

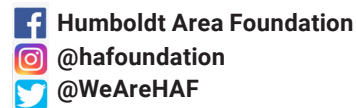


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## Quarterly Newsletter, Summer 2022

### 2022 scholarships

Investing in students in Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity and Curry counties is one of the cornerstones of Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation – and that commitment continues this summer with the awarding of 215 scholarships totaling \$469,600.

“We thank our donors and partners whose generosity supports such deserving individuals and future leaders of our community,” said Sydney Morrone, Grants and Scholarships Manager for HAF and WRCF.

The scholarships, ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000, support graduating high school seniors, current undergraduate, graduate, and vocational students seeking support for their post-secondary education.

Learn more about the program at [ScholarshipFinder.org](http://ScholarshipFinder.org).

### Trinity Trust grants

The Trinity Trust this summer granted more than \$36,000 towards youth programs and addressing community needs in the Trinity region as part of the group’s annual Summer Youth and Community Response grants.

The trust was created by the residents of Trinity County to keep local capital working for the benefit of the community. We extend our thanks and gratitude to the community members who make this type of community support possible.

Learn more at: [www.hafoundation.org/Initiatives/Trinity-Trust/Grants](http://www.hafoundation.org/Initiatives/Trinity-Trust/Grants).

## HAF welcomes new directors



Alan Nidiffer



Alex Ozaki-McNeill



Keith Flamer

HAF & WRCF announce the addition of three new board of directors: Alex Ozaki-McNeill, Alan Nidiffer and Dr. Keith Flamer.

CEO Bryna Lipper said, “Since I arrived in this region, Dr. Flamer, Alan and Alex have provided me personally with strategic counsel, guided about underserved and marginalized communities, and demonstrated brave leadership in their respective fields. I am confident that their appointment to the foundation’s board will amplify these values and our commitments to a just, thriving, healthy and equitable region.”

**Alex Ozaki-McNeill**, raised in Arcata and educated at Cal Poly Humboldt, is the cur-

rent Director of the North Country Fair and works as a compliance manager and HR for the cannabis-related business Flower Co. in Arcata. Prior to that she led Brio Baking Inc.’s direct public offering in order to finance improvements through community investments. Past and present non-profit and community group involvement includes Equity Arcata, Cooperation Humboldt, Humboldt Asian and Pacific Islanders (HAPI), and Eureka Chinatown Project.

**Alan Nidiffer**, a long-time resident of Brookings, Oregon, and graduate of Oregon State University, is a New York Life Insurance Company agent who served on the

advisory board of WRCF. Previously, Alan served as executive vice president/chief information officer for C&K Markets Inc. He also worked as a senior programmer for Weyerhaeuser and Willamette Industries.

**Dr. Keith Flamer**, president and superintendent of College of the Redwoods arrived in Humboldt County in 2006 from Chicago, Illinois. He is a senior-level executive with a PhD degree in Educational Leadership and more than 25 years of leadership experience in higher education, including navigating the operational and political aspects of college funding, and experience with securing government and institutional funding.

# New fund addresses all but ignored crisis of missing, murdered Indigenous people

Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation has launched the Pacific Redwoods Missing & Murdered Indigenous People Crisis Action Fund to raise awareness of this humanitarian crisis.

Nationwide, an alarming number of Indigenous people are murdered every year; many simply disappear, their whereabouts unknown. In some Tribal communities, Indigenous women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average. The issue of missing and murdered Indigenous people has its own acronym (MMIP) and its own day of awareness (May 5), but it's a crisis that has received little public attention — and little attention from philanthropy.

"The national tragedy of MMIP has



been all but ignored by philanthropy," said Bryna Lipper, CEO of the Humboldt Area and Wild Rivers Community Foundation. "These are our girls, our friends, our community. Their absence is devastating to us all. Today, and every day until it is no more, we are called to face the crisis that is missing and murdered Indigenous persons. We can do some-

thing to end this now."

MMIP is a particularly urgent problem in rural Northern California. The state has the fifth-highest number of such cases in the country, and two-thirds of those cases occur in California's Pacific Redwoods region. The new Pacific Redwoods MMIP Crisis Action Fund was seeded with about \$50,000 in donations from local donors, an anonymous family fund and HAF's discretionary funds.

The fund supports regional research, policy advocacy, crisis response, recovery, and prevention efforts. Funds allow for our continued partnership with Tribal leaders and Indigenous experts to facilitate community support and address the root cause of this safety threat.

For more information or to support the fund: [bit.ly/PRMMIPCAF](https://bit.ly/PRMMIPCAF)

## Grants for summer youth programs

Many summer youth activity programs in Humboldt, Del Norte and Curry counties received mini-grants ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 from Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation.

The 2022 Summer Youth Mini-Grant Partnership Program distributed \$36,047 to 27 nonprofits and agencies.

The grants support a variety of programs and needs including language and cultural education, outdoor stewardship activities, recreational equipment, and scholarships for low-income participants.

For example, in Curry County a grant will pay for bicycle helmets for dozens of 5-year-olds participating in Safety City program. In Humboldt County, a

grant will cover the cost of training future camp counselors at the inclusive Lost Coast Camp. In Del Norte County, the funds will help Tribal youth learn about their culture.

The program is supported by

the McLean Foundation, The Patricia D. & William B. Smullin Foundation, and Providence's Community Health Investment.

*See our story on Facebook for a list of all the donors who contributed to this.*



**Grant recipient Dan Palicki teaches a "Safety City" class on bicycle and pedestrian safety in Brookings.**

## Local support for LGBTQIA+

This summer we are supporting community members and organizations focused on providing support and resources to the LGBTQIA+ community. Among them is Queer Humboldt, an organization that supports queer youth mental health services in our area through a grant of more than \$60,000.

We are honored to continue our partnership and look forward to more ways we can support leaders improving the lives of our LGBTQIA+ community members in the future.

If you are interested in supporting members of our LGBTQIA+, we encourage you to get in touch with us regarding funds such as the Robert Fasic & Roy Grieshaber Endowment Fund, the Dylan Wade Ruiz Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Walt Whitman Endowment Fund, which support everything from education to cultural expression, health, wellbeing, and more.