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upcoming year, and I will remain forever thankful to SSF for helping to make this dream a reality."

Congratulations, Dustin, and best wishes for a great year!



ALUMNI AGREE: SSF EXPERIENCE LASTS A LIFETIME

We were recently contacted by alumni of our Mary Ellen Thomas Pilot Scholarship House about a reunion in Tampa for residents between 1999 and 2003. It didn't take long for the 17 women in attendance to begin chatting and laughing about their past SSF days.



The reunion of so many alumni reminded us that the most impactful piece of living at SSF is truly the relationships that are formed. We cannot even count the number of residents who have participated in each other's weddings, helped each other find employment,

and continue to have a special bond with each other long after they have left the Foundation.

We've heard countless times from residents and alumni that SSF is where they met their life-long friends. After participating in an alumni weekend of the Hansen House a few years ago, Director of Student Affairs Teresa Turner learned first-hand the bonds that these residents share are indeed unique and special. From eating burnt, undercooked rice to pulling an all-nighter together for final exams, they are rich with wonderful memories.

Living at SSF is a unique experience. Not only are residents sharing space with 13 to 29 other individuals and their varied personalities, but they depend on those same people to help with the cooking, cleaning, shopping and other tasks during the week. The day-to-day challenges will always exist, but the life-changing moments prevail. Residents come to rely on each other in ways we can't even anticipate. But for those who live with us throughout the duration of college, they leave with a unique SSF bond that triumphs all the little things they may have encountered during their stay.

The reunion helped remind us that SSF, in all the obvious ways, makes a significant difference to our students. But the greatest long-term impact on them seems to be one another. With over 7,000 graduates, that is a BIG impact!



SSF ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Southern Scholarship Foundation is excited to announce the addition of seven new members to the Board of Directors. The new board members were welcomed at the Annual Board Meeting on February 20, 2010. Join us in congratulating the following friends and alumni on their appointment.

Barbara Abramson (Alumna) - Visionworks, Inc. an Entertainment and Sports Marketing Co.

Reggie Cardozo- Governmental Consultant (Associate) Governance, Inc.

John Harvard- Owner, John Harvard, CPA

Evelyn Milliken (Alumna)-Retired teacher and Executive Director of United Way Home Care Services

R. Scott Vedder-Certified Financial Planner, Northwest Mutual Wealth Management Advisor

Kathy Villacorta (Alumna)-Retired Attorney

Tommy Walts- Retired Association Management Professional

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