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OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND FOR MOLLOHAN SCHOLARS

new and graduating scholarship recipients from 18 counties. Representative Alan B. Mollohan, Mrs. Mary Hamm, and members of the Mollohan

ship Committee selected 35 students as High Technology Scholars. This competitive scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who plan on majoring in a technology related field.

West Virginia students who plan to attend the Fairmont State University Aerospace Program. The Teaming to Win Business Scholarship was awarded to Shawn Cain and Ashley Pitzatella. This scholarship is presented to West Virginia college students pursuing a degree in business administration and who have demonstrated leadership qualities.



Mollohan scholars learn about internship opportunities at the 2006 Scholarship Reception and Internship Fair.

by **Beth Michalec**

On April 21, 2006, the Robert H. Mollohan Family Charitable Foundation hosted its annual Student Reception and Internship Fair. Established in 2001, the reception recognized

Family Charitable Foundation board of directors recognized the students and presented them with small congratulatory gifts that will help them as they prepare for the next phase in their lives.

Additionally, Sarah Bringer and Jessica Bush were recognized as Mary Olive Eddy Jones Art Scholarship recipients. The winners must be West Virginia students who show a deep interest for art and have chosen to pursue a major in this field. Britany Keys and Telia Jones were honored as Martha Stuart Oden Scholarship award winners. The recipients must be seniors from Greenbrier East High School who are planning to attend college or to earn a post high-school degree.

In addition, Sonja Meadows was selected as this year's Helen Holt Mollohan Scholarship winner. This renewable, four-year scholarship is given to a young woman who plans to attend Glenville State College and exhibits strong character, integrity, service to the community, and concern for others. The John M. Murphy Scholarship was presented to Theresa Marsh from Pendleton County. She plans to pursue a degree in biology, ecology, or the environmental sciences.

Forty-two high school seniors, six current college students, and two graduating college students were recognized as scholarship winners. The Mollohan Family Foundation Scholar-

Members of the scholarship committee named Clarence Plum and Daniel Cox to the Mid-Atlantic Aerospace Scholars Program. The Mid-Atlantic Aerospace Scholars Program was initiated for

The Harry C. Hamm Family Scholarship was awarded to Mallory Zearott The

recipient must be a rising college sophomore, junior, or senior pursuing a degree in English, journalism, or communications. Applicants for this scholarship are from Brooke, Marshall, Ohio, or Hancock

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 Counties. Finally, one college student and one high school senior each received the John R. Spears Education Scholarship to pursue an education degree. Kyre-Anna Bartz was honored on the college level while Heather McIntosh received the high school award. All scholarships are awarded for students to attend a West Virginia college or university.

In addition to recognizing the scholarship winners,

the event functioned as a networking opportunity for students. Twenty-four companies hosted displays and representatives congratulated the recipients. The students also met with the company officials to learn about potential internship openings for the summer. Companies participating in the internship fair included: West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation, Office of Law Enforcement Technology Commercialization, Insti-

tute of Scientific Research, Vandalia Heritage Foundation, National White Collar Crime Center, Azimuth Incorporated, Innovative Management and Technology Services, Global Science and Technology, FMW Composite Systems, L3 Communications, Augusta Systems, Inc., EG&G Technical Services, Touchstone Research Laboratory, NASA IV & V, DSD Laboratories, Information Research Corporation, EWA Government Systems, ProLogic, Canaan Valley

Institute, MountainMade, Information Manufacturing Corporation, Galaxy Global Corporation, Man-Tech, and the Mollohan Foundation.

Through various scholarship and internship opportunities, the Mollohan Family Charitable Foundation continues its commitment to education and to students in West Virginia. It continues to "carry out a legacy by building a future for all generations." ■

WEST VIRGINIA WOMEN WORK! EMPOWERING CAREERS

Founded in 2001, West Virginia Women Work! is a non-profit organization

that helps women earn a living wage and enter into careers of their choice. West Virginia Women Work! serves women seeking a career change, single parents, or women who are displaced from their careers as homemakers. Striving to empower women to leave welfare, assistance, Medicaid, and low wage jobs, West Virginia Women Work! helps women become economically self-sufficient.

To achieve its goals, West Virginia Women Work! implemented a series of programs and advocates on behalf of women's issues. One key program, Step-Up for Women, provides direct training and employment for women entering construction occupations. Step-Up is a formal, intensive eleven-week training class followed by a job search placement period. The formal class is designed to teach

both basic construction and mechanical skills, and also to help women overcome many barriers to non-traditional employment. Women are also encouraged to be strong and physically capable of performing manual labor.

The main components of the Step-Up program include: physical conditioning; hands-on classes in areas such as carpentry, electrical, welding or special industry needs; resource classes including math review, introduction to union apprenticeships, guest speakers, job search skills, work discipline, field trips, and introduction to role models; and guidance and contacts to enhance graduates' job search, placement, and retention. Additionally, students are not charged tuition for the program, which allows participants to begin work after graduation without the burden of school debt.

The Mollohan Foundation awarded West Virginia Women Work! a grant for \$4,848 to provide hand construction tools, tool belts, and safety equipment for 24 graduates of the Step-Up program. At this point, West Virginia Women Work! has graduated 33 pioneering women in the skilled trades program and 91 percent are now working on residential structures, commercial building sites, and West Virginia state highways and bridges or have entered a union apprenticeship. These positions enable women to earn well above minimum wage and create a new life.

For more information about West Virginia Women Work! or the Step-Up program, please contact Janis Gunel at (304)-598-0114 or at <http://www.wvwomenwork.org>. ■



Teab Bayless, former program manager, left, presents West Virginia Women Work! with a Community Outreach grant. At center are Sarah Joslin, AmeriCorps-VISTA coordinator, and Janis Gunel, executive director of WV Women Work!



Anglers cast their lines at the 2006 Teaming to Win fishing tournament.

catches were released after being recorded by a guide.

First place received a johnboat with an electric motor. Second place was awarded a long gun. Third place was given a rod and reel combo. The prizes were donated by Wal-Mart in Weston.

The second and third place winners donated their prizes back to the West Fund. These prizes were later raffled at the conference. In addition to the \$2,400 generated from tournament entry fees, the raffle created an extra \$1,000 for the West Fund.

President/CEO of Azimuth, Craig Hartzell, participated in the event. He, along with a number of other employees at Azimuth, is a military veteran and supports the West Fund.

"The fishing tournament was the right thing to do for the right reason," Hartzell explained. "This just shows how close we are and how well we work together."

The event is expected to be held again in 2007, depending on the location of the next Teaming to Win conference. Hartzell predicted even greater success for the next fishing tournament based on the positive comments from this year's participants. ■

CASTING FOR A CAUSE

By Jennifer James

Twenty-four anglers cast lines in the lake at Stonewall Resort on May 31, marking the introduction of a fishing tournament to the Teaming to Win 2006 agenda. This was the seventeenth annual conference for Teaming to Win.

Each year, Teaming to Win sponsors this premiere regional conference advocating and advancing teaming among businesses and organizations to win contracts, provide services, or develop products.

Monica Lucente, human resources manager of the WVHTC Foundation, said the fishing tournament served as another networking tool at the conference for those who may not enjoy participating in the golf outing.

In addition to catching some prize fish, anglers contributed to a cause far more worthy than a new mantel trophy and bragging rights. All proceeds from the fishing tourna-

ment were forwarded to the General Randall L. West and Robin Lane West Emergency Fund for Severely Wounded West Virginia Veterans managed by the Robert H. Mollohan Family Charitable Foundation, Inc.

This fund was created by Retired Major General West to provide West Virginia servicemen and women, who have been severely injured while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, with a small cash gift to help cover household and emergency expenses until their benefits begin from federal programs.

At the tournament, there were 12 individual boats with two fishermen per boat. Members of the West Virginia Bass Club voluntarily served as the guides and judges for all boats. Corporate sponsor Azimuth, Inc. assisted in the organization and registration of the event.

The top three winners of the day made catches based on weight and measurement of fish. The winners were Dave Comstock 5.68 pounds, Randy West 2.80 pounds, and Mark Mahaffey 2.56 pounds. All

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

The Robert H. Mollohan Family Charitable Foundation Community Grant Program was implemented in December 2001 to support local community organizations that promote educational and cultural initiatives. The program supports small community organizations which encourage local projects and activities. The Community Grant Program began when the Committee on Community Outreach gave the first grant to the Calhoun County High School Band. As the Foundation continues to evolve, so does its ability to identify and reward organizations in need and to support projects that have an impact on the lives of West Virginians.

Agencies and organizations receiving grants thus far in 2006 include: West Virginia Women Work!, Kanawha County 4-H Leaders Association, Heartwood in the Hills, Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School, Minority Aviation Education Association, Inc. (MAEA), ORSANCO Educational Foundation, Harrison County Board of Education, Walkabout Company, LLC, Literacy Volunteers of Marion County, Crittenton Services, Inc., The Shack Neighborhood House, Inc., West Taylor Elementary "Bucks for Books", Lincoln County Agricultural Education Dept, Laughlin Community Center, and International Mothers Day Shrine, Inc. ■

SPEARS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

HEATHER DANIELLE McINTOSH

Education Status:

I graduated from Braxton County High School and will attend Glenville State College to pursue a degree in elementary education.

Role Models: I have always had the desire to pursue a degree in education. As I look back to elementary school, I realize that I idolized my teachers.

Why did you choose to pursue a degree in education?

I would like to pursue a degree in elementary education because of my love for children. If you are able to help one child, it is all worth it in the end.

Children need a good role model at a young age, and many children look up to teachers and think they are the greatest in the world. I want to be that person, the one they look up to and want to be like when they are older.

How will this scholarship benefit you?

I am in need of financial help to pursue this dream. Life has not been easy for me. This scholarship will be very helpful in pursuing my dream of teaching. It is much appreciated.

Future plans: Teaching has been a life-long goal and I plan to pursue that goal and give it all that I have. I want to touch young people's lives and help shape them into well-rounded young adults. Education is the best way for me to accomplish that.

KYRE-ANNA BARTZ

Education Status: I am a sophomore at Glenville State College majoring in elementary education with a specialization in English.

Role Models: My role models are those who devoted themselves to the expansion and improvement of education for children and adolescents. I admired many of my teachers in my public school career including my ninth grade English teacher. Also, I have always relied on my grandmother as a solid figure on whom to base my personal values and behavior.

Why did you choose to pursue a degree in education?

In my junior year of high school, I became a Read Aloud volunteer and a tutor for a seventh grade science class. Becoming a positive role model for youth gave me a future

outlook. I realized that teaching would be the only profession in which I would receive job satisfaction.

How will this scholarship benefit you?

This scholarship will benefit me financially. However, I believe the greatest benefit is the level of esteem and the respect that is obtained through becoming a Mollohan Scholar. I am very proud of having the opportunity to acknowledge myself as a John Spears Scholarship winner in references and on my résumé as he was a relevant influence for education in this state and in the nation.

Future plans: I will complete my undergraduate degree at Glenville State College. I desire to become a teacher in West Virginia and intend to pursue a master's in reading education at West Virginia University. ■



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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5, 2006 Seventh Annual
Robert H. Mollohan
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Golf Tournament