg

It is such a pleasure to attend NCSF banquets! The energy level is always so high with talented, hardworking scholars mingling with trustees and advisors. I never cease to be impressed by the caliber of our recipients. The students keep getting better and better every year.

We always begin with appetizers and beverages as a way to mingle. At the smaller banquets in San Luis Obispo and San Diego, I can usually talk to nearly every scholar and get an idea of his or her activities. The Los Angeles and Bay Area dinners are much bigger, so personal interactions are limited. Once everyone is seated for dinner, spirited conversations continue. There is something about sitting around a round table that encourages everyone to join the conversation.

I have noticed different trends over the years. For a while students were heavy

into Social Justice, then Tech was big, and hard sciences came to the fore. Currently, science is big, especially bio-sciences, but there is also a balance of students in law, film, engineering, journalism, psychology, and more.

Each year, the trustees award clocks or watches to scholars who have excelled. Each has a chance to say a few words about their studies and to express their gratitude for the support (both financial and emotional) from NCSF. There are always many students graduating Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude. What a powerful group they are!

The banquets are ended by a talk from a recent graduate, generally providing insight into their professional activities and offering encouragement to our newer recipients. This year's speaker at the Bay Area dinner was Dr. Joel Reyes, a graduate from

20 years ago. He's currently a physician in Texas, and flew out just for the banquet. As he had studied on the East Coast, this was his very first banquet. The crowd loved hearing about how often his career path veered away from where he thought it would go.

I always come away being inspired by all the deserving scholars who are well on their way to making a positive impact on our world. To think of all the students who have been helped by what started out by Dr. Scaife giving one student \$25 a month! Over 90 years later, thanks to contributions to the endowment and to alumni wanting to "pay it forward", we have over 200 scholars a year getting assistance.

I know that we are all proud to be at least a small part of this great organization.

Treasurer's Report

To contribute to the 2019-2020 fifth year and graduate scholarship awards, please send your tax deductible donations to Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association at 2388 Callender Road, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420. Thank you to our loyal and generous donors! In 2017, we received \$4,650 in contributions. In 2018 to date, we have received

\$4,917. Total scholarships awarded for the 2017-2018 academic year were \$10,000. \$8,000 was awarded for the 2018-2019 academic year. Awards for the 2019-2020 academic year will be based on available funds from contributions, supplemented as needed by interest/dividend income earned by our investment portfolio. In

2017, interest and dividend income totaled \$7,711. 2018 year-to-date investment income is \$6,888. The value of the investment portfolio has held steady, ending 2017 at \$238,742. As of November 30, 2018, the investment assets were valued at \$237,408.

Financial Aid Officer's Report

We have continued our mission of assisting NCSF graduate and fifth year aid students.

We were very happy to be able to support the continued education of the follow-

ing individuals in the past 2017 – 2018 academic year:

Summary Of 2017-2018 Awards To Fifth Year And Graduate Students

Fifth Year Aid Recipients	Benjamin Recipients			Non-Benjamin Graduate Aid		
Angelica Solorio Kathleen Chen Katie Hodges Leticia Garcia Reyes Tanapong Shugan	Alina Vi Andrade Cori Griffin Blake Bartolomei Elizabeth Long Hank Craig Davis	Kelly Nabaglo Madison Fesperman Mariah Fairley Meredith Whittaker Taylor Wright	Ariana Truszewski Ashleigh Higgins Brianna Stocks Hua Ni	Kendra Vegra Lauren Grubaugh Macklin Bolton Melanie Eiges	Montana Upton Morgan Morales Rachael Cook Sarah Potter Stephanie Cantu	

This Spring's alumni and fifth year aid applicants were once again extremely impressive. The following individuals were selected to receive aid for the 2018 – 2019 academic year:

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Student Responses

The amount of support we are able to provide is directly related to the donations that we receive each year, so please consider continuing to support our alumni students each year. As you can see from some of the responses we have received from our graduate and fifth year students, your help makes a tremendous difference.

"Thank you! I cannot begin to tell you how excited and grateful I feel to have received your email this morning. This award is very meaningful to my wife and me and will help us greatly as we finance my graduate studies." –Blake Bartolomei

"I have received your e-mail regarding the Benjamin scholarship award. That is such great news

to receive as I plan for how I will fund my next year of graduate school and I am so appreciative and grateful! Thank you so much for your generosity and support. I truly appreciate it more than you will ever know!" –Madison Fesperman

"Wow! What amazing news. I am so honored and thrilled to be chosen for the graduate aid. I appreciate all that NCSF has given me thus far and I cannot wait to make a difference in another students life in the future." –Alina Andrade

"I can't thank you enough again for awarding me a scholarship. This scholarship is the primary reason I was able to choose the school I did for my graduate degree." –Ashleigh Higgins

"I would like to express my great appreciation toward receiving the Scaife Scholarship Alumni

Association award. This scholarship will further allow me to pursue my career whilst relieving some of the accompanying financial burden." –Ariana Truszewski

"I am very grateful to have been awarded this financial award for the upcoming school year, thank you very much." –Leticia Garcia Reyes

We are very proud of this year's recipients and look forward to more applications next year. If you are interested, please remember that the deadline is April 1st and applications will be available in February through our website ncsfalumni.org.

Connecting Online

Scaife Alumni Contact Database

The Scaife Alumni Scholarship Association would like your updated contact information to keep you informed. Please go to: <http://tinyurl.com/scaife-db> to enter your contact information into our database. Please enter an email which you will retain after graduation from your college/university. Your email will be added into our mailing list (scaife-scholarship-alumni-association@googlegroups.com via Google Groups).

LinkedIn Group

Please also join our LinkedIn Group, by sending an email to admin@ncsfalumni.org 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 association to improve our newsletter, website, and activities or—if possible—serving as a networking resource for employment and career development.