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Rybinski Family Endows Scholarship

Possibly no family has benefited more from the Southern Scholarship Foundation than the Rybinski family of Lakeland. Now the Rybinskis are poised to give back in a big way.

Six Rybinski siblings lived in SSF housing during their tenures as students in Tallahassee, & now they are joining together to create a scholarship that will help other deserving students attend college. The Rybinski Family Scholarship, an endowed scholarship fund, will provide sufficient funding to house one student every year—for many years to come.

"It just seemed like a great idea," says Claudia Rybinski Ward, who has been making regular contributions to the Foundation over the years. "By donating a larger amount at one time & funding a scholarship, your contribution goes further."

Claudia, who now lives in Houston, got the idea for funding a family scholarship during a recent trip to Tallahassee. Claudia stopped in for a visit with current SSF

President Mary Lois Mayfield. "Mary Lois introduced me to [SSF Chief Development Officer] Courtney Stombock," says Claudia. "Courtney asked if I had ever considered [a family scholarship]. I told her I didn't know anything about it, so she told me about it. It seemed like a good idea." Claudia then got word to the rest of the Rybinski clan, & everyone agreed that the years spent living in scholarship housing was a special time in their lives.

"It was very comfortable," says Martha, who now lives in St. Louis. "Coming from a big family, it was just like being at home. I was used to sharing a house & a bathroom & things like that. It was fun doing the chores, shopping for groceries & cooking."

"It was a very, very positive experience," remembers Mark. "It was truly the best time of my life. I was very close to campus, therefore I felt really plugged in."

While Martha lived only a year in the Foundation, she has been an active contributor. Her

tenure was cut short because she was invited to live with the family of former-FSU President Stanley Marshall. But it was her experience with the Marshalls that taught her the importance of giving back. Dr. Marshall himself was a recipient of others' generosity, as his sisters supported him financially all through college, including his doctorate.

"He taught me that you should always find a way to give back, but not necessarily to the person who gave to you," says Martha. "His sisters were in a position to help him when he was in need, & then he was in a position to help me. I'm now in a position to help those in need."

Six of Marion & Estelle Rybinski's nine children lived in scholarship houses in Tallahassee over a period spanning two decades, from 1972-1992. Phyllis Rybinski Lubbers (Pilot 72-75); Mark Rybinski (Lions 75-79); Andrew Rybinski (Selby III & Lions 75-78); Martha Rybinski Ruby (Rotary 78); Claudia (B.P.W. & ADK 79-82); Paul Rybinski (Lastinger 90-92). Rybinski in-laws, Rick Ward (Kiwanis 81-83) & Alan Ruby (Selby I, Kiwanis 76-80) also lived in scholarship houses, as well as Alan's brother Clark Ruby (Selby II 79-80).

SSF Students Make Us Proud

Southern Scholarship has been fortunate to have had a stellar group of Head Residents this year. Our houses have operated smoothly as a result of the leadership of our HRs.

One of them is Brittany Heiring who is Head Resident of Polk House, the largest house in the Foundation with 29 girls living there. Brittany knew when she accepted the job as Head Resident that it would be a challenging one. She has obviously met the challenge as the "Polksters" are not shy about how much they love her. "Brittany is awesome!"

Brittany has not only excelled with SSF but on the FSU campus as well. Because of her outstanding leadership and involvements on the campus, she was profiled on FSU's website in October as one of the 8 outstanding students on campus!

Brittany made us all proud this fall when she was asked as Head Resident



of Polk House to speak at the Polk County Legacy Event in Winter Haven, Florida. In her remarks Brittany expressed gratitude to those in Polk County who have long supported Southern Scholarship, especially the Snively family of Winter Haven. Brittany gave a moving tribute to Virginia Snively, who over the years, generously contributed to Southern Scholarship and the women of Polk House. As a first generation college student in her family, Brittany thanked the family of Virginia for making it possible for her to attend college and have the opportunity of living in the Polk House where she says that the women have received so much more than an education.

Donor Dinner in Gainesville, UF

On September 20, a dinner was held on the Gainesville campus at the Hartman and Williams Houses. Special guests were Ms. Miriam Arnold of Laurel Hill, Dr. Mac Tyner of Gainesville and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goza of Gainesville. It was an evening when Southern Scholarship was at its best!

The men of Hartman House greeted their guests at the front door and invited in everyone for a wonderful dinner of ham, potatoes and steamed vegetables.

Our guests and staff were most impressed with the presentation of the dinner. The cook crew, who were scientists, mathematicians, lawyers and accountants, received a standing ovation and questions about a career in the culinary arts!

Our guests then walked next door to Williams where the ladies had prepared a dessert buffet. Much to the delight of all chocolates and strawberry cakes were served with coffee. It was an evening to remember as the ladies of Williams presented floral bouquets to our departing guests.

Thank you, Hartman and Williams!

Dear Santa... Some of the scholarship houses have made wish-lists for the coming year. If you are able to help, we would be so grateful. Items can be mailed or delivered to the SSF Office.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

- ADK**- Silverware, dish towels and house sewing kit
- BPW** - Living Room wallpaper, Cookware Spoons, desk, lamps
- Davis-Kiwanis** - Kitchen items, paper products, Wal-Mart gift cards
- EC Allen**- Kitchen items, paper products, Wal-Mart gift cards
- Frueauff**- Pots & Pans, Plates, Bowls, glasses and Television
- Lastinger**- Kitchen items, paper products, Wal-Mart gift cards
- Lundquist**- silverware, pots and pans, plates and cups
- McKaig**- New dish set (Silverware, plates, bowls, etc)
- George Foreman grill, living room furniture (seating)
- Pilot**- Paper towels & Toilet Paper, Wal-Mart Gift Cards
- Polk**- Kitchen items, paper products, Wal-Mart gift cards
- Rotary**- Kitchen items, paper products, Wal-Mart gift cards
- Smith**- Outdoor grill, George Foreman Grill, Coffee Maker
- Stone**- Piano, Artificial Plants (trees), VCR/DVD Player

FLORIDA A & M (FAMU)

- Florida Retail**- Couch (seating for living room), Paper Products (plates, cups, paper towels), curtains, printing paper
- Hansen**- Computer monitor, vacuum Cleaner, pots and pans, food processor, digital camera
- Knight**- Kitchen items, paper products, Wal-Mart gift cards

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- Badcock**- Pots and Pans, Blender
- Hansen**- Pots and pans, silverware, gift cards to Wal-Mart, paper products
- Hartman**- Pot holders, can opener, DVD player, Pots and pans, silverware, gift cards to Wal-Mart
- Hawksley I**- George Foreman Grill, Outdoor Grill & Blender
- Hawksley II**- Baking pans, silverware, gift cards to Wal-Mart
- MET Pilot**- Baking Pans, paper towels & toilet paper, love seat or living room seating.
- Rogers-Rotary**- Baking Pans, paper towels & toilet paper, love seat or living room seating.
- Williams**- Baking Pans, paper towels & toilet paper, love seat or living room seating.

FLORIDA GULF COAST

- Gresham Kite Pilot**- Digital Camera, Hand Held vacuum, & gift cards to Staples for computer supplies

THANK YOU

FSU & FAMU RESIDENT TURKEY HUNT: SSF office staff hid plastic turkeys around the Foundation for the residents to hunt. It took about 20 minutes, with approximately 50 residents, to locate all the turkeys. Winners received various items such as pies, potatoes, and turkeys, for their house.



FSU HOMECOMING: FSU residents hanging out in the parking lot of the Civic Center waiting for their turn in the parade. Residents from various houses rode in the parade representing SSF.



SSF STUDENTS GIVE BACK: Brandi Hill, resident of the Hansen House at the University of Florida, packs school supplies collected by UF's SSF residents. These school supplies will be delivered by Brandi herself, this Christmas, to children in South Africa.



Gresham Kite-Pilot residents at Florida Gulf Coast tie-dye matching shirts for an upcoming social.



Pilot Thanksgiving - The girls at the FSU Pilot House invited pilot members to join them for a Thanksgiving dinner. Here are residents & members posing for an after dinner picture.

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80's FLASHBACK

In the last newsletter we ran several pictures of our students dressed in different themes from the FAMU/FSU student orientation held this past August. One of those was a picture of the women from FSU campus Pilot house dressed as 80's rockers.

A few weeks later we received a letter from Dr. Tamara Wolfman (Pilot alumna 1991). *"I couldn't stop laughing at the irony, because in the 80's I was a Pilot Girl and dressed just like their picture (we all did back then!)."*

Her letter also stated many wonderful things about her time at SSF including the following words: *"My years spent at SSF afforded me some of my happiest and most memorable experiences. Being accepted to SSF was the turning point of my life. Living in the scholarship houses was the only way I could afford to attend college and medical school. Furthermore, I met my best friends (Julie later introduced me to my husband, Pete) and SSF provided the foundation on which I have built a happy and successful life."*

Dr. Wolfman enclosed a picture from her time in Pilot Scholarship House at FSU. She mentions her best friends, Julie McIntyre Caines, Tina Wild Camp and Amy Gyland Diaz among those in the pictures below. Also included is current board member, Charlotte Eaton Edenfield. Thanks for sharing your memories with us, Tamy!



Your generous support, along with other Alumni and Friends, makes this program possible.

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On behalf of all of our students...thank you!

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*** Alumni Happenings ***

Amanda Greer and Heath McClellan, 2005 FSU Resident Alums, were recently united in marriage. Numerous SSF alums and current residents were in attendance. Congratulations Amanda and Heath.

Got Big Alumni News?
Share them with us. Email
jwalls@southern scholarship.org

NEW OFFICE STAFF

The Southern Scholarship Foundation is excited to announce our new Student Affairs Coordinator, Sydney Cuzzort.

Sydney is a native of Kentucky. She moved to Tallahassee 10 years ago to finish her undergraduate degree from Florida State University in Communications. She then pursued her Masters degree in Student Affairs Administration. She spent the past 4.5 years working for the office of Student Rights and Responsibilities in the Judicial Office at FSU. Sydney began working for the Foundation on December 3rd and has been a great asset to our current group.

On behalf of the Board, the SSF office staff and especially the students, WELCOME SYDNEY!

