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# ANNUAL REPORT & YEARBOOK

**G S B A**

SCHOLARSHIP FUND



## About the GSBA Scholarship Fund

The GSBA Scholarship Fund awards educational scholarships to Washington State LGBTQ and allied students who exhibit leadership potential, demonstrate strong academic abilities, and who are actively involved in school and community organizations. Our scholars represent a diverse group of students who have dreams of making our community and the world a better place; and each of them possesses the skills,

### GSBA Scholarship Fund Mission

To invest in the education of a diverse group of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and allied students who have the capacity and vision to be the next generation of leaders working to create a better world for all.

talents, and dedication to make those dreams a reality.

GSBA realizes that today's students are tomorrow's leaders and is committed to supporting our community's future leaders by providing

financial resources, role-modeling and hope to outstanding LGBTQ and allied students, many who have no traditional means of support. In the 23 years of the GSBA Scholarship Fund, we have awarded over \$1.6 million to over 300 students. This year, we supported 44 scholars with \$230,000 in educational scholarships.

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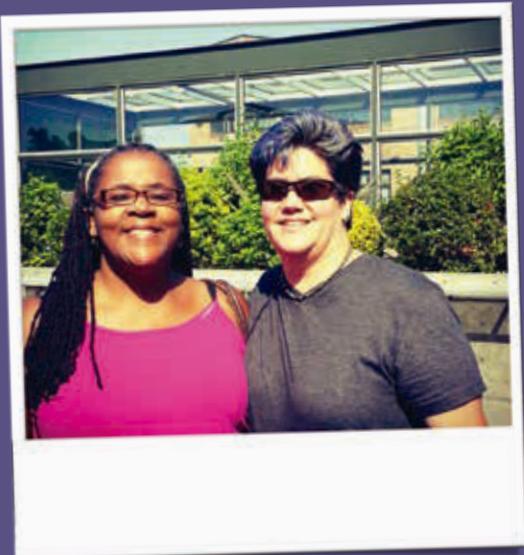
## Investing in our Future: former scholar, Lisa Rice, shares her successes.

Ten years after receiving her first GSBA Scholarship, Lisa Rice, is making a difference in the lives of students everyday. Graduating from Western Washington with a B.A. in English Literature and a minor in GLBT Studies and then a Masters in Teaching, she has found her home in Seattle's Franklin High School. Lisa says, "Franklin is a great school; everyone (staff and students) is very accepting of one another's differences."

At Franklin, Lisa does more than just teach 12th grade Language Arts and English. She is also an instructor for the UW in High Schools programs, which allows her students to earn UW credit while in high school. Lisa is the yearbook advisor and co-advises Franklin's Gay-Straight Alliance. It came as a surprise to Lisa, but not to those around her, that she was voted Franklin's Teacher of the Year.

In addition to the wonderful work Lisa does at Franklin High School, this year she volunteered as a GSBA Scholarship Interviewer. She said the process was very difficult for her and that "after reading their stories, struggles, and achievements I wanted everyone to receive the money." She went on to say, "it made me appreciate my scholarships even more. I didn't think that was possible."

Lisa currently lives in Lynnwood with her wife, enjoys spending time with her two grandsons and bowls in a mixed (gay/straight) bowling league. Her daughter expects to graduate from Evergreen State College this year, and she smiles as she recalls her daughter was just 11 years old when she received her first GSBA Scholarship.



# Dear Scholarship Fund Supporters,

Philanthropy, according to Merriam Webster's dictionary is "the practice of giving money and time to help make life better for other people" or according to my personal definition, the profile of a GSBA member and donor. How many membership organizations, especially those identified as chambers of commerce, would label their members philanthropists? Yet in GSBA, it is easy to use the term when referring to our members. For nearly a quarter of a century, LGBT small business owners and those who support equality for all have not let economic downturns prevent them from supporting LGBTQ and allied students. It is their steadfast support that has enabled the GSBA Scholarship Fund to not only maintain support for our students, but to continue to increase it so that in 2013 we were able to give out \$230,000 to 44 outstanding students.

Thank you, members and donors, for walking the talk of what it means to be a community. In GSBA we take care of our own, as we always have. The importance of education, a skilled work force and giving hope and encouragement to youth, is now embraced by the entire business community as essential ingredients for a thriving economy. In GSBA, this knowledge was understood, even as our chamber was in its infancy. Our members, often through personal past experience, have understood the long term effects of not having support. Instead of allowing past hurts to limit our empathy for supporting others, we have created a community of folks who are determined to not repeat history. We give back, pay it forward and are there for each other, and in GSBA, that includes our students. The GSBA Scholarship Fund has never been stronger. We are so proud to work for and with a business chamber in which philanthropy is one of our core pillars and investing in the next generation of leaders is a principle that guides our philanthropic decisions.



For the future

Martha Davis, 2014 Board Chair

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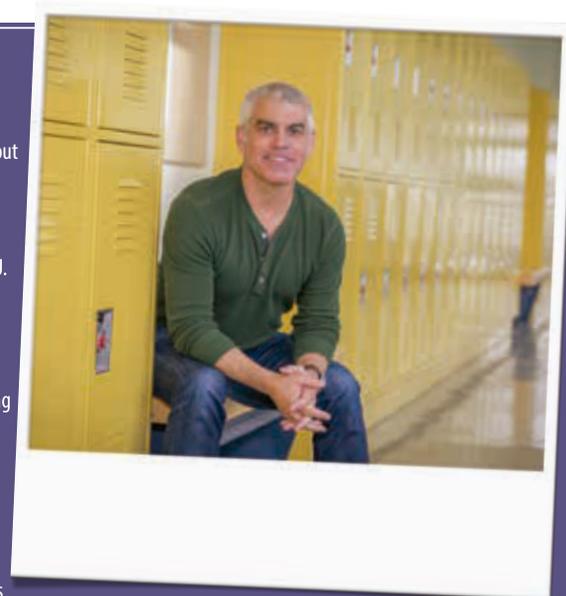
Mark Rosén, 2013 Board Chair

## Investing in our Future: Brian Lavery, GSBA Scholarship Fund Donor, share's his inspiration.

After many years of attending the TASTE of GSBA, Brian wanted to see how and where the money donated was used throughout the year. He attended his first Scholarship Dinner over 5 years ago and immediately wanted to do more. It was easy for him to remember what it was like when he was young. Growing up in a large family in Seattle, he knew that if he wanted to attend college he had to pay his own way. With his eyes set on a bright future, Brian began working in high school but didn't think it was immediately possible to afford college. He took a year off and worked two jobs to save up enough money to enroll at WSU. He continued working throughout college and often worked three jobs in the summers just to make ends meet. He received a few small grants, but it was a constant struggle to save money, continue to work and finish college.

Fast forward several years and Brian is a successful realtor able to give back to his community. As a GSBA Scholarship Interviewer, he says becoming involved and meeting the students has made a huge difference in his life. He says, "Interviewing puts it all into perspective. The time I give to the applicants and interview processes is very small in comparison to what these students have accomplished. Many have overcome huge obstacles in their life, yet they continue to move forward with their goals and aspirations." He goes on to say, "It is overwhelming to see the dedication our students have for serving their communities. Faced with hardships, the skills, talents and academic ability they have achieved is truly unimaginable."

Brian encourages everyone to participate in the interview process, attend the Scholarship Awards Dinner or spend big at the TASTE of GSBA to support our future leaders. He says, "It is clear to see what an impact these scholarships have for our scholars AND their family. Seeing parents at the Scholarship Dinner tear up when their child is recognized for their accomplishments is priceless. These scholars are the future to continue making our community and world a better place."



# 2013 TASTE - of - GSBA



**2013 TASTE of GSBA**

The annual TASTE of GSBA combines incredible food, delectable drinks, a local wine district and lively entertainment along with live and silent auctions to raise money for the GSBA Scholarship Fund. Member restaurants, bars and caterers are all highlighted at one of the swankiest events of the year.

Direct from Broadway! The 2013 TASTE of GSBA once again broke all records as over 820 guests raised more than \$584,000 for the next generation of LGBTQ and allied leaders.





**2014 Scholarship Awards Dinner**

From 17 to 49, from Bellingham to Vancouver, our 2014 scholars are attending community colleges, public and private undergraduate and graduate universities, here and across the country. Our community celebrated their accomplishments and aspirations at the Scholarship Awards Dinner with a record \$333,000.



**2014  
SCHOLARSHIP  
DINNER**

## Your Investment at Work: former scholar, Mel Picket, shares his successes.

Receiving GSBA Scholarships in 2006 and 2007 was only the tipping point for a long line of successes Mel Picket has seen over the years. After graduating from the Evergreen State College in Cell & Molecular Biology and Chemistry in 2008, Mel was hired as a Research Technician for the Endpoints Laboratory in the HIV Vaccine Trial Network (HVTN) at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Working under Dr. Stephen DeRosa and Dr. Nicole Frahm, some of the top HIV specialists, was an exceptional experience. Mel was fortunate enough to work on the Thailand RV144 HIV-1 vaccine, which was the largest HIV-1 vaccine trial and is the only HIV-1 vaccine to date that has shown any efficacy in preventing HIV infection. This project led to publication in the Journal of Immunological Methods.

Mel was recruited to join Dr. Gerald Nepom's lab in the Translational Research Department at Benaroya Research Institute (BRI) in April of 2011. There, he helped institute procedures to standardize the department's data to ensure integrity and reproducibility in flow cytometry. Additionally, Mel assisted in the development of cell-based assays and procedures, provided expertise in flow cytometric assays, and written SOPs. The data Mel has personally generated at BRI has led to several presentations at Immunology conferences, 7 grants funded by the NIH and private sources, and several pending publications.

Recently, Mel accepted a position with Juno Therapeutics, a clinical-stage company with novel immunotherapies that target antigens expressed on cancer cells. Juno's technology reprograms a cancer patient's own immune system to specifically detect tumor-associated proteins. These reprogrammed cells are then infused into the cancer patient and subsequently eliminate the targeted cells. Mel's job responsibilities include bioassay development and training others to perform different biological assays in accordance with FDA guidelines for new cancer therapies for clinical trials.

Additionally Mel finds time to volunteer with Q Youth Resources in Kitsap County and with the GSBA Scholarship Fund. He is engaged to be married and has never been happier.

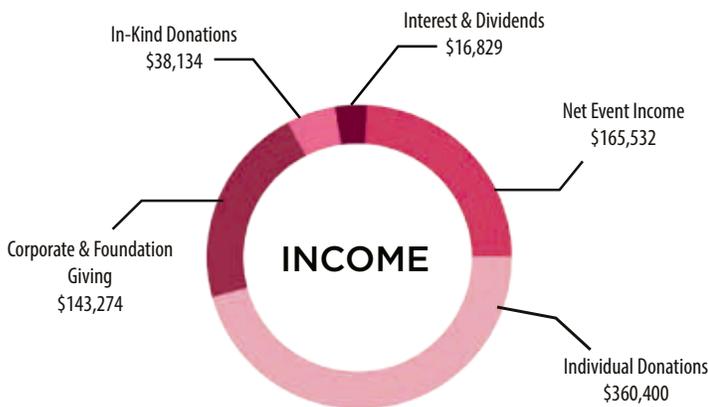


# 2013 GSBA Scholarship Fund Financials

### Income Statement

2013 Revenue	\$670,169
2013 Expenses	\$510,948
Net Revenue	\$159,221

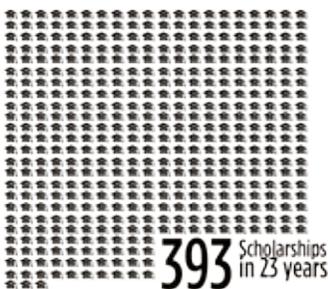
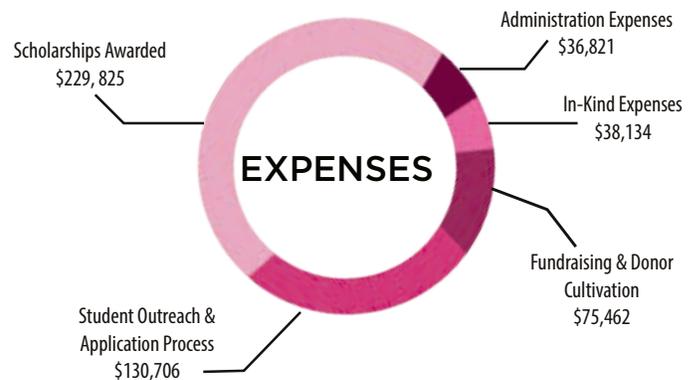
Scholarships Awarded \$230,000



### Balance Sheet

#### ACCOUNT BALANCES

12/31/2013	12/31/2012
\$ 2,252,247	\$ 1,984,976



44 Scholars in 2013

Over 1.6 million dollars in scholarships granted since 1990

Average Scholarship is \$5,227 dollars and continues to rise each year.

# Accomplishments & Goals

## 2013 Accomplishments

- Implemented a Scholar Engagement Policy to encourage current scholars to participate with the Fund and the Chamber. This policy was created by our Alumni Committee, which has grown over the past year. We have regained and maintained contact with former scholars and have involved current scholars.
- Increased attendance at the both the Scholarship Awards Dinner and the TASTE of GSBA. The TASTE raised \$124,000 more than any previous event.
- Continued to see an increase in involvement from our community. Over 100 volunteer interviewers reviewed 365 applications and interviewed 90 applicants.
- Supported our first ever graduate scholars. The board approved the expansion of the program to include funding for past GSBA scholars that are continuing on to graduate school. We believe this is an example of investing in our next generation of leaders. Graduate scholars received at least \$10,000 per year.
- Awarded \$230,000 to 44 amazingly bright and dedicated students. The amount awarded has increased each year since the Fund was founded in 1990.

## 2014 Goals

- Unveil a new level of corporate sponsorships. The Jewels of GSBA highlight companies that have included the Fund as part of their corporate philanthropy. These members support the chamber of commerce and the Scholarship Fund equally.
- Design and launch a new website to allow us to connect with current and potential donors and scholars.
- Articulate and document the Guiding Principles of the Scholarship Fund. Revisit policies and procedures to be sure these Guiding Principles are reflected.
- Better align the GSBA and GSBA Scholarship Fund brand by designing a new logo and collateral materials.
- Engage members of the Scholarship Steering Committee at a day-long retreat focused on sustainability and growth.

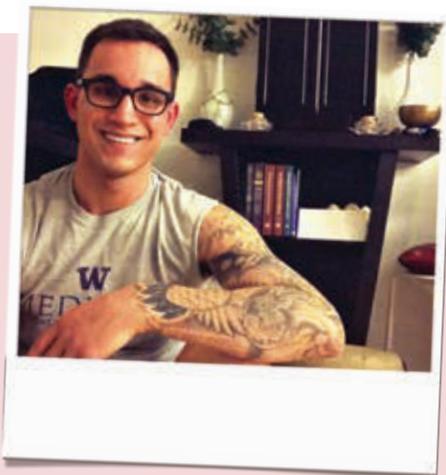
## Your Investment at Work: former scholar, Tyler Smith, shares his successes.

Tyler knows firsthand how difficult it is being gay within the foster care system. At the age of 11, Tyler's mother delivered him to the Department of Social and Human Services. It was the most excruciatingly painful experience of his life. He was losing his mother and entering a system that was not accommodating to LGBTQ youth. Yet, Tyler also states that he is very grateful for this experience, as he had the good fortune of eventually ending up in the home of an amazing woman named Berdie Williams.

Berdie not only gave Tyler unconditional love, nurturing, and support; she also taught him to love himself just the way he was. In her words, "Don't you ever wish to be something you aren't. You are an amazing person and not one part of you changes who you are. Love every aspect of you. It's who you are and you cannot change that."

Since receiving a GSBA Scholarship in 2007 and 2008, Tyler has been busy. He graduated from the University of Washington and went on to earn his Master of Social Work from UW. He works at the UW Medical Center as the Manager of Clinical Quality Improvement. Not only does he work full time, he is also a doctoral candidate in Health Sciences at A.T. Still University.

Tyler serves on the Board of Directors for the Pierce County AIDS Foundation and Oasis Youth Center. He remains close with Berdie and has recently begun providing emotional support and care giving as she progresses into old age. Tyler and his partner, Joseph, recently purchased their first home in Tacoma.



# 2013 GSBA Scholarship Fund Investors

The GSBA Scholarship Fund continued its success because of your support. Thank you for investing your dollars in the next generation of leaders.

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 Heather Coles  
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 Nikki Dickerson  
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 Steve Bryant & Michael Greer  
 Cynthia Buhr  
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 Zachary Carstensen  
 Josh Castle  
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# 2014 GSBA Scholars



**Carmel Aronson** (Corvallis, OR) – A social worker, Carmel is passionately engaged in the addiction recovery community and is returning to school to advance her knowledge in the field. She aspires to eventually combine her passion for social justice, addiction recovery, and holistic healing to support members of the queer community in achieving their full potential. Carmel fervently believes that liberation movements are the most successful when they are based on the strongest force in the universe – love!



**Heni Barnes** (Coupeville) – Growing up in Coupeville, Heni realized she was a lesbian in middle school and spent the next few years coming to understand herself. She started a GSA and organized the All-Island Rainbow Prom, connecting the three high schools on Whidbey Island and creating stronger awareness for LGBT equality. She plans on earning a dual degree in Geology and Geophysics in order to become a planetary geologist and work for NASA.



**Alik Brundrett** (Boulder, CO) – A web/graphic and user-experience design student at the Art Institute of Seattle, Alik has spent the last 8 years working in digital marketing, copywriting, and public relations. He frequently works with nonprofit and advocacy organizations, specifically those concerned with HIV/AIDS and transgender and women's healthcare providers. He will continue using his skills in digital media, communications, and design to assist public outreach causes. In his spare time, Alik is an active triathlete, marathon runner, and long-distance cyclist, and runs for causes such as the AIDS Life/Cycle, Race for the Cure, and the Race to End Blindness.



**Miki Cabell** (Hoquiam) – As woman of mixed heritage who walked the borderlands of two worlds, Miki was seldom fully accepted by either. As a child, she was deeply conflicted as a person of two cultures, and judged deeply for her sexuality. A three-time GSBA scholar, Miki is completing her Master's this year and will continue on to Whakatane Awanuiāranga, a Māori university in New Zealand, to earn a PhD in Indigenous Studies. She is deeply committed to being a voice, changing fear into promise and hope for her people in the future.



**Krystal Campagna** (San Jose) – Krystal is a Counselor for YouthCare, where she provides a helping hand to homeless youth in need. She knows firsthand the challenges they face, having gone through 23 different foster placements before age twelve and then becoming homeless at thirteen. The first woman in her family to attend university, Krystal has been advocating for herself and the LGBTQA community for as long as she can remember. She is pursuing degrees in Nutritional & Culinary Arts and Nutrition & Clinical Psychology from Bastyr University, with high hopes to one day open her own homeless youth facility.



**Audrey Chavarria Calderon** (Mexico City) – Born in Mexico, Audrey's family moved to Alabama in search of a better life. While in Alabama, he became aware of his identity as a young gay Latino man. Faced with the double challenge of a rising wave of anti-immigrant laws and a deeply homophobic community, his family then relocated to Washington. Currently studying Computer Science at the University of Washington – Tacoma, Audrey is a two-time GSBA Scholar and is one of the leaders of El Batallon Unido at the Rainbow Center. One of his deepest desires is to change his community and help others around him so that they don't have to face similar challenges by themselves.



**Maksym Dedushko** (Chernihiv, Ukraine) - Maksym won an exchange student scholarship at the age of 16 to study for a year in the US. Afraid to return to Ukraine and mandatory military conscription after coming out, he received asylum here in the United States. Currently studying at the University of Washington, Maksym is a double major in Chemistry and Molecular Biology. He has been accepted to a graduate program at UW and will pursue a PhD in Biological and Inorganic Chemistry. His dream is to do basic research that will lead to breakthroughs in the treatment of HIV and other infectious diseases.



**Dong Dinh** (Seattle) – A first-generation American and college student, Dong is studying Spanish and Communications at Western Washington University. His immigrant family continues to struggle to pay the bills and keep a roof over their heads, but, despite these struggles, he was able to go to college and find himself. He works hard to support fellow students by providing peer-to-peer mentoring and advocating for social justice. After completing his Bachelor's, Dong intends to earn a Master's in Student Affairs Administration to create a safer and more inclusive environment for underrepresented, marginalized and first-generation college students.



**Deanna East** (Lacey) – An activist, volunteer, educator, community organizer and mother of two, Deanna enjoys supporting people in creating lives they love. She has founded and run three independent programs for homeless and low-income students. She has co-founded and led several community organizations, including a Bisexual Women's Support Group in Lacey for the last seven years. Her current challenge is creating the time and resources to complete her Bachelor's at the Evergreen State College. This will be her first step toward becoming an administrator for an agency offering services to homeless or low income populations.



**Melissa Ebben** (Appleton, WI) – Melissa recently graduated with high honors from Everett Community College's nursing program. The week of her graduation, she ran a half marathon in 2 hours and 5 minutes. As the Political Liaison for the Student Nurses Organization, she organized book drives for the Seattle Books to Prisoners and spoke to hundreds of students about volunteering for the under served. She currently volunteers with forensic nurses as a victim advocate, and has been serving sexual assault and domestic violence survivors. After obtaining her Bachelor's in Nursing, she will continue on with a PhD program in hopes of becoming Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.



**Helena Farrell** (Olympia) – Living in a conservative environment has been a challenge for Helena, but has taught her to be a stronger person. She works to provide a safe environment for mentally disabled adults and, through her writing, she finds it possible to foster a safe environment for youth belonging to sexual and gender minorities. She is moving across the country to Burlington, Vermont to study Professional Writing at Champlain College. Through her writing Helena hopes to raise issues of representation for both the LGBTQ and mentally disabled communities.



**Miles French** (Seattle) – An openly gay triplet in a family of eight, Miles has been recognized as a leader among his peers through his work with the Congress of Racial Equality and his school's GSA. He was the captain of the Garfield High School swim team and competed in the state finals. He will attend Lewis & Clark College to study pre-med and then continue on to graduate school to become a licensed naturopathic doctor with a dual degree in Ayurvedic medicine.



**Jake Funkhouser** (South Bend) – Facing a rough time after coming out, Jake immersed himself in a variety of activities and worked to craft a safe space for himself. He successfully emerged as valedictorian of his class and served on the Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council. A two-time GSBA Scholar, he is studying Primate Behavior & Ecology and Psychology at Central Washington University, with the goal of working in a career in primate advocacy and animal behavior, social work or academic counseling.



**Rigoberto Garcia** (Valle de Banderas, Mexico) – From a small town in Nayarit, Mexico, Rigoberto's father threw him out of his home after coming out at age 17. He immigrated to the United States when he was 19 in hopes of finishing his schooling, but struggled to find the resources. Completing ESL classes at Seattle Central allowed him to earn his GED in 2005, and with the help of merit scholarships he enrolled at Highline Community College. He is now graduating with honors and transferring to Seattle University. His dream is to complete a Bachelor's in Accounting & Finance and to apply that knowledge to the LGBTQ community, especially those who struggle the most.



**Katy Imbrone** (St. Paul, MN) – Katy is a 25-year old returning student and three-time GSBA scholar. She is pursuing a BA/BS in applied mathematics and education at the Evergreen State College. Active in her community, Katy serves as a shop steward for the ILWU Local 5 and is engaged in various community organizations. Passionate about education reform, Katy plans to teach mathematics at the middle and high school level to help deconstruct the systematic tracking out of students from mathematical and technical fields. Katy plans to pursue a Master's in Teaching with certifications in secondary mathematics and humanities.



**MJ Juhre** (Greenacres) – MJ grew up in a small, conservative town outside of Spokane. They graduated from the University of Washington in 2013 with a BA in Psychology and a minor in Diversity. They founded an LGBTQ activist group, worked as a resident advisor and served with the queer mentor program. MJ now works as a behavioral specialist at Ryther, providing coaching and a safe, positive living space for children ages 6-14, many of whom are in the foster system and have experienced abuse and neglect. This year MJ will be starting their Master's in Social Work.



**Lane Kaiser** (Bremerton) – Raised in a small navy town, Lane graduated from Olympic College at age 18 and currently studies social work at Portland State University. He is a community educator and LGBT activist working on being a competent agent of change to benefit diverse communities. Growing up trans in a military town was dangerous and terrifying. Lane organized an all-inclusive prom for LGBTQ youth and their allies around the Olympic Peninsula. Lane says that if he can prevent one person from enduring the abuse he endured, then his work will have value.



**Chantelle Korver** (Rancho Cucamonga, CA) – Born and raised in Southern California, Chantelle is the first person in her family to attend college. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor's in Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine at Bastyr University, where she is proud to have received straight-As. She plans to complete her degree and continue on for a Doctorate of Naturopathic Medicine, with the goal of opening her own practice.





**Gavin Mast** (Olympia) – Throughout his life, Gavin has faced many challenges and hardships that have shaped him into the person he is today. All of the barriers in his way have sent him on a journey of self-discovery and exploration in finding himself, his passions, and the things that are important in life. With the power and potential to make a difference, he is embarking on a career path that will break down barriers of minority groups and improve equal access and the quality of life for people plagued by oppression and injustice.



**Landyn Pan** (Bothell) – As a trans person and Chinese immigrant raised by a single mother, Landyn has experienced marginalization and internal struggles much of his life. He works with Trans Student Equality Resources, creating viral infographics on trans terminology, youth and safe school statistics. He is a GSA leader, a photographer and a SIFF committee member. Last month Landyn was named to the 2014 Trans 100 list. His interest in societal impacts has driven him to pursue a degree in PR & Advertising at Chapman University, and he hopes to continue queer activism throughout his life.



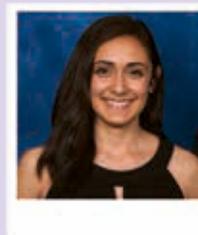
**Rafael Padilla** (Seattle) – Moving from the Philippines at age 7, Rafael was raised with his family's strict Catholic values and only recently came out to his parents. Around the same time, his mother came out with her own secret – their family's status as undocumented residents. Despite tears and obstacles, they are working through it. He founded his high school's math and science club, helped lead the Filipino club and committed 500 hours to environmental service. He plans on becoming a nurse practitioner to manage his own clinic focused on providing healthcare to disadvantaged and queer youth.



**Ashley Peers** (Snohomish) – Growing up in a small town in the Sky Valley has helped Ashley foster a great sense of civic duty. While she loves where she grew up, it was not always easy to be a young lesbian there. Now living in Bellingham, she has found her place within a larger queer community. A two-time GSBA scholar, Ashley attends Western Washington University where she is studying Biology. She plans to continue on to medical school and become a surgeon specializing in helping the queer community of the Pacific Northwest.



**Darlene Palmer** (Spokane) – A first-generation college student and four-time GSBA Scholar, Darlene is entering her senior year at Washington State University. She is committed to bringing visibility to Spokane's LGBTQ community. As a Hispanic lesbian, she is raising her daughter and stepdaughter to be proud, independent people who are true to themselves.



**Jazmine Perez** (Quincy) – Born and raised in what most people consider the middle of nowhere, Jazmine was a surprise to her parents and older brothers. A first-generation college student at the University of Washington, her goal is to become a psychiatrist and life-long advocate for mental health and sexual assault and relationship violence prevention. She enjoys physical activity and catching as many sunsets as possible, and hopes to pick up the violin before entering medical school.



**Mara Rae** (Tacoma) – Mara has been extremely active in the community and has long-standing dedication to the Oasis Youth Center, the Rainbow Center and Pierce County AIDS Foundation. She is completing her second year in the Molecular Biology Program at Tacoma Community College. Her goal is pursuing a career in medical research and working toward finding a cure for HIV/AIDS.



**Kyle Rapiñan** (Shoreline) – Overcoming homophobic family members and a period of homelessness, Kyle has overcome his rough start to shine as a community leader. Among other accomplishments, he was a lead organizer of Queer Youth Space. As a mixed-race and queer individual, he is very passionate about racial, economic and immigrant justice. After four years as a GSBA scholar at the University of Washington, Kyle is now a third-year law student at Northeastern University Law School.



**Zane Rapiñan** (Shoreline) – Self-identified genderqueer Zane faced academic repression and a repressive home life. They developed the self-determination to move out and gain their diploma early. To advocate for other gender nonconforming people, Zane initiated a non-binary breakout group at Ingersoll Gender Center, and they serve as the creative director of Trans Lives Matter. An engineering student at Seattle Central, they are active in Phi Theta Kappa and the Queer Straight Alliance. Passionate about transforming, improving and creating systems of empowerment in social justice movements, Zane has dedicated their career toward equalizing underprivileged communities' access to social and physical resources.



**Colby Rezayat** (Bainbridge Island) – Colby has always been proud of his Persian-American background and he is driven to be a strong mentor and educator. He attended Skagit Valley College and Western Washington University for his Bachelor's in Human Services. He worked for Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services as their education and prevention coordinator. He previously served as the President for Washington State PFLAG Council. Colby is currently attending the University of Washington for his Master's in Social Work and loving every moment of it, particularly with the company of his two pugs, Sadee and Bella.



**Zeena Rivera** (Des Moines) – Zeena is already a leader. She is the founder of Be! Magazine (an online magazine written by and for LGBTQ+ youth and allies), president of her school's underground GSA, and a student leader of the #keepmrz2013 movement raising awareness of LGBTQ employment inequality in Catholic schools. At school, Zeena is part of the International Thespian Society, National Honor Society and Campus Ministry. She aspires to affect social change through her interests in psychology and journalism, potentially as a university professor. She will be attending Seattle University in the fall.



**Julius Rodriguez** (Seattle) – A two-time GSBA scholar at the University of Washington, Julius will graduate next year and continue on to graduate school. He hopes to pursue UW's Queer and Sexuality Studies certificate program and follow an activist path involving both teaching and academic writing. He has committed his education to studying systemic inequalities and solutions from marginalized points of view. As a queer trans first-generation immigrant, he is invested in building political and interpersonal connections between marginalized communities. Julius was named the New Century Scholar of Washington State by Phi Theta Kappa and has also received the David Kopay GLBT Scholarship and a Pride Foundation Scholarship.



**Alberto Rodriguez-Escobedo** (Aguascalientes, Mexico) – Growing up, Alberto felt torn between his Hispanic heritage and American culture. In a delicate dance between these two worlds, he always felt like he lacked a vital piece of the puzzle, which just never seemed to click. The day he learned that he will never belong to one specific group allowed him to become one with himself. He realized that what he thought was a curse was a blessing, that he had the best of both worlds. Now he is pursuing a degree in Psychology to make sure that no one else feels hatred because of who they are.



**Cade Schmidt** (Ephrata) – When Cade was 15, he set his sights on a career in journalism. Now, after four years at Western Washington University, he has nearly completed his degree in Visual Journalism, with a second major in Studio Art. A three-time GSBA scholar, Cade currently works as the editor-in-chief of a school newspaper and has worked to establish ground rules for inclusive and respectful reporting on marginalized identities. He also worked to create a process that allows students and faculty to have their preferred name listed throughout the university system. After graduating, Cade will continue to be a champion for marginalized people with a career in media and photojournalism.



**Tyle** – A junior English major and Theater minor at Whitman College, Tyle is an editor for several campus publications including Whitman College's blue moon, quarterlife, and QUEERING. A visual artist, poet and playwright, Tyle crafts plays for Instant Play Festivals and one-act play competitions at Whitman, continuously building upon their directing, acting, design and gender illusion experience. Tyle assists with Feminists Advocating Change and Empowerment and their publication promoting awareness of sexual violence and gendered oppression and The Breaking Ground Monologues. Tyle also serves as an Artistic Chair for the GLBTQ Club and committee member for Whitman's annual DragFest.



**Alejandra Silva Hernández** (Vancouver) – Originally from Oaxaca, Mexico, four-time GSBA scholar Alejandra will soon be graduating from the University of Washington with a degree in Microbiology. This will be one of her proudest achievements, not only because of the rigor of her program of study, but because she will be one of the few women of color to complete it. Cancer research is incredibly important to Alejandra, as her mother has battled the disease for almost four years. She is currently working at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center as a translator, and has just accepted a position in a lab there to study the anti-carcinogenic properties of cruciferous vegetables.



**Cady Smith** (Eatonville) – In her final year at Pacific Lutheran University, three-time GSBA Scholar Cady says that her personal mission is to have her work give voice to those who have been silenced due to oppression. A small-town girl at heart, she is preparing to spend a semester abroad studying graphic design in Denmark. Cady has worked tirelessly to promote diversity and provide support for LGBTQ youth in rural communities like her hometown of Eatonville. She has big plans after graduating and aims to continue her work advocating for the LGBTQ community.



**Angela Tang** (Seattle) – The first in her family to attend college, Angela is passionate about social justice, economics and psychology. As a first-generation American, she struggled reconciling her Chinese-Vietnamese heritage while growing up in Seattle. Angela faced being disowned after coming out, but she persisted in hopes of being accepted. A two-time GSBA scholar, Angela attends Whitman College, where she is Co-President of their LGBTQ group. She hopes to continue to serve as a role model to the first-generation, LGBTQ and Asian communities. This summer Angela will be working as a fellow with the Washington Bus, where she will learn how to create progressive change through politics.



**Harley Tonelli** (Seattle) - Harley is a vocalist and guitarist currently studying Music Business & Management at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Harley works as a Peer Advisor for incoming students and a Student Government Representative, and is a Managing Member and DJ Trainer at the Berklee Radio Network. In the past, Harley served as a founding member of the gender and sexuality justice initiative We Need Queer Youth Space Seattle. Harley hopes to use their college education to further the visibility of LGBTQ+ artists in the music industry through a career as an artist manager.



**Parisa Yekalamlari** (Gig Harbor) – Parisa says that her hometown of Gig Harbor has gifted her with opportunity beyond measure. She is President of the REACH/WAYS Club at Gig Harbor High School, helping families with or affected by HIV. She teaches her peers about sexual health as part of Planned Parenthood’s Teen Council and her school’s AIDS Peers Educating eXchange. She was a Running Start student at Tacoma Community College. Parisa is moving to Manhattan in the fall to attend NYU, where she will major in politics and eventually become a civil lawyer. Through civil law she will fight to change the American judicial system to better protect marginalized people.



**Antony Xczar** (Milwaukie, OR) – The first member of his family to go to college, Antony is committed to a lifetime of service, dedication to the poor and to the institutionally disadvantaged. He has experienced real life challenges that he has overcome to help others, as well as himself. Antony’s goal is to help those who are most vulnerable in society, such as those who have experienced trauma and the elderly.



**Anthony Yun** (Bellevue) – A queer person of color, Anthony has often felt difficulty finding a position within his communities. A three-time GSBA scholar and junior at the UW Foster School of Business, Anthony is passionate about helping students reach their potential through professional development. On campus, Anthony enthusiastically gives tours, walking backward to help students move forward. He also serves with Out for Undergrad, connecting LGBTQ students across the country to supportive professional networks. He is the Future Business Leaders of America’s state champion in economics, management analysis and business decision making. His goal is a career designing, planning and improving global supply chains capable of providing quality low-cost medicine to expand HIV/AIDS treatments.



**Ruben Zecena** (San Salvador, El Salvador) – A queer Latino man, Ruben is a three-time GSBA scholar pursuing an English degree with a Women’s & Gender Studies minor at Washington State University. He worked to bring Delta Lambda Phi - a fraternity for GBT men – to his campus. He applies the academic theories he learns in the classroom to his real-world activism. He volunteers for Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse and the WSU Gender & Sexuality Alliance. He hopes to increase the visibility of queer and people of color writers in his lessons and provide his future students with the ability to recognize social inequalities and the importance of fighting for social justice.

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## How to get involved with the GSBA Scholarship Fund

### Apply for a GSBA Scholarship

We are looking for the next generation of LGBTQ and allied leaders making a difference in our community. Are you passionate about social justice and equality? Are you changing the world? Applications are available online in October and scholarships are awarded in May. Applicants must be a Washington State resident pursuing a post-secondary degree. Apply at: [thegsbascholarship.org](http://thegsbascholarship.org).

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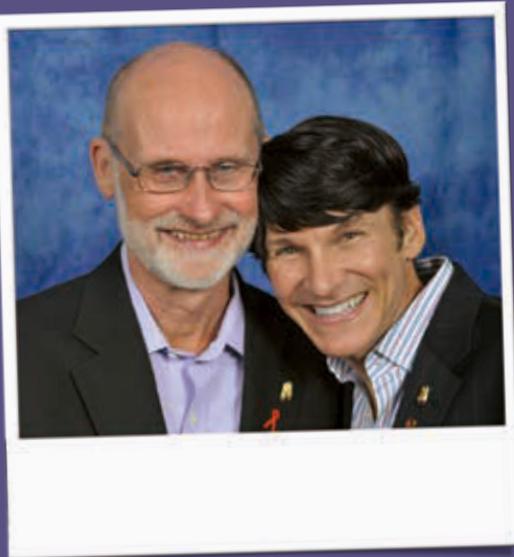
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### Investing in our Future: Dana Snyder and Bob Rhodehamel, GSBA Scholarship Fund Donors, share their inspiration.



Both Dana and Bob have shown their own commitment to people who are HIV+ through a private foundation they established in 2000. Their foundation has provided funding for organizations that serve the HIV+ population in Seattle, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Indiana. While living in Indiana, Bob was very active in an AIDS support organization and co-founded an organization that has developed many hundreds of units of affordable housing for special needs populations. Recently Bob has joined the GSBA Scholarship Steering Committee.

Given their passion, it was no surprise that when they attended their first GSBA Scholarship Awards Dinner in 2011, they were blown away by the scholars' hopes and dreams to change the world. Even more they were delighted to hear that so many students had career aspirations of helping those living with HIV and AIDS.

After much discussion they concluded that the most compelling fund they could establish would be one to encourage studies that would lead to, or continue, a career serving people who are living with HIV and AIDS. Bob and Dana's new scholarship is called the Future Ribbons Scholarship. Future Ribbons refers to the red ribbons that were first worn in 1991 to symbolize one's awareness of, compassion toward, and commitment to people living with AIDS and their caregivers. The Future Ribbons Scholarship Fund pledges \$10,000 annually to one or more students who are committed to studies that will prepare them for a career helping those living with HIV and AIDS. These studies may be in the areas of supportive services, advocacy, or to finishing the dream of finding a cure through research. Each scholarship recipient will symbolize a future ribbon.

Since its creation, four Future Ribbons Scholarships have been awarded to students who will undoubtedly go on to make a difference in the lives of people. Bob and Dana say, "As is the case with all of the GSBA Scholars, our Future

Ribbons Scholars have such passion for their fields of study. They are so smart, and their enthusiasm is amazing. It is obvious that they want to help people and position themselves to make a real difference in the world. In our case this of course involves helping those with HIV/AIDS. It is so clear that investing in them will make a huge and beneficial difference."

Dana and Bob have gained so much from participating with the Scholarship Fund. They both agree that the Scholarship Awards Dinner is the highlight of their year. Beyond the wonderful interactions with the scholars, they have met incredible people within the GSBA Community. Their involvement with the Fund has been so uplifting that they encourage everyone to participate with the Scholarship Fund. They go on to say, "We definitely feel that we get just as much—and perhaps more—as the scholars themselves. We have felt so much more optimistic about the future since we found GSBA."



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The Greater Seattle Business Association is much more than a chamber of commerce. For the past 33 years, philanthropy has been integral to GSBA and its members. The GSBA Scholarship Fund has continuously received support from GSBA members and corporate partners. This year, to highlight the importance of corporate philanthropy and the need to invest in a diverse workforce, we launched the GSBA Corporate Jewels. These are exclusive sponsorship levels that showcase corporations that support both the GSBA Chamber and the GSBA Scholarship Fund equally. These Jewels know equality is good business and believe in investing in both current and future leaders.

Diamond:



Microsoft's John Payes and Frank Holland present a check to GSBA Microsoft Scholar Audrey Chavarria Calderon and GSBA Board Chair Martha Davis.



Emerald:



The smiling staff of 1st Security Bank.



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Kevin Baldwin of PwC presents Landyn Pan with a 2014 GSBA Scholarship.

