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MAY 2021

Why Scholarships Matter?

By Dr. Patty Scott, SWOCC President

Scholarships provide an opportunity for many people to earn an education. Without assistance from an outside source, students may have trouble paying for the degree they need in order to enter the workforce and become a contributing member of society. Scholarships matter for many reasons. Here are just a few of the top benefits.

1. Scholarships make education easier to access - the average debt for the class of 2018 is \$29,800. No one should have their education limited for lack of income. Scholarships can help some of our needy students see how they can achieve a college degree. Tuition at SWOCC is \$102/credit while cost at PSU is \$10,386 for 2021 according to Nicole Fossum, one of our scholarship winners.

STUDENT'S COLLEGE ANNUAL BUDGETS 2020-2021

Public University	\$27,733
Community Colleges	\$21,101
Independent Colleges	\$56,370

These are estimates in a document published by the OSAC with all figures provided by the institutions. The total cost includes tuition & fees, books & supplies, room & board, personal expenses, travel expenses and other.

2. Scholarships can help students not have to work so much to cover their educational expenses.
3. Scholarships gives a resume a boost - winning a scholarship tell a prospective employer about academic achievements.
4. Scholarships encourage philanthropy - When chosen to receive a scholarship, one hopes that the recipient's approach to life will change. The person has been helped by a donation hopefully they will remember this and help someone down the road when they are able.

This quote from a student reflects why scholarships are important. "Receiving a scholarship has literally paved the way for me to finally be able to better myself, have a career

that I am proud of, help people in their time of need, and help support my family. Having a scholarship pushes me and gives me the motivation to work even harder to excel in college."

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STEM Scholarship

Skylar Lucas \$3,000



Zonta Club Scholarship Recipients

Lillian Collins \$3,000



Robyn Wales \$3,000



Marshfield High School

Mariia Semenchuk \$1,500



Z Club Scholarships

North Bend High School

Miranda Seldon \$1,500



Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Jordyn Tippet \$1,500



JMK Women in Business Scholarship

Nicole Fossum \$1,500



Zonta International Scholarship Programs

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Nikki Adrienne Wright received the first Patty J. Barton Scholarship from our Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation in August 2020. The **\$20,000 award** is sent to the student's college of choice each quarter as they verify their grade point, provide two letters from professors and a brief personal letter updating their status. Zonta, with the help of Patty's husband Jon Barton and many generous donors, is proud to remember and honor our long time member Patty with this scholarship. The purpose of this award is to recognize a student who demonstrates tenacity and focus as she rebuilds her life coming from significant challenges.

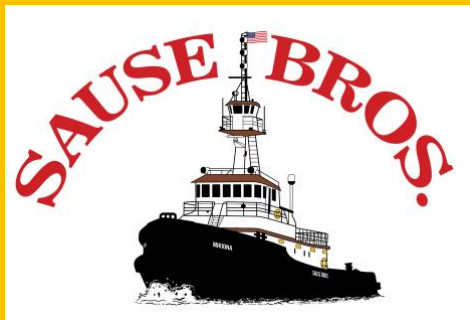
Nikki graduated from Myrtle Point High School in 2002 as Senior Class President, VP of FFA Chapter and member of several sports teams throughout high school. With no encouragement or support at the time for going to college, she dove right into the workforce. This gave her the freedom to move out of her family home and start a better life on her own. By age 22, she was married and had a beautiful daughter. She continued to work and support her family.

Nikki says her life began to slowly change in 2013 when she started working for the court system. Most of the people she encountered had secondary education and her curiosity blossomed. She said "I really found the inspiration to continue my education when I began working with Judge Megan Jacquot in the Juvenile Dependency system." Nikki could relate to the children and the families coming together to overcome odds and obstacles.

So began Nikki's pursuit of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice at SWOCC and Portland State University (PSU). She expects to graduate June 2024. Currently she is enrolled in Spring Term at SWOCC completing her transfer degree and carrying 12 credits while working full-time. She has been accepted at PSU for Fall Term 2021 in the Criminology and Criminal Justice Program.

We look forward to hearing more about Nikki's accomplishments. I remember these words in her essay: *"I want to continue my education to become a bigger part of the dependency system, to enact change and hold agencies accountable for getting these children home, and our families back together."* **Patty would be happy to help and Zonta is here to help for her.**

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The two times I received Zonta scholarships while in pharmacy school, I was very appreciative! With the rising costs of education, particularly in professional programs, it is near impossible to afford the education without significant debt, even with working full time during school. The scholarships helped me to minimize my student loans to focus on my education instead of worrying about finances or reaching out to other private lenders to make ends meet.

Following graduation from the OSU/Oregon Health and Science University College of Pharmacy as a Doctor of Pharmacy in 2019, I moved to Las Vegas to pursue a pharmacy residency. I completed my first year of pharmacy residency at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, also obtaining a nationally recognized teaching certificate during that year from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. I am currently in my second year of pharmacy residency, specializing in infectious diseases pharmacy, at MountainView Hospital.

Highlights of this residency year thus far include obtaining board certification as a pharmacotherapy specialist, publication as a textbook chapter author on treatment of helminthic infections, creation of protocols at my facility that allow pharmacists to place patients on the most appropriate antibiotic therapy in certain circumstances, speaking nationally with the American College of Clinical Pharmacy about a new treatment for infectious diarrhea in children that is more efficacious than the previous standard of care, and being a primary author on what I anticipate to be the most comprehensive review article to date on a new antibiotic coming to the United States later this year that will play a significant role in allowing patient's infections to be treated at home with this oral antibiotic instead of being hospitalized or receiving intravenous antibiotics at home. Just recently I learned that my research on antibiotic dosing in obese surgical patients has been accepted to present at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Virtual Research Symposium. This is a very big deal for my career opportunities.

At the end of my residency at MountainView Hospital, I will be staying on as the Infectious Diseases pharmacist and residency program coordinator for the post-graduate year two (PGY-2) infectious diseases residency program. This will encompass teaching teams of pharmacy students, eight first-year pharmacy residents, and a second-year pharmacy resident, as well as lectures at the medical residency program regarding antibiotic use and general pharmacy and hospital staff anti-infective education.

Once again, I'm truly grateful for the Zonta Club assisting me in reaching my career goals and where I am today by assisting with my educational expenses in pharmacy school.



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Hi! I am Elissa Kilmer and I attended Oregon State University from 2014-2018. In 2015, I was awarded the Club Scholarship from the Zonta Club of Coos Bay. That scholarship meant so much to me as I was able to fully pay for that year of school without having to take out a loan.

I studied Chemical Engineering at OSU and more than half of the students in my class were **women!** While in school, I interned at D.B. Western, Inc. in North Bend, Oregon. There, I learned about designing wastewater treatment plants and was hired there for a brief period after graduation. I knew food processing was where I ultimately wanted to go when I accidentally discovered how cool cheese-making is. However, my true passion was not discovered until I had a reaction to medication that caused sensitivity to gluten, dairy, and avocados. Knowing what it was like to be limited by food choices, my ultimate goal is to develop processes and create safe, delicious food for people that have multiple allergies. Thus, process engineering in the food industry.

I work at Pacific Foods of Oregon, where we produce organic soups and non-dairy beverages. You may have tried our soy and oat milk if you order from Dutch Bros! **My team at work is actually the only one where every member is a woman!** We are very empowered and work hard to be the best at what we do.



Zontian of the Moment

Alissa Pruess selected by Shirley MacAdam



The traveling trophy of Zontian of the Moment is awarded for outstanding service to the club or for individual achievement. The current trophy recipient selects the next member to receive the award. The person that comes to my mind at the moment fitting this description is the current First Vice President of our Zonta club - Alissa Pruess. She is also the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Alissa has been a member of our club since June 2018 and dove in headfirst from the beginning. Our club has particularly benefited from Alissa during the COVID Zoom Era of our Zonta history! I admire her ability to master technology and use it for the benefit of our club and our community.

In the midst of our COVID isolation, Alissa created a new approach for ordering the school supplies for our Little Red School House (LRS) program. She spent countless hours calculating the budget dollars for each school based on enrollment numbers. She collected wish lists from each school and ordered the supplies on Amazon to be delivered directly to the individual schools.

Knowing we could not do our annual Celebrity Dinner Alissa and her committee designed the Zonta Eventgroove Raffle using an online platform with which she was familiar. With many wonderful prizes and a lot of promotion, over \$9,500 was raised from the raffle. In addition, she spearheaded a letter campaign for donations in lieu of Celebrity Dinner that raised over \$8,700 as well as in-kind donations over \$2,000. The letter campaign served to keep our historical Celebrity Dinner sponsors engaged and many contributed as sponsors to the COVID year “in-lieu Celebrity Dinner” fundraiser.

In addition to all this fundraising and LRS work, Alissa maintains her involvement as an active Board Member for the club and I see her at the Zonta Club and Foundation meetings regularly reporting for her committee. I know we all look forward to the day we get to work with “President Alissa” and we are grateful she and her family are in our community. Alissa for your smile, your laugh and your tenaciousness - I say **“Thank You” and congratulate you as our Zontian of the Moment.**

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We believe in making the world a better place by empowering women.
We find joy in doing this in a supportive community of like-minded professionals from diverse countries and cultures.

COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS 2021

\$15,000



COOS BAY AREA ZONTA SERVICE
FOUNDATION AWARDS \$5,000 TO

Bay Area First Step

for assistance to aid women in recovery

2021 Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation Awards
\$2,000 to

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)



for recruitment, training & supervision of volunteer advocates



2021 COOS BAY AREA ZONTA
SERVICE FOUNDATION AWARDS
\$5,000 TO

Coos County Friends of Public Health

To support the Nurses Purse mini-grant program at
Coos County Health & Wellness

2021 COOS BAY AREA ZONTA SERVICE FOUNDATION AWARDS \$3,000 TO THE NANCY DEVEREUX CENTER



For operating expenses and funding the Warming Center

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Relatively quiet month as the students transitioned to part-time “live” school. Several members volunteered at the ARK program sorting clothes and organizing supplies.



MHS Z Club member working to clear brush at the Millicoma Dike.

Mike Claassen, retired Business owner, and Pam de Jong, Financial Advisor at Edward Jones each took a turn at a club meeting as “career speakers.”

Hoping to focus in May on Zonta’s International Projects and possibly get a financial contribution from the Z club’s coffers --- they still have money left over from their earnings last year.

NBHS Z Club Update

New Member Profile – Tonya Jenkins by Lindi Q.



Tonya and I had a chat over coffee recently at Cicarelli’s Coffee Shop. Our newest member was sponsored by Debbie Schade and many of you may recognize her as our guest speaker for the February Heart Health program.

Tonya has been a nurse for 25 years, beginning her healthcare journey after graduating from North Bend High School in 1989. Currently, she is a charge nurse at Bay Area Hospital in the Prefontaine Cardiovascular Center after spending many years of her career working in ICUs. She loves taking care of her patients and trying to help them get back to their lives.

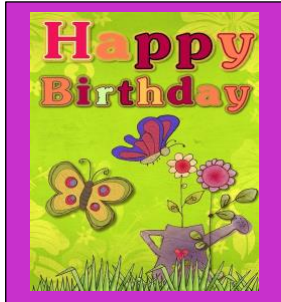
A few other personal notes about Tonya - she has a daughter and son who live close to each in Cougar, Washington. They are both married and currently doggy parents although her son and his wife hope to add a little one soon. Tonya loves to hike, golf and spend time outside.

She feels she has come home to her base and plans to support her community by volunteering her time. I am glad she chose Zonta to partner with on community service and I know we all look forward to working with her as she begins her first year in Zonta.



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May 20th Installation at Pottery. Co.
 Annual Meeting - A Year in Review
 May 22nd Board Retreat/Board Meeting
 May 24th Club Board Meeting
 June 4th Club Business meeting 2021-2022
 June 12th Club Goal Setting - location tbd



Kath Collier	May
Genelle Hanken	May 5th
Jasmine Lockwood	May 11th
Patricia Borchert	May 12th
Christie Noggle	May 17th
Margo Borstad	May 27th
Judy Ann Mogan	June 12th

Zonta Officer & Board Installation

May 20, 2021 5-7 PM

Pottery Company Party Room

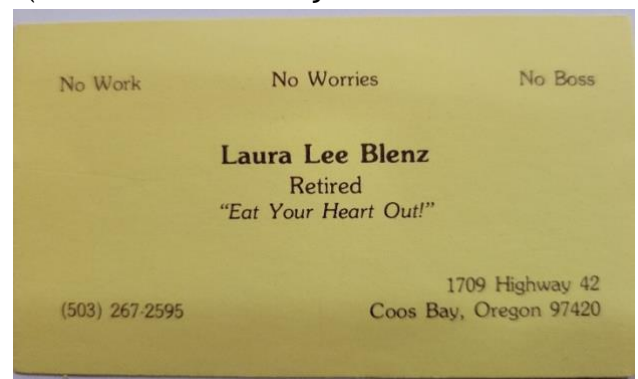
254 S 2nd, Coos Bay

\$15.00 includes lite dinner,
beverage, dessert

RSVP by May 16, 2021 to
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 payable to Zonta to P.O. Box 245,
 North Bend, OR 97459

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- Amanda McCarthy has taken a new position at Advanced Health as Quality Manager.
- Alissa Pruess's son had his theatre debut(?) (on-line) on April 30 in *Hammered: A Thor & Loki Play* produced by So It Goes Coffeehouse
- The Oregon Community Foundation review committee for our Blenz/Zonta Engineering Scholarship is now in place: local engineers Jan Kerbo, Barbara Negherbon, and Shannon Souza will be joined by Zontians Anne Medhus-Westbrooks and Paula Bechtold (OCF rules limit us to just two Zonta members on a committee of five). Applications should be available to review by early May - we still have no idea at this point how many applicants there will be. Scholarship is limited to women from Coos County who will be starting at least their third year of engineering studies this fall.
- Cleaning out the archives from long time member Laura Lee Blenz found this priceless business card (Many of us could use one like that!)



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