

LAC QUI PARLE VALLEY DOLLARS *for* SCHOLARS



December 1, 2004

Class Reunion Volunteers Needed

Lac qui Parle Valley Dollars for Scholars is looking for volunteers interested in Class Reunions. Every year a number of class reunions take place. Dollars for Scholars needs someone from each of the previous school districts in Marietta, Madison, Milan and Appleton to help relay the Dollars for Scholars story to our alumni. In return, Dollars for Scholars will assist them in the future by maintaining a database of classmate's names and addresses.

If you are interested, or if you know of any class reunions taking place this summer, please call Richard Anderson at Lac qui Parle Valley High School, or contact any current Dollars for Scholars board member.

Dollars for Scholars is also exploring the possibility of establishing a website which would house alumni lists from each of the original high schools, as well as Lac qui Parle Valley graduates.



LqPV Alum Profiled in MN Dollars for Scholars

Brandon Ulstad, a 1993 graduate of Lac qui Parle Valley High School, was featured in a MN Dollars for Scholars newsletter recently. Brandon received a Dollars for Scholars scholarship in 1993. Brandon graduated from St. Olaf College and went on to graduate from the University of MN in 2001 with a degree in Dentistry. He currently practices dentistry in Marshall, MN.

When asked what interested him in Dollars for Scholars, he replied, "It is such a genuinely good program. It is truly wonderful how people from the community give of their resources to help out kids with post-secondary plans. These gifts were from people I knew. Dollars for Scholars presents scholarships for college that are heartfelt and much more personal." Brandon said that receiving a Dollars for Scholars award impacted the feeling that his head was above water financially. When he became aware that not every school had a program like this, it made him feel even more fortunate for receiving this scholarship.

Dr. Ulstad's family sponsors a scholarship in memory of his grandfather. He feels it is an honor to help other students in this way. Brandon concluded, "It is incredibly fulfilling to be thanked by a scholarship winner, and then to follow them through college."

Hart Education Awards

Lac qui Parle Valley Dollars for Scholars and the Olga B. Hart Foundation are pleased to announce that five LqPV alumni have received the Olga B. Hart Education Scholarship for college juniors. Megan Bakeberg, Melissa Fragodt, John Maatz, Laura Molden and Chasity Odden each received \$400 awards. The scholarships are awarded to college juniors majoring in Education. All five are graduates of the class of 2002.

Scholarship applications are due on November 1 of each year. The scholarships are paid out of the annual distribution from the Olga B. Hart Foundation. Ms. Hart was a native of the Madison area and taught in Marietta. She died in 1999, just before her 100th birthday. Lac qui Parle Dollars for Scholars receives a \$10,000 gift from the foundation each year.



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Sixth Annual

Phone-A-Thon is
scheduled for January
17th and 18th, 2005.

Please give generously!

Sixth Annual Phone-A-Thon Set

The sixth annual Dollars for Scholars Phone-A-Thon will be held on January 17 and 18, 2005. National Honor Society members will be calling Lac qui Parle Valley School District households once again. Six-hundred fifty contributors donated a total of \$16,500 in 2004. The community has demonstrated its tremendous willingness to support good causes. The proceeds of the phone-a-thon are used to fund current year scholarships and to build the Endowment Fund, in equal parts.

The phone-a-thon takes place at the Pioneer Public TV studios in Appleton. Please give generously when called. If you do not receive a call, contributions can be mailed to Dollars for Scholars at Lac qui Parle Valley High School.

Local Sponsors are Heart & Soul of Dollars for Scholars

Lac qui Parle Valley Dollars for Scholars awarded 37 scholarships worth \$13,000 in 1991. The scholarships were funded almost totally by local sponsors, who pledged to support the new program with annual donations. Thirteen years later, most of the original sponsors are still contributing to the scholarship program on an annual basis. Most sponsors began with contributions of \$300 per year. In 2004, most sponsors contribute \$500 per year, and in some cases more. Many have contributed more than \$5,000, and a few around \$10,000 during this time.

While the Endowment Fund has seen steady growth, and scholarships have been funded by other means, the vast majority of scholarships are still awarded by this ever-growing list of annual sponsors. It is their commitment to Dollars for Scholars that we, and virtually hundreds of students, are so grateful.

At the close of the 2004 scholarship program, these sponsors have given \$250,000 to help fund LqPV graduate's college educations.



Endowment Fund Important Part of Dollars for Scholars

The Endowment Fund grows as monetary gifts are given to be invested with Dollars for Scholars. Earnings from the investments are used to fund Endowed or Perpetual Scholarships.

Perpetual Scholarships are those scholarships which are awarded out of the earnings of the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund guarantees the long-term health of the Dollars for Scholars program. Gifts of \$5,000 or more can be designated as Perpetual Scholarships.

Endowed scholarships awarded each year include: Brownie "Ethelyn" Mork Endowed Scholarship, Harvest Partners

Agriculture Scholarship; Carl Thorstenson Academic Excellence Scholarship, Junyce & Harry Nordby Math Scholarship.

Non-perpetual scholarships can be established with significant one-time gifts which will be awarded over a period of several years, typically five to 10 years. Once the principal and interest are distributed, the scholarship sunsets. Gifts of \$2,000 or more can be designated as Non-perpetual Scholarships. Non-perpetual scholarships include: Colbey Ehlenz Memorial Scholarship, James Hoover Memorial Scholarship and the Chuck Brown Memorial Scholarship.



Dollars for Scholars Sponsors and Recipients for 2004

The class of 2004 enjoyed the fruits of the best year yet for Lac qui Parle Valley Dollars for Scholars. Scholarships totaling \$49,650 were awarded to 76 seniors in May 2004.

Each and every student going on to post-secondary education needs financial help. The goal is to be able to give a scholarship to every student who applies and qualifies has been met. College costs are increasing by 10-15% per year. Our goal now is to continue to increase the size of the awards. Nearly 700 scholarships, worth \$350,000, have been awarded to Lac qui Parle Valley graduates since 1991.

Scholarship recipients from the Class of 2004, and the scholarship name or sponsor are listed below:

SARAH AMUNDSON...Administrative Support Scholarship...by Jodi Giese Munsterman Memorial Fund
 ISAAC ANDERSON...Physical Education...sponsored by the Madison VFW Post #1656 & Auxiliary
 ROZETTA ANDERSON...Art Scholarship...by the Milan American Legion Post #359
 JAMIE ARNESON...Human Services...sponsored by the Olga B. Hart Foundation
 AMBER ARNOLD...Language Arts...sponsored by Johnson Publishing Company, Appleton/Milan
 ANNA BEHLINGS...Computer Science...sponsored by the LqPV National Honor Society
 DEREK BENDEL...Human Services...sponsored by the Olga B. Hart Foundation
 CARMEN BENINGA...Youth Service Learning...sponsored by the Madison Kiwanis Club
 DEVAN BERGERSON...Recent Achiever: 4-Year...sponsored by the Appleton Lions Club
 TERRA BILLIET...Athletic Scholarship...by the LqPV Dollars for Scholars Chapter
 JOCELYN BONK...Consistent Achiever...sponsored by Prairie Sun Bank
 ISAAC BREHMER...Brownie "Ethelyn" Mork Endowed...sponsored by the Preston Mork Family
 BRIAN BRUSTUEN...Industrial Technology...sponsored by the LqPV Dollars for Scholars Chapter
 DAMIAN COYOUR...Education...sponsored by the Olga B. Hart Foundation
 DOMINIC COYOUR...Leadership...sponsored by Madison Bottling Company
 BRIAN CROATT...Industrial Tech...sponsored by Appleton Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club
 JEREMY CROATT...Mathematics...sponsored by Nelson Oyen Torvik
 KRISTOPHER ENGESMOE...Language Arts...sponsored by the LqPV Dollars for Scholars Chapter
 JAYME ERICKSON...Recent Achiever: Technology...sponsored by the LqPV Dollars for Scholars
 JACOB FRAGODT...Music...sponsored by the LqPV Dollars for Scholars
 SHERIDAN GIESE...Industrial Technology...sponsored by James Hoover Memorial Scholarship
 EMILY HANEY...Leadership...sponsored by an Anonymous Donor
 EVA HANKINS...Science...sponsored by Bob Tostenson/Pfizer

Sponsors/Recipients 2004 (cont.)

ISAAC HANSEN...Business...sponsored by the Appleton Chamber of Commerce
 MATTHEW HASTAD...Colbey Ehlenz Memorial...sponsored by the Robert & Lolly Ehlenz Family
 DANA HAUCK...Physical Education...sponsored by LqPV Board Of Education
 NILS HEGLAND...Triple "A"...sponsored by James/Sydney Massee Family in Memory of Lois Massee
 LAURA HOSECK...Language Arts Scholarship...by LqPV Dollars for Scholars
 AARON IRVINE...Social Science...sponsored by Chuck Brown Memorial Fund
 JACQUELYN JOHNSON...Music...sponsored by LqPV Area Piano Teachers & Rolland & Nancy Moen
 KRISTIN KANTEN...Agriculture...sponsored by Strand of Milan
 JASON KELLEN...Consistent Achiever...sponsored by F&M State Bank
 KAYLA LOY...Recent Achiever: Technology...sponsored by LqPV Dollars for Scholars Treasurer's Scholarship
 JOSHUA LARSON...Social Science Scholarship...by LqPV SH Student Council
 AMANDA LONGHENRY...Music...sponsored by Appleton Cultural Affairs
 KAREN MATTISON...Activities/Academic...sponsored by Pomme de Terre VFW Post #4955
 RANDY MAURICE...Recent Achiever: Technology...sponsored by LqPV Dollars for Scholars
 AMBER MEYER...Consistent Achiever...sponsored by Klein National Bank
 ANTHONY MILANDER...Speech & Theater...sponsored by Wojtalewicz Law Firm, Ltd.
 ADAM MOEN...Human Services...sponsored by the Olga B. Hart Foundation
 MATTHEW MONSON...Business...sponsored by Jubilee Foods, Madison
 CHRISTOPHER NIEMAND...Agriculture...sponsored by LQP County Pheasants Forever Chapter
 BRYCE NORDAUNE...Mathematics...sponsored by the Junyce & Harry Nordby Memorial Scholarship Fund
 LESLEY NYGARD...Health Care/Dental...sponsored by Dr. Kevin Skjei, DDS.
 CHRISTA OCHSENDORF...Language Arts...sponsored by the Milan Lions Club
 ANGELA ODDEN...Student Council...sponsored by LqPV JH Student Council
 AMANDA J. OLSON...Mathematics...sponsored by the Marietta American Legion Post #156
 TRAVIS OLSON...Recent Achiever: 4-Year...sponsored by Madison American Legion Post #158
 TRISTIN PETERSON...Health Care/Nursing...sponsored by Haugen Ins. Agency
 NICHOLAS PILLATZKE...Health Care...sponsored by Dr. Larry Grong
 BRIANNA PILLATZKI...Athletic...sponsored by the LqPV Dollars for Scholars
 BRIANNA RAYMO...Art...sponsored by the LqPV Dollars for Scholars Chapter
 JOSHUA REDEPENNING...Special Education...sponsored by the Kabatay Family in Honor of Raphael Kabatay
 RAEANN REDEPENNING...Language Arts...sponsored by the D.J. "Bud" Strand Family
 BROOKE ROBERTSON...Music...sponsored by the Chord Ayres Male Chorus
 JAMES ROGGENBUCK...Mathematics...sponsored by Del Dee Foods, Inc.
 TORI ROLFSMEIER...Brownie "Ethelyn" Mork Endowed Scholarship Fund sponsored by the Preston Mork Family
 JEFF RONLIEN...Recent Achiever: Technology...sponsored by MN Valley Coop/Operation Round-Up
 THANE SCHMIDT...Computer Science...sponsored by Municipal Castings, Inc.
 LISA SCHROEDER...Business...sponsored by State Farm Insurance/Nate VanderVelde
 MATTHEW SHEROD...Agriculture...sponsored by Farm Credit Services of Minnesota Valley
 CALEB SIEG...Computer Science...sponsored by the LqPV Dollars for Scholars
 JUSTIN SIEGERT...Activities/Academic...sponsored by Martinson Foundation
 SARAH SIGDAHL...Education...sponsored by Education MN Lac qui Parle
 TAYLOR STRAND...Agriculture...sponsored by Harvest Partners
 BRETTA STREED...Recent Achiever: 4-Year...sponsored by Bellingham Firemen's Relief Fund
 CRISTA TANKE-HOYLES...Recent Achiever: Technology...sponsored by LqPV Dollars for Scholars
 MELISSA TELFORD...Consistent Achiever...sponsored by the Charles Ulstad Family
 BRADY THOMSON...Athletic...sponsored by the Stromswold Family
 KRISTAL TILBURY...Health Care...sponsored by the Milan Montevideo Medical Clinic
 HANNAH VAALA...Computer Science...sponsored by Minnwest Bank
 ALISON VOORHEES...Business...sponsored by the LqPV Dollars for Scholars
 WILLIAM VOORHEES...Academic Excellence...sponsored by Carl Thorstenson Endowed Scholarship Fund
 JUSTIN WEBER...Consistent Achiever...sponsored by United Prairie Bank
 MITCH WELLNITZ...Agriculture...sponsored by Lac qui Parle & Chippewa County SWCD
 JUSTIN WILL...Science...sponsored by Lac qui Parle Lake Association



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