

Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association Newsletter

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- ❖ Nominations Officer: Kevin Cornish

George Klopping – Advisor of the Year

At the October 2012 NCSF Banquet at the Round Hill Country Club, the Alumni Association continued the tradition of honoring an outstanding advisor. This year, the recipient of the sixth Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association's Advisor of the Year Award was George Klopping. He has served as an advisor and trustee to NCSF for many years.

George was raised in Patterson, California, where he eventually became the General Manager of Del Puerto

Farms for more than forty years.

In addition to his role with NCSF, he has served as a volunteer fire fighter for over twenty years, has been the Patterson City Treasurer, and has been active in several agricultural clubs and organizations.

George Klopping has always been a friend of the Alumni Association and his tireless service has helped to keep the Foundation running smoothly. It was our privilege to recognize his

dedication and service as an advisor to many of us with an acrylic pylon bearing the Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association seal and his name.

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



Treasurer's Report

With the holiday season 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 2011, we received 91 contributions totaling \$22,294 and averaging \$252. To date in 2012, we have received \$5,165 through 22 contributions, averaging \$235.

The investment portfolio was valued at \$169,969 at December 31, 2011, up over \$8,400 from December 31, 2010. The

portfolio's value continued to increase through April 30, 2012, when it was valued at \$178,725. In May, the value dropped to \$172,601, but quickly rebounded to \$180,921 in June, and has experienced a trend of steady increases over the past few months. As of September 30, the investment portfolio was valued at \$188,198.26. The funds continue to be invested in various securities, with a minimal amount held in cash/money market accounts.

Through September 30, 2012, the invested funds have generated almost \$6,300 in interest and dividend income. 2011 interest and dividend income totaled \$7,875.



"Only by suffering does man develop."
--Walter B. Scaife--

Financial Aid Officer's Report

On Saturday, April 28, 2012, the general membership of the Alumni Association met to confirm the assistance to be given to NCSF graduate and fifth year aid applicants. It was found that all of the 19 applicants were deserving of assistance, so they were all awarded a portion of the sixteen thousand dollars that we had available to provide to graduate and fifth year aid students. The following individuals received aid:

Alumni Aid Recipients 2011-2012

Fifth Year Aid Recipients

1 recipient listed in print version

Graduate Aid Recipients Benjamin Scholarships

9 recipients listed in print version

Graduate Aid

9 recipients listed in print version

Connect with Our LinkedIn Group

The Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association has continued to grow a LinkedIn Group for all alumni.

What is LinkedIn?

For those of you who don't know, LinkedIn is a social networking tool like Facebook or MySpace, but is solely for professional networking. Over 120 million professionals use LinkedIn to exchange information, ideas and opportunities. LinkedIn can be used by new and established alumni to communicate with each other. Nikolaus Baer has used the Alumni Group page to post an open position and share it with the other Alumni on the page. Jennifer Miller has posted information about tips on finding a job. The Alumni Group will be used as a place to share information with the active alumni. **For the first time ever, the Alumni Group was used to help select this year's Advisor of the Year, so a big thank you for those of you who took the time to vote.**

How will LinkedIn help the Alumni?

- LinkedIn will help facilitate communication between alumni and start or continue the important process of professional networking.
- LinkedIn will allow for Alumni to connect with professionals in their chosen field all over the world.
- LinkedIn will serve as a central bulletin board for announcements and job opportunities from alumni.
- LinkedIn can create long term professional connections that can become beneficial in the future.

How do you join the Alumni LinkedIn group?

If you are interested in joining the alumni group and connecting with other professionals that are part of the Alumni Foundation please join our Alumni Group by sending an email to Jennifer Miller, Sr. Vice President of Alumni Affairs, at jenmiller610@gmail.com and we will send you an invite to the group. 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 get from the alumni association.



President's Message

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Officer's of the Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association, Inc., it is again my pleasure as your current President to wish you all a Happy Holidays. I hope that this letter finds you and your family with health and happiness. The Alumni Association has had another busy year. We elected new directors and officers at a meeting in late April. Several alumni were again asked to help with the foundation's selection process and many alumni have stepped forward to volunteer to be advisors. This year's Advisor of the Year award recipient was selected by an online poll open to all the members of the alumni LinkedIn group, and George Klopping was honored at the annual fall banquet with several alumni in attendance.

Once again, several alumni and I had the honor of participating in the scholar interviews at the Scottish Rite in early May. The students were exceptional, with academic achievements, social contributions, and lofty aspirations that were truly inspirational. The Northern California Scholarship Foundation was able to award 51 new undergraduate scholarship awards in the amount of \$8,000 per year. This is truly incredible, and the foundations continued generosity in supporting these bright young minds is especially impressive and important in these difficult economic times, which have made higher education more and more financially challenging. Last year I pointed out the rapid rise in the average cost of tuition and fees at public four year colleges, but this year I wanted to highlight the increasing debt load of today's graduates. According to a College Board brief on trends in higher education, the average debt per graduate has increased 15% over the 10 year period from the 1999 - 2000 to the 2009 - 2010 academic year. It is a shame that today more students are starting their professional live's under heavier debt burdens.

This makes the work of groups like the NCSF and our own Alumni Association so much more important. We have all benefited from the generosity of the NCSF, without which many of us would not have been able to afford a college education, so we all know what a difference the assistance can make to undergraduate and graduate students facing these daunting economic challenges. As you read in our Financial Aid Committee Report, the Alumni Association was able to fund \$16,000 of aid to one fifth year undergraduate and nine graduate students. This invaluable assistance would not be possible without the support that you all provide to the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association has always strived to help our continuing scholars. With your help we can continue to do so.

Best Wishes,

Nikolaus Baer

Please Visit Our Updated Website

The Alumni Association has continued to improve our website, **www.ncsfalumni.org**. We hope that you will take the time to check our calendar of events, and listing of the 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 can continue to reach you each year.



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How Can You 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 payable to the Scaife Scholarship Alumni Association, Inc. c/o Alana Maxwell, 555 Bluerock Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

Historically the recommended sums have been modest. People have contributed at levels that have hopefully been comfortable. In these times of record unemployment, we will leave your contribution to your own conscience. Please do what you can. If you have never contributed, consider starting small, any sum is helpful. If you cannot contribute, please consider working with the alumni to improve our newsletter, our website, our activities as advisors, or – if possible – as a networking resource for employment and career development.

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