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Knott Scholar News

"Giving Back"

Thirty years ago, when he created the Knott Scholarship Funds, Henry Knott's hope was that "the best and the brightest" would be able to pursue a Catholic education and would then use their talents and skills to help the larger community. This issue of Knott Scholar News highlights two of our Council members who talk about working with the Knott Scholar Council as one of the ways they honor their commitment to Henry Knott's vision.

Harry Benjamin is a Knott College Scholar Alumni who attended Mount St. Marys University, graduating in 1997. He is currently married but has no children. Harry likes to watch and play sports, especially flag football and golf. He especially likes to watch baseball (Orioles), football (Ravens), college football (Maryland), and college basketball (Mount Saint Mary's). In a recent interview, Harry reflected on what the Knott Scholarship has meant for him.

"Being a Knott Scholar allowed me to fulfill my dream of going to college and being the first in my family to graduate. It changed my path in life because my

I have been involved with a variety of Knott Scholar Alumni activities throughout the years such as volunteer opportunities at Our Daily Bread and the various meet and greet events. I see the council continuing on with community building and charitable work. In the future, our goal is to get more scholars involved by offering a wide range of events that attract a more diverse group of scholars.

Knott Scholars can benefit the community as a whole by giving to others through time, effort, or money whenever possible. Scholars and Scholar Alumni can "pay it forward", giving back

The Knott Scholar Council strives to put the Catholic values of Henry and Marion Knott into action by fostering leadership in community and parish activities, and by creating opportunities for Knott Scholars to use their talents to benefit others.

college education helped to mold me into the person that I am today. A college degree also allowed me to get the job that I currently have and which I have had since six weeks after college.

Like many others, I volunteer on the Council so that I can give back to the KSF for the opportunity it afforded me.

for what they have received. Scholars can also become a resource for each other by offering assistance in looking for jobs and networking with other alumni, which is especially critical during these tough economic times."

Mia Scharper, a Knott Scholar who graduated from College of Notre

Harry Benjamin, MSM '97



Mia Scharper, CND '87

Dame in 1987, loves to read and write ... and to spend time with family and friends. She also looks forward to listening to live music, attending plays, traveling, and catching up on back issues of her favorite magazines.

Mia says, "I am very grateful for the Knott Scholarship I received just a years ago. My years at College of Notre Dame were marked by supportive professors who shared their wisdom, humor, grace, and love of learning -- inspiring me to teach and write, to learn and create, to work hard and pursue truth.

After graduating from CND, I received my M.A. in writing from Johns Hopkins University, and taught writing and literature courses at Notre Dame and Hopkins for about fourteen years. I'm currently a strategic communicator and project manager at a management consulting firm.

The Knott Scholar Council has been a part of my life for the last six years and it's given me the opportunity to help two struggling Catholic elementary schools, feed the homeless at Our Daily Bread, network with a wide range of current and former Knott scholars, share ideas in a warm and friendly environment, and develop lifelong friendships with other Council members -- all in just a few days a year!"

Former or current Scholars are welcome to join the Council. Please attend one of our Meet and Greet events, visit our Facebook: Knott Scholars (and Alumni), or go to www.knottscholar.org.



Coordinator's Comments

and donated to the school. These will help fill food baskets during Thanksgiving week for families in need. Ms. Marshall (the Principal) offered some closing remarks, thanking our group, and commend-

Fourteen scholars, sixteen parents/siblings, and three Council members attended our Crafts Night at Archbishop Borders School. Nearly thirty students from the school participated and all left with smiles, crafts to take home, and great memories. The group donated almost all of the materials back to the school! Non-perishable food, and gift cards to Santoni's and Wal-Mart were collected from generous participants



Current Knott Scholar Rebecca Driver gave up a week-day afternoon to participate in the Archbishop Borders School Craft Event. Here she shows elementary students crafting tips.

ing their service as an offering special for Lent, not just trying to "give up" something. Mission accomplished! Thank you for all your support, scholars!

Looking forward, we

hope that everyone will make the effort to attend our Spring service project on April 23 (Bingo) and April 24 (school wide clean up) at Archbishop Borders School. Information should have been sent o you previously, but if you need to know more, feel free to e-mail me anytime at wmacsherry@aol.com.

The Knott Scholarship Funds will turn 30 years old in 2011. To mark this event, we will be hosting a mass and reception for all scholars and their families next Spring. Details will appear in our next newsletter.

Finally, congratulations to all of our new scholars!

Announcing our new scholars!

2010 Elementary Scholars

This year, seven Marion Burk Knott Scholarships were awarded to students at the elementary level. Listed below are their names and the school they will attend.

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| Christa Campbell | <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> |
| Angela Estavillo | <i>St. Joseph School, Fullerton</i> |
| Annabel Lane | <i>St. John School, Severna Park</i> |
| Cecile McGarvey | <i>St. Louis School</i> |
| Sarah Petrunyak | <i>Sacred Heart School, Glyndon</i> |
| Paige Pisano | <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> |
| Joseph Sokoloff | <i>Resurrection~St. Paul School</i> |

2010 Secondary Scholars

This year, fourteen Knott Scholarships were awarded to students at the secondary level, ten from the Marion Burk Knott Fund and four from the Marion I. & Henry J. Knott Fund. Listed below are their names, the school they come from and the school they will attend.

Marion I. & Henry J. Knott Secondary Scholars

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| Abigail Baker | From : | Notre Dame Prep Middle |
| Erin Caubo | | St. Joseph School, Cockeysville |
| Clara Cecil | | School of the Incarnation |
| Benjamin Costello | | Resurrection~St. Paul School |
| Steven Gercken | | St. Margaret School |
| Rebecca Miller | | St. Jane Frances School |
| Jenifer Pajeroski | | Msgr. Slade Catholic School |
| John Scaletta | | School of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen |
| Emily Spaar | | Home School |
| Katherine Surine | | Sacred Heart School, Glyndon |

Marion Burk Knott Secondary Scholars

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| Daniel McGloughlin | Loyola Middle School |
| Porter Polcaro | Public |
| Benjamin Schiavone | St. Margaret School |
| Kathryn Tighe | St. John Regiona School |

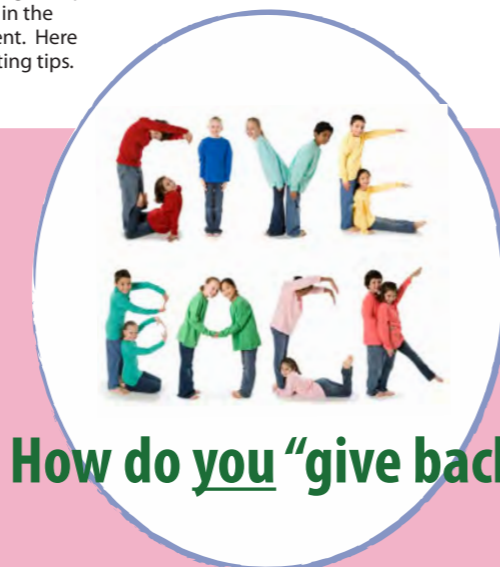
Directory of Scholars



In celebration of thirty years of granting scholarships, the Knott Scholarship Funds will embark on creating a new "Directory of Scholars" this year, to be published early in 2011. The directory will have contact information for both alumni and current scholars. Please take a minute to send us your updated information by e-mail or by sending in the "Scholar Reply" form on the back page of this newsletter.

Scholar Updates:

Meredith Pirone Cordisco (MBK, Mount St. Mary's, 2003) Meredith and her husband Michael welcomed their son, Sebastion Michael, on May 26, 2009. **James Schifianno** (MBK, Calvert Hall College HS, 1997) married Laura Armstrong on July 5, 2008 in Horn Chapel at Susquehanna University. James is now employed as an IT engineer at U of Md Dental School. **Marco Gentile** (MIHJK Loyola University Maryland '02) is now Director of Sponsorships for the NHL's Washington Capitals. He also teaches Sports Marketing at Loyola as an adjunct professor. **Andrea Fernandes** (MIHJK Seton Keough HS '06) graduated summa cum laude from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia and was the student speaker at graduation. She is starting a college search business, "College Trekker." **Jill Kohler** (MBK Notre Dame Prep '05) attends graduate school at U of Md, College Park for Civil Engineering. **Katherine Hunt** (MIHJK Notre Dame Prep '10) has been recognized as a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist.



How do you "give back"?

We each have our own talents and interests that steer us towards "giving back" in all sorts of different ways. How do you give back? As a school volunteer? At a homeless shelter? Fundraising for disaster relief? Whatever it is you do, we'd like to hear about it. Do you think the generosity of Henry Knott's gift to you has influenced how much and in what way you choose to "give back" to others?