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# The Sheep Skin

News and information about USI recipients, donors and Yreka High School graduates

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## U.S.I. awards increase 45%

In the 2007-2008 school year, United Scholarships, Inc. has awarded \$150,500.00 of its own monies to Yreka High School graduates, both to current graduates and to those still in college. Of that amount, \$102,500 was received by this year's college-bound Seniors at the annual Top 100 program. The top ten percent of the class received engraved desk pen sets from U.S.I. in recognition for their academic excellence. U.S.I. also helped in judging a number of the awards, totaling some \$40,000, given by other local organizations.

The main impetus for the higher awards were two generous bequests received in the past year. The estates of Virginia May Girard and Bernice Elleard both gave a substantial boost to U.S.I.'s invested portfolio, allowing the increase in academic help for the Seniors. *See page 2 and 3 for a complete listing of the scholarships and their recipients.*

## Top 100 Program

The scholarships were presented at the Montague and Yreka Rotary Clubs' annual Top 100 program at the Yreka community Theater May 22.

Those Seniors among the Top 100 were: Taylor Barrett, Kate Bray, Kristy Bussard, Tony Chhom, Christopher Hart, Erielyn Heintz, Sara Jones, James Kutzer Jr., Jessica McCoy, Yuleini Ochoa, Danny Orloff, Alexandra Parsons, Ryan Pyles, Susannah Rea-Downing, Jessica Sampson, Megan Scott, Austin Sendek, Aaron Sinnott, Krista Wilson.

Outstanding Achievement Awards, given by the high school faculty departments, went to: Austin Sendek as Student of the Year in Mathematics, Aaron Sinnott as Student of the Year in Industrial Technology, Alex Parsons as Student of

the Year in Business, Cody Peters as Student of the Year in Physical Education, Katarina Fontanoza as Student of the Year in Performing Arts, Tony Chhom as Student of the Year in Science, Erielyn Heintz as Student of the Year in Social Studies, Krista Wilson as Student of the Year in English, Yuleini Ochoa as Student of the Year in Foreign Language, Susannah Rea-Downing as Student of the Year in Visual Arts.

The Yreka High School Faculty Association awards went to Ryan Pyles, All-Around Boy and Sara Jones as All-Around Girl. Kristy Bussard, Jessica McCoy and Austin Sendek were presented Valedictorian Awards and Erielyn Heintz, Ryan Pyles, Jessica Sampson, and Krista Wilson received Salutatorian Awards.

California Scholarship Federation Seal Bearers honored were: Erica Alvarez, Taylor Barrett, Kristy Bussard, Tony Chhom, Erielyn Heintz, Jimmy Kutzer, Jessica McCoy, Yuleini Ochoa, Danny Orloff, Ryan Pyles, Jessica Sampson, Megan Scott, Austin Sendek, Aaron Sinnott, Alyssa Tudor, Ashley Tudor, Krista Wilson. In addition to a pin and plaque, these students received a C.S.F. seal on their diploma.

## Y.H.S. Class of 2008 graduates

On June 7, 162 Seniors received their diplomas at Miner Field. Of that total, 44 had applied to U.S.I. for scholarships and all received funding. (See page 2) Of the U.S.I. applicants, approximately 48% plan to attend a community college, 14% a Cal-State school, 18% a UC campus, 7% a private university, 14% will go out of California to school.

**USI Scholarships awarded this year:**  
Most awards included an additional U.S.I. Grant

Ethan Garrett:	Elsie & Jess DeAvilla Memorial Scholarship
Justin Tudor:	La Jean & Joe Correia Scholarship, Bernice Elleard Memorial Scholarship
Maquade Flackus:	Grenada Community Club Scholarship
Ashley Tudor:	Judge and Anna McAdams Memorial Scholarship
Ryan Pyles:	Zac Martin Memorial Scholarship
Megan Scott:	Homer & Emily Atchley Scholarship
Austin Sendek:	Reid Howell Memorial Scholarship
Tony Chhom:	Domenic & Joan Favero Scholarship
Taylor Ross:	Vera Clement Scholarship
Terisa Castle:	Carol Crebbin Memorial Scholarship, Bernice Elleard Memorial Scholarship
Kyson Culp:	Louis & Mabel Wacker Memorial Scholarship, Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Malinda York:	James & Mary Alton Memorial Scholarship, Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Bryan Larreau:	Al & Helen Crebbin Memorial Scholarship, Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Kaitlin Weckerle:	Roy & Julianna Townley Memorial Scholarship
Susannah Rea-Downing:	Nancy Newton-Meiners Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Sampson:	Howard Trivelpiece Scholarship
Aaron Sinnott:	Bill Milne Jr. Memorial Scholarship, Bernice Elleard Memorial Scholarship
Kelsey Cone:	Martha Lukes Allyn Memorial Scholarship, Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Caitlin Amaral:	Louie Smittendorf Memorial Scholarship, Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Kathryn Fyler:	Brian Miller Memorial Scholarship, Bernice Elleard Memorial Scholarship
Charles Gillingham:	Rickford Fisher Memorial Scholarship
Emily Pepper:	Jiggs Kuck Memorial Scholarship
Cameron Purkis:	Rodney Gregg Memorial Scholarship, Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Krista Wilson:	Edgar J. & Helen Foss Memorial Scholarship
Taylor Barrett:	Stan Coatney Memorial Scholarship
Kristy Bussard:	Harry & Florence Friedman Memorial
Heather Silva:	Mildred & Bud Long Memorial Scholarship, Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Alexandra Parsons:	John Collier Memorial Scholarship, Bernice Elleard Memorial Scholarship
Erica Alvarez:	Stanley Lawrence Cramer Memorial Scholarship, Bernice Elleard Memorial Scholarship
Jessica McCoy:	Larry Bacon Memorial Scholarship, Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Kayla Graves:	Dr. Don and Dorothy Meamber Memorial Scholarship, Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Alyssa Tudor:	Dr. Doug Lawson Memorial Scholarship
Yuleini Ochoa:	Sue Marvin Memorial Scholarship, Bernice Elleard Memorial Scholarship
Erielyn Heintz:	Barbara Collier Memorial Scholarship
Delaney Mittan:	Gene and Bernice Keefer Memorial Scholarship
Karri Werder:	Gene and Bernice Keefer Memorial Scholarship
Jeremy Turner:	Roger Lorenzini Sr. Memorial Scholarship, USI grant
Nick Sumner:	Rollie Elsea Memorial Scholarship, Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Kate Bray:	Lynn Skinner Memorial Scholarship, Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Ryan Freudenburg:	Larry Perry Memorial Scholarship
Kevyn Labbe:	Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Danny Orloff:	Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Brandon Palmer:	Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship
Priyank Patel:	Virginia May Girard Memorial Scholarship

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**Graduating Y.H.S. Seniors also received these scholarships:**

Yreka Rotary Girl's Scholarship: Susannah Rea-Downing  
Yreka Rotary Boy's Scholarship: Ryan Pyles  
Yreka Rotary Student of the Year Scholarship: Jessica McCoy  
Montague Rotary Scholarship: Bryan Larreau  
Montague Rotary Dr. Doug Lawson Memorial Scholarship: Malinda York  
Montague Rotary Jack Churchill Memorial Scholarship: Austin Sendek  
Yreka Host Lions Club Scholarships: Maquade Flackus, Austin Sendek  
Yreka Elks Lodge Ed Miley Memorial Scholarships: Kevyn Labbe and Erilyn Heintz  
Kiwanis Club Scholarships: Brandon Palmer and Kaitlin Weckerle  
Kiwanis Club Rollie Elsea Memorial Scholarships: Cody Peters and Morgan Sisk  
C.O.S. Auxiliary Foundation Scholarships: Erica Alvarez, Kate Bray, Yuleini Ochoa, Aaron Sinnott, Jenna Lovitt, Alyssa Scala, Amber Sinnott  
Grandma's House Restaurant Scholarships: Jessica Sampson and Jeremy Turner  
Soroptimist International of Yreka Scholarships: Erica Alvarez, Maquade Flackus, Emily Peffer  
Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority Scholarship: Kristy Bussard  
Gamma Omicron Master Scholarship: Caitlin Amaral  
Yreka Elementary Faculty Association Scholarship: Aaron Sinnott  
Big Springs Community Club Scholarship: Brett Waters  
Big Springs Community Club Machado Memorial Scholarship: Morgan Sisk  
Miner Power Scholarships: Ryan Freudenburg, Ethan Garrett, Ryan Pyles, Jessica Sampson  
Weed Building Supply Scholarships: Erica Alvarez and Delaney Mittan  
UC Davis Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship: Jessica Sampson  
Tri-Counties Bank Scholarship: Kate Bray  
Siskiyou County 4-H leaders' Council & Nestle Waters Scholarship: Amber Sandahl  
Thomas W. Sieber Scholarship for Performing Arts: Ryan Freudenburg, Jessica McCoy, Megan Scott  
Association of California School Administrators Scholarships: Jessica McCoy, Jessica Sampson, Austin Sendek  
McDonald's Elaine Haskin Memorial Scholarship: Tyffani Burginger  
KSYC Miner Boosters Scholarships: Sara Jones and Ryan Pyles  
Siskiyou Bowmen Scholarship: Jessica Sampson  
Wal Mart Scholarship: Erilyn Heintz  
Mt. Shasta Title & Escrow Company Scholarship: Yuleini Ochoa  
Shasta Valley Rotary Scholarship: Leiha White  
Siskiyou County Employees' Association Bea Zanotto Memorial Scholarships: Cody Akana, Megan Chalk, Susannah Rea-Downing  
Siskiyou County Cattlewomen Scholarship: Jessica Sampson  
Yreka Volunteer Fire Department Scholarships: Robyn Lemos, Nick Pisano, Austin Sendek  
Sierra Pacific Foundation Scholarship: Alyssa Scala  
Northern Calif. Veterinary Medicine Association Scholarship: Kristy Bussard

*Are you still in college? Has the piggy bank tanked???*

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*A note from Rob Girdner, 2007 graduate of Y.H.S., a U.S.I. recipient, enrolled at Santa Clara University:*

**Scholarships found, and college bound.** That's where I stood a year ago. I had finally found the funding necessary to attend my dream school: Santa Clara University.

"A lot can happen in a year." My freshman year showed me how true that statement is. September of 2007 found me counting down the days until I departed from Yreka, and embarked upon the journey through college. Upon my arrival at Santa Clara University, my heart raced with anticipation. As any other college freshman, I was visibly nervous for meeting my roommate, life in the dorms, and classes.

Now that my freshman year is coming to a close, I look back upon this year at SCU and feel a tremendous sense of pride in how far I have come. The adjustment from high school to college was quick and intense. Though SCU is a small college, I still felt lost in the crowd for the majority of the fall quarter. I steadily adapted to my surroundings, made some great friends, and became acquainted with prominent members of the community including club leaders, professors, resident directors, resident ministers, and even the president of the university, Father Paul Locatelli, S.J. I find myself quite comfortable and very happy at Santa Clara.

The largest struggle as a freshman in a university has been keeping good grades and staying on top of the heavy work load. For me, college is just plain *harder* than high school. As a Biology major, I have been buried under a pile of work all year. Even though I earned the title "Workhorse" because of my work ethic, I still felt behind. I sometimes wondered if the hours I spent studying were really worth it. I spent roughly 4-8 hours per day with my nose to the grindstone, buried in books, studying hard just to keep up. It was stressful and frustrating, but the perseverance paid off.

I look back at my accomplishments and realize that it has been a very successful year for me. I have been involved in multiple intramural sports (including making it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of playoffs in soccer). I have been involved in planning community events, I fiercely competed in a male beauty pageant, and I have happily made a fool of myself many times over again. I enjoyed losing my voice from cheering at sporting events more times than I can count, not to mention making it on ESPN several times! Academically I have maintained a respectable GPA, made friends with faculty members, I have begun investigating possibilities for research projects, and I've begun exploring career fields that have never before been presented to me. Most of all: I have had fun. I have found a great, close knit group of friends here; a group of friends that are my family away from home; friends that will last a lifetime.



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