

University Women's Foundation (UWF)  
Annual Meeting  
May 8, 2021

\*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was held on Zoom

UWF President Catharine Robinson welcomed all attending scholars, their families and members of the foundation. She expressed her gratitude to all those who lent their support to this year's fund-raising efforts. She then introduced Celia Fry, former VP of Scholarships, who stood in for current VP Scholarships, Jean Stastny.

Celia offered a short history of UWF and explained the process by which scholarship winners are chosen. She thanked the committees and named the members of each committee. (See Attachment A)

**The Elmira K Beyer Scholarship** is our largest scholarship at \$11,000. Celia introduced this year's recipient, **Aria Turney**. Aria grew up in PT and already has two Bachelor's Degrees, works locally as a nurse and now will be going back to Gonzaga University for her Master of Science in Nursing Degree to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Celia next introduced **Academic Scholarship** recipient (\$8,500), **Leianna Kunz**. Leianna also grew up in PT and is slated to graduate next spring with a BA Degree in Political Science/specializing in Pre-Law. From there she plans to pursue her law degree at a graduate program with an emphasis in international human rights law and family law (with a current interest in adoptions and child services).

Rita Kepner introduced the recipient of the **Lisa T. Painter Scholarship** (\$6,700), **Melanie Bakin** and named 6 additional recipients of smaller amounts (total of \$1,000): **Rachel Banks, Estelle Jorgensen, Holly Snider, Rowan Sharp, Lacey Bishop, and Myka Briggs**.

Linnea Patrick spoke of the **Constance Anna Pash Memorial Scholarship** (\$4,450) and announced this year's recipient, **Lily O'Shea**.

Celia reminded members of the genesis of the **Environmental Scholarship** (\$3,000) and named the winner, **Ella Ashford**. Ella is a 2019 H.S. graduate from Teach NW STEAM Academy. She chose to take a GAP year before pursuing university, but that has turned into two years due to the pandemic. Ella has been accepted into Willamette University to pursue an Environmental Science degree and she is honored to be accepted into their STEM Fellows program as well. In addition, she is wait-listed for Stanford University.

Debra Ayers reminded members and informed the audience of the origin of our newest scholarship, the **Technical Career Scholarship** (\$5,000 and \$4,550) and named our two recipients, **Alona Woodward and Emily Perkins**.

Dee Norlin and Mary Kippenham presented the **High School Scholarships** to 3 high school seniors from local high schools who will receive \$4,000 each: **Sorina Johnston** from Port Townsend H.S., **Aleina Mitchel** of Quilcene H.S. and **Hailey Haralson** from Chimacum H.S.

Celia announced that the 3 recipients of last year's High School Scholarships qualified to earn the Sophomore Assistance Scholarship this year by maintaining a GPA of 3.2 or higher. They are **Anika Avelina, Madison Coffey and Rachel Matthes**.

**The STEM Awardees**, announced by Chris Walvatne will each receive \$100. They are: from PTHS **Willow Bennet, Hailey Galagher and Cristal Gomez-Cervantes**; from Chimacum HS **Tiffany Bell, Madison Burgess and Robyn Weaver**; from Quilcene HS **Natalie Lont, Stormie Elkins and Olivia Benson**.

Patt Ivers told us we have sent 60 girls to **Tech Trek** since 2013, including 8 this year, 4 from Port Townsend and 4 from Chimacum.

Families and guests were invited to stay or leave as we transitioned to the business portion of the meeting.

**President Catharine Robinson**, after noting that our endowment fund was begun in 1994 with contributions totaling \$7566, wanted to acknowledge some of those whose work made this event possible: Jean Stastny, Celia Fry, the Finance Committee, the Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee.

**VP of Finance, Yvonne Starkey**, reported that although the fiscal year- end is not until June 30, our total for the endowment fund now stands at about \$645,000.

**VP of Development – Lynn Myer** reported that this year’s virtual Home and Kitchen Tour netted \$9,773 and the Annual Appeal raised \$33,050 to date.

**Installation of UWF Board officers**

Michael Kubec, past UWF President, installed Catharine Robinson for another term as board President and Deb Diner as Secretary. Jean Stastny will be installed a later date for a second term as VP of Scholarships. Yvonne Starkey, and Lynn Myer each have another year remaining in their terms.

AAUW Branch Co-President Mary Biskup made several time-sensitive announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am

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