

# Club Scholarship: Heads of the Class



## ■ Five children of Club Members are awarded Club Scholarships for 2007. Congratulations to them and their families!

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — The Club is pleased to announce the winners of the Club's annual Scholarship Program, for 2007.

### Here are the recipients of the five scholarships:

- **Brittany Grove**, daughter of Jennifer Quarterman, Child Care Director, Rec and Parks, attends Southern University, Baton Rouge, La., and receives the Club's top stipend of \$3,500;
- **Erik Stanton**, son of Andrew Tiedge, Rec and Parks, and Erika Tiedge, LACERS, will attend Cal State Long Beach in the fall, and receives \$2,000;
- **Sabrina Barbosa**, daughter of Ricardo Barbosa, Convention Center, attends the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., and receives \$1,000;
- **Mindy Leyvas**, daughter of Albert Leyvas, DWP, will attend Biola University in Whittier in the fall, and receives \$500; and
- **Jacqueneé Polee**, daughter of Alan Polee, Rec and Parks, will attend UCLA in the fall, and receives \$500.

The Club sincerely congratulates all five recipients for their success and hard work. The Club thanks all 45 entrants and wishes them all the success in the world.

### Here are profiles of the five recipients:

#### Brittany Groves

Recipient of \$3,500 award



"The greatest priority in my life continues to be to strive for excellence in academics," Brittany wrote in her personal essay. "There is no doubt that life will be complicated, regardless of the situation, but I have realized that without the education ... articulating one's thoughts in a well-organized pattern would be unnecessarily difficult. Being the first in my immediate family to pursue a higher education, I have the implied responsibility of achieving a prestigious career that will help set high standards and encourage my younger siblings to follow in my footsteps."

Brittany, a freshman at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., was on the Principal's Honor Roll all four years in high school, where she also played basketball all four years (and was co-captain for the City championship team) and was in the National Honor Society.

She was an after-school tutor, a volunteer for the Salvation Army, and a member of the Young Black Scholars.

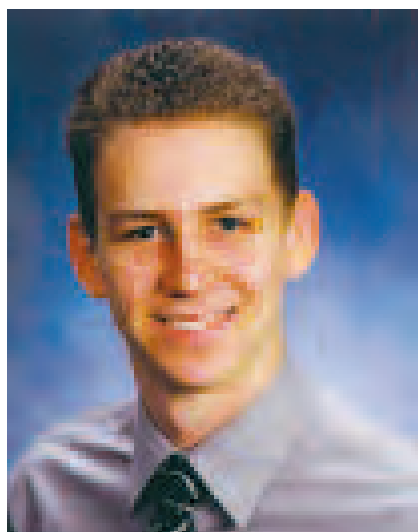
She is also a Rec Assistant with the City during the summers, and received a Tom Bradley Scholarship.

"And although I have always been self-motivated to reach perfection in everything that I have applied myself to, I must give credit to my mom, too. She has always emphasized the importance of education and helped me to accomplish whatever goals I've set.

"As a prospective recipient [of the scholarship], I am truly grateful for any financial assistance I am able to obtain to fulfill my lifelong aca-

#### Erik Stanton

Recipient of \$2,000 award



"I am proud of my achievements and know that they will benefit me, my family and my community in the future," Erik wrote in his application essay. "I am especially proud of my achievement as a tutor and am amazed that I was able to motivate three boys, get them focused on their schoolwork and improve their grades."

Erik, a member of the LAFD's Fire Explorer Program who wants to be a fireman, graduated with honors from Eagle Rock High School. He was also a poll worker for a recent election, an intern on a political campaign and has taken part in the Great L.A. River Cleanup.

But perhaps his greatest contribution is taking care of his grandmother, who has advanced Parkinson's disease.

"A major significant event in my life was the death of my grandfather in 2005. We were very close, and he was the primary caretaker of my grandmother.

"[My family] forms a team to take care of her in the evening and on weekends. I take my grandmother's blood pressure, assist in transferring her from her lift chair to her wheelchair, and 'grandma-sit' to make sure she is not alone and does not fall. The experience has helped me become a more caring individual and has taught me the importance of family and teamwork. I know my grandfather would be very proud of me.

"I am confident that I will reach my goals as long as I work hard, remain disciplined and live a healthy and balanced life."

#### Sabrina Barbosa

Recipient of \$1,000 award



"My mother's fortitude during these past years [of her family's challenges] revealed to me that making daily sacrifices and being content with what I have allowed me to enjoy life more — to enjoy to the fullest extent my family, friends and the blessing I feel each day in attending the University of Notre Dame," she wrote in her essay. "I realize now that I am so blessed to be a scholar, a daughter and an educator. I have responsibility to my community at home and at school to combat ignorance and spread unity."

At Bishop Amat High School in La Puente, she edited the yearbook for two years and was the president of the California Scholarly Federation while there. She has received academic and athletic honors at Notre Dame, where she is a novice member of the rowing team.

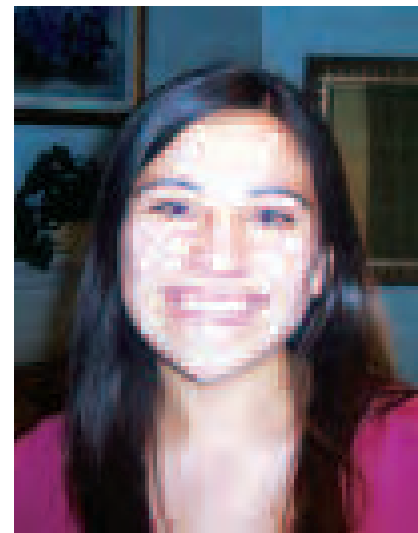
She is also involved in her parish here in California, St. Frances of Rome, and in campus ministry at Notre Dame.

"My future career plan is to attend a California medical school to become a doctor. Before medical school, I wish to do either community service for two years or enter the ACE teaching program through Notre Dame. Immediately after graduation is an opportune time for me to help others with the knowledge I acquired during college.

"I want to go back to my hometown and open a practice there to give back to the community in which I grew up. Whether I succeed daily or long term, my goal is to be more than a remarkable leader — it is to be an extraordinary person, something I strive for each day."

#### Mindy Leyvas

Recipient of \$500 award



"It is hard to believe that 17 years of my life have passed, and I am about to graduate high school," she wrote in her essay. "Because of the things I have experienced, I have discovered so much about myself. As I pursue my career and look forward to what lies ahead, I see how college is the first step in accomplishing my goals."

At California High School in Whittier, she maintained a 4.9 grade point average and played basketball for four years. She is also involved in her church and has traveled to Chile and Thailand on missionary trips.

"I am extremely excited about [going to college]. I will be the first child in my family to go to a university. As I look forward to this next step in my life, I know that there is so much that I don't know. I also know that I will not be disappointed."

#### Jacqueneé Polee

Recipient of \$500 award



"During my stay at Westchester High School, I have achieved so much," Jacqueneé wrote in her application essay. "By keeping my grades up, I was able to receive the Principal's Award all four years, the academic pin, the academic medallion, and the academic award, which is the highest grade given."

In addition to her strong academic achievements, she has taken part in the Community Outreach Opportunity Program, Toys for Tots and the Yellow Tie Club. She has been a College Peer Counselor, the secretary for the Knights and Ladies and played basketball.

"My plans for the future are to attend UCLA and move on to medical school. Also I would like to own my own dermatology business. I aspire to be one of the best dermatologists in the world."

# Congratulations!