

News & Notes

Glenna Herr Dean Memorial Gift

Green Schools Foundation recently received a generous gift from the estate of former resident and alumnus Glenna Herr Dean. While she moved to the east coast during World War II, Mrs. Dean remembered the Foundation in her will, and her gift will help support our efforts to enrich the academic experiences of students in Green Local Schools.

Mark Your Calendar

The 12th annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction will be held January 30, 2010, at Raintree Country Club. Plan to join us for a fun evening and, if you would like to make an auction donation, please contact Steve Foster at 330-612-0194.

We're Taking Nominations

Do you know an outstanding educator? How about a standout volunteer? Or a graduate of Green Local Schools who has made us proud? Then we hope you will consider nominating this exceptional person for one of Green Schools Foundation's annual awards.

Outstanding Educator – any full-time educator in Green Local Schools who has shown innovative teaching techniques, positively impacts student learning and motivates both students and staff.

Outstanding Alumnus – any graduate of Green Local Schools who has made a significant contribution to his or her field and/or community, and has demonstrated support of education.

Outstanding Community Member – an individual who, through volunteer efforts, has helped support an enriched

learning environment in classrooms or extracurricular activities of the Green Local Schools. This award can be given to an individual or organization.

Nomination forms are available on our Web site, www.greenschoolsfoundation.com, or by calling John Malloy at 330-697-3391. All nominations are due by January 15, 2010.

Community and Educator Award recipients will be honored at the upcoming Silent Auction and Reverse Raffle, January 30, 2010. Alumnus Award recipients will be honored at the Alumni Banquet.

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Your Membership Dollars Help Support Our Students

It's time to renew your annual membership to the Green Schools Foundation. Remember, your support provides students in the Green Local Schools with thousands of dollars in scholarships and classroom grants each year. Thanks to the generosity of members over the years, the Foundation has provided nearly \$200,000 in direct support to local students since 1992.

As a member of the Green Schools Foundation, you will receive the quarterly newsletter, a GSF window decal, your

name listed on the GSF Web site and an opportunity for your child to receive the GSF member scholarship upon graduation. Join at the Valedictorian Level and you'll also receive a GSF polo shirt.

Thank you for your continued support of Green Schools Foundation.

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GSF Helps Meet Rachel's Challenge

Students and members of the community were encouraged to treat others with kindness and compassion as a part of "Rachel's Challenge," a program that honors the legacy of Rachel Scott, the first student killed in the Columbine High School shooting in 1999. The program, supported by Green Schools Foundation and presented Dec. 3 at Green High School, is built on images from Rachel's life and words contained in her journals, including her call for a "chain reaction" of kindness.

Those who attended Rachel's Challenge were moved by the powerful messages and inspired to eliminate

prejudices, set goals, spread kindness, and fill their lives with positive influences.

"I heard many positive comments and many plans for accepting Rachel's Challenge," said Donna Plunkett, Green Local Schools curriculum director and gifted programs coordinator.

"Rachel's Challenge" is part of the Green Schools Foundation Speakers Series, which offers free presentations related to education. Previous Speakers Series have featured Beth Holloway, mother of missing student Natalie Holloway, and experts on Internet safety for students.

Student Spotlight



Evan Elliott, a 2007 graduate of Green High School and former scholarship recipient, just began his third year at Ohio Northern University. He is majoring in middle childhood education with concentrations in math and social studies.

In addition to keeping up with class work, Evan was a starting running back for the Ohio Northern football team. Evan's 3.75 GPA and success on the football field – as part of an 8-2 team this year – caught the attention of ESPN magazine, which named him to the 2nd team all district for the national all-academic team.

"I am planning on graduating in the spring of 2011, but I'm not sure where I will live," Evan writes. "I wouldn't mind staying around the Akron area or moving to a southern state depending on where the job market takes me." Besides playing football, Evan enjoys playing intramural basketball in the off season.

Ohio Northern was obviously a good choice for Evan. "During my career at Ohio Northern I have met many great friends that I will stay in contact with for the rest of my life. The people who attend this school are its biggest asset. I also believe I am getting a very good education that will pay off."

Congratulations Grads!

We are pleased to announce that 12 outstanding members of the Green High School class of 2009 received a total of \$10,000 in scholarships, thanks to the generosity of the members of Green Schools Foundation. These students, who have displayed leadership, academic excellence and community caring, have been awarded scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 to help defray the cost of books, tuition or other expenses. Congratulations to the students, their teachers and families for a job well done.

Scholarships were awarded to Bijan Aboutorabi, son of Hamid & Jennifer Aboutorabi, who will be attending Yale University; Gwen Eberts, daughter of Harry Eberts & Ellen Stults, who will be attending DePauw University; Sarah Hartong, daughter of Dennis & Ann Hartong, who will be attending the University of Akron; Dominic Hohman, son of Donald & Julie Hohman, who will be attending the University of Akron; Nanette Jones, daughter of Todd & Sandy Jones, who will be attending Muskingham College; Caitlin McCombs, daughter of Leon McCombs & Connie Lutz, who will

be attending North Carolina State University; Jared Oing, son of Randy & Mary Oing, who will be attending The Ohio State University; Joshua Pastor, son of Richard Pastor & Dana Stahl, who will be attending Youngstown State University; Ryan Pinheiro, son of Victor & Maria Pinheiro, who will be attending the University of Akron; Ben Pollock, son of John & Cindy Pollock, who will be attending Xavier University; Leslie Schmidt, daughter of Steven & Kathleen Schmidt, who will be attending The Ohio State University; and Lia Westhafer, daughter of Todd & Katie Westhafer, who will be attending Xavier University.

Scholarships are awarded annually based on grade point average; test scores; participation in activities, including community involvement and volunteerism; and responses to questions in the written application and interviews. With these awards, the Green Schools Foundation has granted more than \$90,000 in scholarships to college-bound students since 1992. Scholarship applications will be available early next year through our Web site, www.greenschoolsfoundation.com.



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