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**SCSF AWARDS \$500,000 IN GRANTS
TO FOUR CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS**



SCSF President Kevin Mannix, St. Vincent Principal Maria Palacio and SCSF Committee Members Jennifer Paul and Jim Fahlstrom

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SCSF Committee Member Jennifer Paul, Queen of Peace Principal Debilyn Janota, SCSF Committee Member Jim Fahlstrom and SCSF President Kevin Mannix

The Salem Catholic Schools Foundation awarded \$500,000 in grants to four Salem-area Catholic schools for projects which include new roofing, playground and mechanical improvements, and purchases of computers, SMART boards, and wireless networks to support their education programs. The four schools which will receive the grants are Queen of Peace School, St. Joseph School, St. Vincent de Paul School – all of Salem – and Sacred Heart School, in Gervais.

The Salem Catholic Schools Foundation provides grants to all of these schools, plus Blanchet Catholic School, through a variety of allocations. Awards to Blanchet Catholic School will be made later this year. The process of delivering the grants began on March 20th, 2014, when Kevin Mannix, President of Salem Catholic Schools Foundation, delivered grant checks to two of the four schools.

In announcing the grants, Kevin Mannix noted how all of these schools provide excellent education in a supportive environment, which is faith-centered, but which is also open to non-Catholics. “We are proud of the great work done by these schools and the fine achievements of their students. This is our way of helping the schools achieve even more in educating the children of our community,” he said.

The Foundation makes regular awards each year from its income. These awards were made possible by a special grant from an anonymous donor to the Foundation.

Blanchet DECA “Takes Flight”

Written by Blanchet DECA Students Colleen Coen and Taylor Wolf

On February 22-25, 2014, 39 bright, enthusiastic, well-behaved, well-dressed students attended the DECA State Career Development Conference in Portland. This is a 3-day competition our students participated in with over 650 other students from around Oregon. Our chapter earned awards and recognition for active chapter involvement and a significant increase in overall membership. The students earned over 30 awards for



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their written business projects and business case study presentations—our best result ever! Eleven students will be attending the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Atlanta, GA from May 2-7, 2014.

The eleven students attending ICDC are: Colleen Coen, Malvika Ramesh, Taylor Wolf, Mason Fessler, David Leonardo, Michael Sullivan, Connor Schumock, Marius Becker, Jacob Boehmer, Olivia Richardson, and Johannah Willburn. Coen, Ramesh, and Wolf placed second at the state conference with their Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan, and they will be competing with this project at ICDC. Leonardo, Sullivan, and Schumock also won second and will be competing at internationals in their event, Buying and Merchandising Operations Research. Fessler, who placed second at the state conference, and Becker will be competing in Apparel and Accessories Merchandising business case studies. Boehmer competed in Restaurant and Food Service Management at the state competition and will continue on to the international conference in this event. Willburn and Richardson will be attending the Thrive Academy at ICDC, a business leadership academy.

While at ICDC, the students will have the opportunity to meet fellow DECA members from all over the United States as well as a few other countries. They will get to put their business knowledge and presentation skills to the test while competing in their events and learn new leadership skills. ICDC is not only an opportunity to compete at the highest level of DECA, but also an opportunity to meet students who share common interests and ambitions from all over the world. In addition to all of the knowledge and experience the students will gain from the conference itself, students will also get to explore and enjoy the city of Atlanta, Georgia. They will get to participate in the DECA Dash, a 5K run to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, attend an Atlanta Braves baseball game, visit the Georgia Aquarium, take a tour of the Coca-Cola headquarters, go to Six Flags with fellow DECA members, attend a country music concert specifically for DECA students, and go on a CNN studio tour.

These students have worked very hard to earn the opportunity to represent their school and their state at ICDC. They are very thankful that DECA has given them so many wonderful opportunities and provided them with a tool to prepare for the future, while making great friends and fantastic memories along the way.

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