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TPS Foundation Announces 11 New Scholarships

Toledo, Ohio, December 18, 2008... The Toledo Public Schools Foundation is adding 11 new scholarships to its list of grants and awards to be given this spring to TPS students and staff.

Established in 1999 to enhance teaching and learning in the leading urban school district in Ohio, the TPS Foundation expects to award up to \$116,050 in its ninth round of grants this spring.

The new scholarships:

*Bob LaClair (Libbey High School '77) Scholarship - \$1,000. Robert LaClair is President & CEO, Fifth Third Bank of Northwestern Ohio. The scholarship is for a Libbey High School senior pursuing a career in business.

*Signature Bank Woman in Business Scholarship - \$1,000. The scholarship is for a woman pursuing a career in business.

*Heidelberg University Scholarships - two at \$1,250 each.

*Herzing College Scholarship - \$1,000.

*The Tabernacle of Faith Worship Center's, James C. & Rosalyn M. Williams, Jr., Scholarship of Excellence Awards - two at \$1,000 each. Scholarship is for a Jesup W. Scott High School senior.

*David D. Carter Vocal Music Endowed Scholarship Fund - \$1,000. Named in memory of David D. Carter, renowned TPS educator and mentor, longtime music director at Scott and Start High Schools, and vocal performer.

*Julia Orwig Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000. Named in memory of Julia Orwig, passionate supporter of initiatives that supported girls and women, especially those less fortunate.

*Gupta Scholarship for Prospective Students of Medicine - \$1,000. Named for TPS Foundation Board Member Manju Gupta and her husband, Dr. Kul B. Gupta, to support a student pursuing a career in medicine.

*Hilton Murphy Memorial Teacher/Coach Scholarship II - \$1,000. Named in memory of Hilton H. Murphy, champion of the gridiron and the classroom.

*Crystal Ellis Future Leaders Endowed Scholarship Fund - \$1,000. Named in honor of outstanding former TPS Superintendent Crystal Ellis.

*Theodore H. Harbaugh Foreign Language Scholarship - \$1,000.

"Each award has a story, but it is the new foreign language scholarship from the Kay and Ted Harbaugh Charitable Trust that stands out this holiday season," states Executive Director Susan K. Zurawski.

"Kay and Ted Harbaugh were huge advocates for the city of Toledo. They were always doing things to strengthen the community and improve access in support of music and foreign language, especially where access to these things might be limited because of economic circumstances," states TPS Foundation President Edna Robertson.

Ted Harbaugh was a graduate of Scott High School and a founder of Grace Community Center, which is right around the corner from Scott, on Delaware Ave. He was also a Japanese language interpreter in the Marine Corps during World War II. On the island of Okinawa, in the days surrounding the surrender of Japan as a nation, Ted won trust of a

Japanese Army officer, and thereby his willingness to surrender his unit to U.S. forces, without bloodshed; the first such surrender in the entire military theatre.

The award will go to a Scott High School senior who will pursue a career using foreign language in teaching, in business, or in the foreign or military service.

“From a scholarship named in honor of a beloved former TPS superintendent to a scholarship named for a prominent bank president to scholarships from local universities, all of the scholarships represent a wide range of constituencies,” concludes Ms. Zurawski. “The Board of the Toledo Public Schools Foundation is grateful to all donors.”

Toledo Public Schools teachers, students, schools, and organizations are invited to apply for the awards by Wednesday, March 4, 2009. Scholarship applications are available in all principal offices in all elementary and secondary schools and with all guidance counselors in the district, on the Foundation’s Web site, www.tpsfoundation.org, or by contacting Susan K. Zurawski, Executive Director of the Toledo Public Schools Foundation, at 419.535.6568 or suez@accesstoledo.com.

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