

Scholars Honored, Donors Recognized

The 38th Annual Scholar and Donor Recognition Night

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The UW-Parkside dining hall was filled to capacity as scholarship recipients and their donors gathered to celebrate the 38th annual Scholar and Donor Recognition Night in September. It marked the largest awards banquet in the university's history. Keynote speaker, Dr. Gina Schueneman, a former UW-Parkside scholarship recipient, talked about her days as a medical student and



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about how well UW-Parkside prepared her for a career in medicine. Schueneman, currently a full-time faculty member and assistant program director for the American Osteopathic Association/University of Illinois-Chicago/Illinois Masonic Family Medicine Program, encouraged recipients to, "be proud to be here. Be grateful for your scholarships, and promise to work hard at your studies. Because one day they may take you exactly where you want to be," she said.

For many student-scholars, the evening was the first chance they had to meet the donor of their scholarship. For donors, it was the chance to put a face with the name of the individual who is benefiting from their gift. Peter Jensen, along with his sister and brother-in-law, provide a full-tuition, room, board and books scholarship to honor the memory of his daughter, Katharine Jensen, who died while she was a student at UW-Parkside. "While I no longer have an individual student to support at the university," Jensen said, "I do have a vested interest in improving the community where I live,

and that is best achieved by my support of the programs at Parkside. This is the only investment I can think of that has a guaranteed rate of return that brings riches to everyone."

The evening also provided scholarship recipients an opportunity to personally express their gratitude. Ryan Phillips, a 22-year-old father of two who receives the Filippone Memorial Scholarship was able to thank his donor, Janis Filippone, and let her know how much the scholarship means to him. "I work 48 hours a week and I am a full-time student," Phillips said. "This scholarship offers me a major stepping stone toward achieving my dream of becoming a mathematics teacher."



FIRST APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES MAJOR SET TO GRADUATE IN MAY

When a new major is announced it might be safe to assume that it will be a least a couple of years before the first graduate takes part in a commencement ceremony. Not so with the new applied health sciences major. Katie Krohn, Rock Island, Ill., is on schedule to graduate in May. Krohn had been pursuing a sport and fitness management major in preparation for chiropractic school.

When the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents approved the new major in June, Krohn noticed that she had already completed many of the required courses.

"The applied health sciences major came along at just the right time," she said. "It actually allows me to graduate a semester sooner than I had planned."

Besides being the first to graduate with the major, Krohn is also helping the university promote the new program. She is featured in a television ad that can be seen on many of the popular cable networks including MTV, VH1, ESPN, TNT, TBS, and FSN Wisconsin.



What is the future of the scholarship program at UW-Parkside? As tuition costs rise and state assistance continues to diminish, the ability to offer scholarship support – both need and merit-based – is of paramount importance to the campus. UW-Parkside donors benefit from the satisfaction of experiencing, first-hand, the impact their gifts have on individuals. For students, scholarship support can offer the means to achieve their dreams of a college degree. If you would like to become a scholarship donor, please contact me at jensen@uwp.edu or call 262-595-3245. You can visit the UW-Parkside scholarship web page at www.uwp.edu Keyword: *Scholarships*.