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Annual JSA Foundation Luncheon and Board Meeting Set for May 8, 2008

JSA Foundation Scholarship Awards for 2008-2009 will be presented at the annual foundation luncheon on Thursday, May 8, 2008, noon, at the MTSU Foundation House. The Foundation Board of Directors will meet following the meeting. For luncheon reservations, contact Andrienne C. Friedli, JSA Foundation Vice President, at acfriedli@mtsu.edu or 615-898-2071.

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Dan Scott Retires from JSA Foundation Board

After serving fifteen years on the June S. Anderson Board of Directors, Dan Scott is retiring in May 2008. Much of that time, Dr. Scott served as treasurer for the foundation.

Having retired from the MTSU Chemistry Department in 1992, Dan was elected to the JSA Foundation Board in 1993. He says that he agreed to the position because he knew about the good work of the foundation. Dan was a longtime colleague and friend of June Anderson: "She talked to me about setting up the foundation, so years later when Ayne Cantrell, then president of the board, asked me to serve on the board, I felt it was a good thing and was glad to do it." He was also happy to take on the role of treasurer, which he humbly says was "no big deal." Board members, however, know how much time and care Dan has taken with his treasurer's duties and are truly appreciative of his exemplary years of service.

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Dan Scott bids farewell

Three Scholarships Awarded

Twenty-three people attended the annual June S. Anderson Foundation luncheon at the MTSU Foundation Reception House on May 10, 2007, in honor of three recipients of 2007-2008 JSA Foundation Scholarships. The 2007-2008 JSA Scholars are **Jessica Arndt**, **Erin Meaker**, and **Sara Serati**—all students at Middle Tennessee State University. Each received awards of \$2,000 per semester. Ms. Arndt is a sophomore majoring in Aerospace Administration. Ms. Meaker, an honors student and Philosophy and Anthropology major, was also awarded a JSA Scholarship last year. Originally from Iran, Ms. Serati is a Chemistry major and received her U.S. citizenship in 2007. All three women expressed their sincere appreciation for being awarded scholarships.

The JSA Scholarship, an award of at least \$1,750.00 per semester, is renewable each semester as long as the student remains in good standing as an undergraduate at MTSU. The deadline for applications for the JSA Scholarship is March 15. Application forms are available at the June S. Anderson Women's Center, 204 James Union Building, MTSU. Applicants must be 23 years of age or older and must be preparing for careers in nontraditional fields for women.



Left to right Scholars Erin Meaker, Sara Serati, and Jessica Arndt

How Can We Assure the Continuation of June Anderson's Vision?

by Julie C. Hawkins

In her day, it was nearly impossible for women to defy stereotypes and pursue nontraditional vocations. Professor June Anderson set out to make a difference by providing women with the encouragement, guidance, and support for which she had so assiduously strived: **Choice. Opportunity. The World.** *Continued on page 3*

In Appreciation

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c/o Dr. Mary Magada-Ward
P. O. Box 073, MTSU
1301 E. Main Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Where Are They Now? News of Our JSA Scholars

Amelia Jane (Janie) Jennings Becker, 2005 MTSU graduate. Janie currently works as a conservation biologist in the Environmental Office of the Tennessee Army National Guard where she manages all natural resources related issues on all TNARNG properties across the state and in Northern Georgia. While noting that her current position gives her "excellent career training," Janie plans to pursue advanced studies on plant/fungal interactions or sustainable agriculture within a few years. She writes of the JSA Scholarship that "In addition to the much needed financial support, the JSA Scholarship provided a tremendous boost to my intellectual self-esteem as it helped me to be proud of what I had accomplished despite any difficulties I might have faced."

Angela A. Chuchola, 1985 (B.S.) and 1990 (M.S.) MTSU graduate. Angela currently heads a project at Monsanto Company (in St. Louis) that tests transgenic cotton for protection from insect damage. She hopes to "continue doing research in agriculture until my retirement." Angela writes of the JSA Scholarship that "In addition to financial support, I also appreciated the moral support to continue my education."

Teresa Lynne Hinger Caples, 2001 MTSU graduate. Until quite recently, Teresa had been working as a Research Analyst II for Pediatric Research at Vanderbilt Medical Center. Beginning last fall, she has been pursuing a Masters in Bioethics and Public Policy at Loyola University in Chicago. In this way, Teresa hopes to "continue to work with behavioral studies in the underserved populations and promote change through policy makers and the media." She writes of the JSA Scholarship that "JSA was immensely important. It gave the financial support which I truly needed. Just as important—the emotional support that said I had the confidence I could achieve something in life. You were 'investing' in me."

Diane Fox, 1985 MTSU graduate. Diane teaches graphic design and photography in the College of Architecture and Design at the University of Tennessee. She is also a working artist whose photographs have been exhibited most recently at the Erie Art Museum. Happily, she would "like to continue the work I am already doing." Diane writes of the JSA Scholarship that "I was quite poor at the time being a single parent of a small child. The money you gave me helped me make ends meet."

Theresa (Terri) L. Hogan, 1995 MTSU graduate. Terri currently works as the National Park Service Ecologist at the Stones River National Battlefield. She also serves as President of the Tennessee Exotic Pest Plant Council, Steering Committee Member of the Eastern Native Grass Symposium, and member of the JSA Foundation Board of Directors. In terms of her long range goals, she would like to "return to being a self-employed botanist at large." Terri writes of the JSA Scholarship that "It was essential to my ability to return to school when my children were very young and pursue a degree in biology."

Emily Anne Dayton Kelly, 1973 MTSU graduate. Emily is the Technical Section Manager of the State Revolving Fund Loan Program, State of Tennessee. Characterizing her position as "personally fulfilling," she plans to "continue to work with the SRF Loan Program." Emily writes of the JSA Scholarship that "It enabled me to get a well-paying and personally fulfilling job. It helped me when I needed the most help."

Erin Frances Meaker, current JSA Scholar majoring in Philosophy and Anthropology. Erin's career goals are "to earn my doctorate and to continue researching internet social systems and their effects." She writes of the JSA Scholarship that "The Scholarship has been essential! Without it, I would have had to take another job to pay tuition, which would have split my focus a great deal."

Elizabeth Jane Patterson, 1985 MTSU graduate. Elizabeth is the Operating Room Nurse Manager for Southern Joint Replacement Program. She has also spent twenty years as an army nurse in the US Army Reserves, most recently completing an eighteen month active duty tour that included five months spent at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. She has received both an Army Commendation Medal and an Army Achievement Medal and will soon be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the 420 3rd US Army Hospital, Army Reserves. Elizabeth writes of the JSA Scholarship that it "boosted my self esteem and improved my self-worth. It helped me realize that my potential goals were not insurmountable."

Jill Roberson-Blatt, 2003 MTSU graduate. Jill is a Board Certified Physician Assistant practicing in Smyrna, TN. She also writes grants for HIV outreach to women, children, and minorities. Eventually, she aims to become a public representative/advocate for HIV funding to our state government in the hopes of establishing a Women and Children's HIV Clinic, Food Pantry, and a program for financial freedom. Jill writes of the JSA Foundation Board that it was "crucial. Without the scholarship, I would not be where I am today."

From the President, 2008

I started teaching in the Philosophy Department at MTSU in 1993. I was a brand new Ph.D who felt like she had won the lottery when I was asked to join the department here. While I am still the first and only female philosophy professor at MTSU, I have been privileged to work with very supportive colleagues who, to a man (!), consider themselves feminists and who are committed to a vision of philosophy as a pluralistic, inclusive, and welcoming enterprise. As grateful as I have always been for this, however, I had nevertheless assumed that the culture of my department was the norm and that the days when the notion of a "woman philosopher" was considered to be an oxymoron were ancient history. I recently learned otherwise. Along with eleven other women who work in American philosophy, I have been invited to participate in a three day, twenty-four person symposium at another university in April. To my shock, the director of the symposium has been criticized for "giving in to political correctness" because there are an equal number of female participants. (I guess one or two "tokens" might be ok.) Ironically, this criticism has come from (male) philosophers who work on pragmatism, a school of thought committed to the amelioration of social problems.

I relay this anecdote both because I am still somewhat taken aback by it and because it illustrates the ongoing need to resist complacency in the struggle for gender equity. It has been tempting for me to believe that this is all but won and that the days when young



Mary Magada-Ward (Left)
President
Ayne Cantrell (right)
Past President

women were routinely discouraged from entering nontraditional fields are far in the past. (I suspect that this is why so many of my students believe that feminism is no longer relevant.) Nonetheless, as disappointing as it is, it is clear that there is still a pressing need to encourage and support young women whose passion for knowledge leads them to nontraditional areas of study. Even in 2008, there is thus still a pressing need for the JSA Scholarships.

We at the June S. Anderson Foundation are extremely appreciative of the support that the readers of this Newsletter continue to provide to the women whom the Foundation benefits. It is one way to follow June Anderson's lead and "do something for women." As always, I welcome your suggestions for our efforts to carry on June Anderson's mission.

Sincerely,

Mary Magada-Ward
President of the Board of Directors
JSA Foundation
MTSU Professor of Philosophy

How Can We Assure the Continuation of June Anderson's Vision?

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June successfully gathered several like-minded professors and professionals to help her transform her vision into reality. Since 1982, academic and vocational opportunities for women have improved significantly, yet needs still remain. As we must pass the proverbial torch to the next generation, we will have leaders who know June Anderson by name only. It is now critical that the Foundation explore new fundraising methods in order to assure continued awareness of June and her mission.

PLANNED GIVING

There are many ways that you can make a gift through your will or living trust. The easiest method is allocating a specific amount or percentage of your estate to the JSA Foundation. We suggest the following language for use when your attorney is drafting or amending your will:

I give and bequeath to the JSA Foundation of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, [the sum of _____ dollars] or [_____ percent of my estate], to be used as a contribution to the scholarship fund account.

Although we do not require to be informed of the amount or percentage, we would appreciate your acknowledgement of participation so that we can recognize your participation. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Julie Hawkins at (614) 395-3759 or email jhawkins@hcihr.com

Every contribution, regardless of the amount or method, is deeply appreciated.

To: JSA Scholarship Board of Directors

Date: _____

Re: Planned Gift

Yes, I want to help the JSA Scholarship continue in the years to come by adding the JSA Scholarship fund as a beneficiary in my will or living trust.

This is not a legal agreement and your information will not be used for any other purpose.

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Please complete and send this to: **JSA FOUNDATION**

c/o Dr. Mary Magada-Ward
Middle Tennessee State University
P. O. Box 073
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

We appreciate your participation!

Dan Scott Retires

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Dan describes his work with the foundation as a "pleasure." He has especially enjoyed the people on the board and meeting the scholarship students. "Seeing recipients of the scholarship complete degrees and become successful," Dan says, "makes time spent on the board worthwhile."

Retiring from the university and now retiring from the JSA Foundation Board doesn't mean that Dan is retiring from life. He and his wife Margaret are seasoned travelers both in the United States and around the world, and they continue their love of gardening and participating in the Mid-State Irish Association where Dan has leadership responsibilities. Moreover, Dan has the family farm in Lincoln County to oversee and his membership in the Rutherford County Retired Teachers Association to keep him busy.

Always dependable and dedicated to the foundation's mission, Dan will be missed on the JSA Board. We thank him for his loyal service and wish him well. Dan, we will also miss your loving, and often humorous, anecdotes about June.



Scholar Sara Serati and her mother



Congratulations!

Andri Friedli and Scholar Jessica Arndt



Scholar Erin Meaker



Scholar Jessica Arndt, Andri Friedli, and Terry Hogan
(former JSA Scholar)



And did you hear the one about...
Board members Doris Bybee
and Julie Hawkins



Details, details!
Paul Kuhn of Woodmont
Investment Counsel

What the June S. Anderson Scholarship Meant to Me

by Terri Hogan, 1992-1995 JSA Foundation Scholar

Receiving the June S. Anderson Scholarship for Women allowed me to thrive in the university environment, assured my success at Middle Tennessee State University, freed me to spend the time with my young children that they needed, and provided me with the support necessary to truly begin my professional career.

As a returning student, I had many challenges before me. It had been years since I had been in school. I was entering a field of study that I knew would be difficult for me. I had always been drawn to the creative arts. Now I was beginning a course of study in the sciences. When I started school, I was working 30 hours/week to help provide for my family. My children were two and four years old at the time and in need of both their mother and father's time and attention. Although I had the full support of my partner, Jim, the demands of a full-time college schedule, nearly full-time employment, and motherhood put a tremendous strain on our family.

Receiving the JSA scholarship greatly reduced that strain by reducing my family's financial burden. This award exemplifies the statement that "time is money" because, to my family and me, the JSA Scholarship was time's equivalent. I was able to be at the university more during the day working in labs, the library, in study groups, and on an undergraduate research project. This meant that when I returned home to my children, my attention was completely theirs. I must also acknowledge the role that the Department of Biology's supportive environment played in my success at MTSU. There I found a faculty willing to go out of their way to support a serious student. I gratefully maintain many of the connections that I developed there.

Receiving this scholarship substantially facilitated my professional development. As a result of the JSA scholarship, I was able to pursue opportunities in my field of study that did not pay as well as my former job. However, these opportunities provided me with invaluable experience and began the development of a professional network that I have depended on and benefited from since that time.

I can never adequately express my gratitude to the JSA Foundation board for selecting me as a June S. Anderson Scholarship recipient. I am indebted to this group for providing me with this life-changing opportunity. Now in 2008, I sit on the JSA Foundation Board and am grateful for this chance to serve the Foundation and to support women students as I was supported many years ago.