

Associate Council Scholarships Awarded to the Best and Brightest

The Mid-Year Forecast Luncheon is also the venue for recognizing and awarding scholarships to deserving students whose parents are members of the GHBA. This year the council received \$6,000 in donations from GHBA members and councils for 2010. Debbie Silver with DuPure International, the 2010 Associate Council Scholarship chairperson, announced this year's winners. They are:

Alaina Anderson, daughter of Jill and Richard Anderson. Richard is employed with David Weekley Homes. Alaina will be attending her second year of college at Texas A&M University. Alaina is a Chemistry major and ended her first year of college very strongly with a GPA of 4.0. As an intern in Weekley's land department, Alaina was described as a young woman who jumps in to help out with any task from the mundane to the challenging. David Hale, VP at Weekley says that he has rarely met a student employee upon which he could rely as much as Alaina. After her degree in Chemistry, Alaina plans to attend medical school.

Skylar Simons, daughter of Renae and Bill Simons. Bill is employed at 84 Lumber. Skylar graduated from Friendswood High School with a 3.9 out of 4.0 GPA. Skylar was eager to pursue fine arts at the University of Texas in Austin, but has since added pre-law to her courses, having served as an intern in Senator Mike Jackson's office. Skylar is also the academic advisor for Kappa Delta sorority. Skylar's counselor put it best by writing, "what sets Skylar apart from other young people today is her personal dedication to the highest academic, extracurricular and personal moral standards." Skylar is now working a summer internship in Governor Perry's office.

Jenna VonHofe, daughter of Steve and LaDonna VonHofe. Steve is the president of Taylor Morrison Homes. Their daughter Jenna attended Foster High School in Richmond with a final GPA of 4.0. Jenna's counselor at school says she is the epitome of excellence in action, constantly surpassing teacher, peer and community expectations. Jenna will attend the University of Texas at Austin next year and plans to major in Science.

Casey Bemis, daughter of Leslie King with Greymark Construction. This is the second year Casey as been awarded a GHBA scholarship. She attended Tulane University this past year with a 3.48 at the time of application. Casey is majoring in Architecture. Casey graduated from Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart. Casey says that ever since she was a little girl she has been interested in building, following her mom to the blueprint store or picking out wood for a job site. Once she earns her degree she hopes to come back and apply her talent to our

building industry here in Houston.

Hannah Ramirez, daughter of Sarah and Roland Ramirez. Roland is employed with Lucias Oak LP. Hannah is enrolled at Texas A & M, following a trail her father blazed many years ago, and is in pursuit of her master's degree just as her father earned. Hannah is a Psychology major working toward a career as a Christian counselor. Hannah's teacher, Sandra Westcott says that Hannah is mature and not led by popular opinion, is unassuming and polite and quietly goes about her day doing what is right, taking the time to extend a smile or a helping hand. Hannah graduated in the top 20% of The Woodlands High School and will be returning to Texas A&M in the fall.

Marsha Stripling, daughter of Sharon and Mark Stripling. Mark is employed with Simpson Strong-Tie. Marsha graduated last year from Tomball High School, fourth in a class of 595. Marsha has been attending Lone Star College getting her basics out of the way, in her pursuit of a nursing degree from Texas A & M Nursing School. While at Lone Star, Marsha maintained a 4.0 GPA and is looking forward to campus life at A & M. With her Bachelor's degree in Nursing,

Marsha plans to work locally in hospital patient care, bringing not only her knowledge but a caring face to those she encounters. One of Marsha's teachers says that Marsha "possesses an ethical compass that is exact and unwavering in its direction. Marsha knows who she is and what she stands for."



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