

RITA LOWE SCHOLARSHIPS

Rita Lowe graduated from East High School in Bremerton in 1964. She was among the top twenty in a class of approximately 230. She and Arna Souza were the only women to complete the college-prep math sequence, completing Math Analysis as seniors. Rita was active in Camp Fire Girls from elementary school through high school. She and her father spent much time improving the ground at Camp Niwana. She received numerous awards from this organization. She was very competitive and thrived for academic excellence.

In her memory several scholarships are provided to teachers, high school students and college/university students to continue her dream of helping others enjoy mathematics and challenge themselves to their maximum.

This year the Rita Lowe Scholarship Fund is presenting two \$1,000 scholarships to high school students who plan to become a mathematics educator and two \$1,000 scholarships to college/university students who are majoring in mathematics education. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a teacher (who is a member of WSMC) for professional development in January of 2010.

College Scholarship Winners

Haley Woods is a student at Seattle University. She started the Masters in Teaching program in the spring of 2009. Haley said, "My goal, upon completion of the MIT program, is to continue my teaching career in schools with underprivileged students or teach abroad. I believe I can be influential in making math interesting and understandable to many students who have been turned off to math or have never done well."

Denise Zetterberg will be transferring to Central Washington University (Pierce Campus Satellite) in the Fall of 2009. She was born the same year as Rita and said, "I was inspired by what others said about Rita, and I share her desire to reach children who struggle. Although we are the same age, our lives took different routes. Rita fulfilled her dream of helping children as a young woman and then left us too early, and I am pursuing the same dream at the age of 44."

High School Scholarship Winners

Daniel Mast graduated from River Ridge High School in Lacey and plans to attend St. Martin's University in the fall of 2009. Here are some quotes from his letters of recommendation: "He (Daniel) has excelled at teaching mathematics to his peers. He has worked one on one as a peer tutor, as well as, within his classes. He is a great teacher and fabulous learner and will excel at teaching." "Daniel is sensitive to the needs of different situations and is proficient in taking leadership roles."

Rebecca Campbell graduated from Olympic High School in Bremerton and plans to attend Seattle University in the fall of 2009. Here are some quotes from her letters of recommendation: "Many times she (Rebecca) would stop by my room after school to ensure that she understood the material from class. It is this determination that has made her a very strong mathematics student, and will lead her to be a strong mathematics teacher." "Rebecca possesses the perfect combination of attributes to become an extremely effective teacher. Her intelligence as well as her ability to get along with all types of people will cause her to have success in the field of education."