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Europe Comes to Life for IB History Teacher

Craig Hausman has fascinated hundreds of students about European history in his brief career at Tualatin High School, but this summer he lived his syllabus thanks to the Foundation's International Baccalaureate Travel Grant.

Hausman toured five major European cities – London, Paris, Rome, Berlin and Florence – and came away with enough digital material to bring history to life for his IB history students and peak the teacher's curiosity for additional research to add to his coursework.

"We toured amazing history museums," Hausman says. "But those only scratched the surface. I took many videos and photos that I will immediately insert into lessons in IB European History this fall, and I plan to make "mini-movies" on specific topics over the next few years."

Hausman's history tour helped him gain perspective of the placement of significant historical locations within each city. He can now take his photos of sites and digitally place them on historical or current maps to allow his students to experience the same perspective.



**Craig Hausman in front
of Westminster Abbey**

"I am grateful for the opportunity I was given, and I am hopeful that other teachers will be able to gain experiences through IB Travel Grants that will broaden their teaching as well," Hausman says.

The Foundation's IB Travel Grant will be awarded annually to an educator from Tualatin High School thanks to a generous gift from the Bonica family of Tualatin.

Bonica Family Donation Funds IB Travel Grant

Joe and Diane Bonica nurtured three children through Tualatin High School – all graduating with full International Baccalaureate diplomas. For Joe, co-owner of Line-Scape LLC, and Diane, a kindergarten teacher at Deer Creek Elementary, that opportunity for their children to excel has meant a great deal.

Ashley, 26, graduated from Stonehill College with dual degrees in French and biology, spent time as a pharmaceutical researcher in Boston, and is currently pursuing a nursing degree at Simmons College. Adam, 24, earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Portland and is already in his third year of a doctoral program in political science methodology at New York University. And, Andrew is in

his senior year at the University of Puget Sound. He hopes to become a high school history teacher.

"Thanks to Tualatin High's IB program, all three of our children were able to attend strong academic universities and complete double majors, and they are all going on to post-baccalaureate studies," says Joe Bonica. "However, when I ask them where they have learned the most, they all say from their IB teachers at Tualatin High."

It is for this reason that the Bonica Family has chosen to give back to their schools in a very big way. This past summer, they funded the first Foundation International Baccalaureate Travel Grant for \$5,000. In future years, they hope to double that gift by donating the revenue from an investment property in Lincoln City.

VACATION HOME HELPS THE FOUNDATION

You can rent the Bonicas' brand new contemporary beach home on Road's End in Lincoln City which features three master suites, a bunk room and a sports bar complete with NFL package. The home sleeps 16 and is available for \$500 a night. The Bonicas will donate the first 20 nights' rental annually to The Foundation to fund the Tualatin High IB Travel Grant. For availability and reservations, email bonica@comcast.net.



Arts Grant Adds Dramatic Impact



How do you put the magic into your school's production of *The Wizard of Oz*, when the only thing more limited than your budget are the outdated lighting and sound systems? That was the challenge facing **Fowler Middle School drama teacher Louisa Sermol** last year. The solution came in the form of a \$700 arts grant from The Foundation.

For the first time, The Foundation provided grants specifically aimed at the arts in all 15 schools. These grants were fueled by proceeds from The Foundation's "Art in the Burbs" event held last October.

With the grant money, Sermol was able to update the inadequate lighting; and for the first time, every performer on the stage could be seen. She hired a professional sound de-

signer for the tornado scene. But it was the huge ramp built for the yellow brick road that made the biggest impact. "It came off the stage and extended into the audience, which was really cool," she says. "It was kind of a spectacle, and very exciting for the kids."

Today, the ramp is used by the school's choir and band; while the new lighting will continue to enhance student plays. A grateful Sermol says, "I don't know what we would have done without the money. It's so difficult to get funding for the arts. The grant was extremely helpful—not only for the students but for the morale of the teachers."

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Tina Barry's artwork is just one example of 100+ Northwest juried artists



Art Sale Benefits Schools

For one October weekend, a Tigard elementary school will be transformed into a fine art gallery, with original works from 100 juried artists available for sale. The Foundation's Art in the Burbs brings a diverse range of art—from pottery to fused glass, fabric arts to watercolors—together in one place. Twenty percent of the proceeds will go to support fine and

performing arts in Tigard-Tualatin schools. Art in the Burbs will be held October 24 through 26 at Alberta Rider Elementary School. Admission is free. For show hours, visit www.foundation4smarkids.org.



Beer expert Fred Eckhardt shares pairings of ales and tasty morsels at the 2007 event.

Send Your Taste Buds To School

Join fellow beer connoisseurs and enjoy an evening of tasting the finest Rogue Ales paired with delicious appetizers.

The Third Annual Cheese, Chocolate and Cheers, generously sponsored by Rogue Ales Public House, will be held on November 2, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00

p.m. at their Pearl District location, 1339 NW Flanders, Portland. Event tickets are \$50 and one hundred percent of the proceeds benefit programs of The Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools. Contact 503-431-4024 or info@foundation4smarkids.org to order tickets early as the event is limited to one hundred participants.

The Foundation's



Donation Helps Uninsured Students

“Our goal is to keep kids healthy, in school, and ready to learn .”

- Margaret Stochosky, FNP”



Legacy Health Systems has made a \$2,000 donation to The Foundation for the Tigard High Health Center. The donation will help pay for medical services for students who either lack health insurance or who are unable to pay for services. The Health Center is a health clinic for all district students located on the Tigard High School campus. It opened in April.

To cover its costs, the Health Center depends upon students with insurance, the ability to pay for services or who qualify for the Oregon Health Plan. Because no student will be turned away for lack of ability to pay, donations like the one from Legacy are extremely important and appreciated.

School-based Health Centers, like the one at Tigard High, are designed to improve access to preventative, primary and mental health care services for students. Tigard High's Health Center helps students avoid health-related absences, keeps them healthy, in school, and ready to learn. Services offered include wellness exams, immunizations, mental health assessments and support, as well as simple urgent care needs for routine health concerns.

Health Center staff includes a Family Nurse Practitioner, Margaret Stochosky, FNP and Reyna Meneses, Office/Health Assistant, of Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, and a Mental Health Provider, Jeanni Etters, LMFT of LifeWorksNW.

The Health Center does not replace established provider relationships, but serves to support continuity of care for those who have an established Primary Care Provider in the community, and may be accessed on an urgent basis.



Reyna Meneses and Margaret Stochosky, FNP, provide care at the Tigard High Health Center.

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From The Executive Director

It's been a year since I accepted this opportunity to give back to the communities that helped raise our two sons. They are young men in college now, honing their coping skills and juggling responsibilities and freedoms with lessons learned in our classrooms and on our athletic fields.

In the past year, The Foundation has worked to solidify our initiatives. We are expanding our Board and volunteer structure. We are building strong business and education partnerships. The Foundation increased its fundraising income last year by over 35%. We have committed \$100,000 to Foundation Educators in our schools this year, and over \$56,000 in grants for innovation, the arts and teacher development, college scholarships and serving students in need through the Caring Closet and the student health center.

Join us. Give back. Invest in the future. Smart kids make smart communities.

Randy Clark
Executive Director

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www.foundation4smartkids.org

Foundation Presents Opportunities for Business Leaders

The Foundation presented the first annual Power Breakfast for business leaders living or working in Tigard and Tualatin. The purpose of the gathering is to rally the business community around our district schools. We want to encourage business partnership and investment to enhance the quality education we have today and the strong community and workforce we need for tomorrow.

Peggy Fowler, CEO of Portland General Electric, and a resident of our school district, was the keynote

speaker. She delivered a powerful message of personal and professional commitment to education and why it is important to our businesses and communities.

The Power Breakfast was held on October 16, 2008 at Tualatin Country Club. To learn more on how your company can get involved with The

Foundation, please contact Randy Clark at rclark@foundation4smartkids.org.

The Foundation would like to thank the Power Breakfast Steering Committee, Steve Clark, Nancy Rasmussen, and Gordy Winterrowd, for their commitment to public education.

The Foundation's
Power Breakfast
 **smart kids. smart community.**

Save the Date—Upcoming Events

Art in the Burbs	Oct. 24, 25, 26	Smart Kids, Smart Community. Fundraising Campaign	February
Cheese, Chocolate & Cheers	Nov. 2	Garden Tour & Art Show	June 19,20
Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition	Nov. 18		