



The Julia Burke Foundation Annual Newsletter 2016

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CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE HANDS FOR GLOBAL HEALTH

By Roberta F. Durham, Professor of Nursing, California State University, East Bay

In Panama, nearly four out of every ten people live in poverty. In indigenous rural zones poverty has deepened, with nine out of ten people living in extreme poverty. For the Ngäbe-Buglé tribe in the rural mountains of Batata, the closest clinic is hours away, provides just rudimentary services, and treats patients based on a first-come first-served basis which leaves many patients unseen every day. This clinic has limited supplies and a limited ability to treat advanced medical conditions. In August 2016, thirty-three student volunteers from various health professions, supported by The Julia Burke Foundation, provided desperately needed care to seven hundred and twenty-two patients during a weeklong medical brigade to this region. This volunteer team provided primary care to improve the long-term health and well being of one of the most world's most vulnerable populations. In an environmental health brigade conducted in tandem, the volunteers built six Eco-Stoves in the village to improve the respiratory health of local families. Currently, women cook over open-flame wood stoves inside their homes, without ventilation. Eco-Stoves are safer and use less wood than traditional wood stoves, improving a family's respiratory health, safety, and finances.

One volunteer explains, "I am incredibly thankful to The Julia Burke Foundation for their generosity and kindness in supporting my colleagues and myself in this mission. Without this support, we could never have accomplished the amazing work that we did. I will always remember The Julia Burke Foundation and the gift that they offered with open hands."

A PLACE TO HEAL AND TO HONOR THE INSTITUTE FOR INTEGRATIVE HEALTH

By James Lawrence, Board Member

Wounded military service members who receive treatment at Naval Support Activity Bethesda, home of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, will now have access to a tranquil and restorative green space, thanks to the Institute for Integrative Health, with support from The Julia Burke Foundation. The Green Road Healing Garden is a woodland garden open to service members, and their families, during the process of their recoveries after debilitating injuries such as PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury. One direct request from service members for this project was the inclusion of a memorial space to honor fallen comrades. The Commemorative Pavilion, with a water feature provided by The Julia Burke Foundation, will serve as this place of healing and reflection. For more information, visit them online at: www.tiih.org



Water feature provided by The Julia Burke Foundation



TOP LEFT: Dr. Roberta Durham & residents of the Ngäbe-Buglé tribe in Batata, Panama.
TOP RIGHT: Patrick Kilgallen, RN (white shirt) with children from Batata.
BOTTOM LEFT: Nurse examining patient
BOTTOM RIGHT: Erin Hays, RN; Libby Trenkwalder, RN and Phoebe Wong, RN; building ECO-STOVES.

Another volunteer points out that, "Without the grant money, I would never have been able to participate in this trip to provide care for people who have so little. As someone who had an impoverished early childhood, with periods of homelessness, I never dreamed that I would be in the position to help in this manner. It was deeply moving."

Hands for Global Health is a nonprofit in the Bay Area dedicated to providing students from health professions with opportunities to gain experience in global health. We work with a partner in Central America, Hands for Americas, a nonprofit dedicated to the relief and sustainable development of the indigenous tribes of Panama.

For more information, visit: www.handsforglobalhealth.org

SUMMER CAMP IN THE ANCIENT CITY TANGIER AMERICAN LEGATION INSTITUTE FOR MOROCCAN STUDIES

By James Lawrence, Board Member

This past summer a grant from the Julia Burke Foundation helped fund a summer camp program for at-risk children living in the medina (old city). For the first time in their lives, children ages 9 to 12 were given the opportunity to have a summer camp experience that included sports, crafts, musical instrument making, urban gardening as well as a community service component to help beautify the medinas. This cross-cultural program also benefitted from the support of student volunteers from the American School of Tangiers. This program is one of several supported by the Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan studies (TALIM) which is providing literacy programs and skills training to under-served Moroccan families.



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Letter from the President



As I reflect on the contributions made to this newsletter this year by the organizations that The Julia Burke Foundation has supported, I think about the timeless words of Lao Tzu: The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. The exceptional

work of each organization began with an idea from an individual, which was followed by a decision to take action. It is the privilege of The Foundation to support these individuals, and their organizations, by helping to develop the capacity of each one to take a second step, and then a third, towards the goal of building a better world for us all. Julia believed in the power of a single individual to make a positive and lasting impact; The Julia Burke Foundation honors and illustrates this belief.

Looking back over seventeen years, it is meaningful to see the growth of organizations The Foundation has long supported. In a remarkable first-time achievement this year, a graduate of The Terranova School, in Zambia, was accepted to medical school. It is equally exciting to partner with new individuals and organizations, aligned with our mission and purpose. New partnerships help us remain dynamic and responsive to the needs of our changing world: literacy for underserved women in Tangier; an awareness of global health needs for those entering health careers; a sense of moral responsibility to take care of the earth and her resources.

The people and organizations you will read about in our newsletter are reminders that it is within the power of each of us to make a difference in the lives of others, however and whenever, we decide to take the first step.

Marilyn Burke

I'm a Julia Person!

We are humbled that Julia's friends have chose to honor her memory in so many wonderful ways.

From sporting Julia tees and onesies to naming their children after Julia, we love to see the next generation's active participation!



Sloane Julia Hart
Catching crabs on the beach!



Left to Right: left to right: Christine Harris, Val Axtle, Max Li and Jontae Henry. These four represented BAUDL at the 2016 Tournament of Champions.

FOUNDATION HONORED WITH JEFFERSON AWARD

By Karen Stockton

For its contributions to improve communities locally, and humanitarian efforts internationally, The Julia Burke Foundation has been honored by receiving the Jefferson Award for public service. Over the past two decades, The Julia Burke Foundation has partnered with numerous organizations and individuals to promote the values and interests that inspired Julia. Through these efforts, The Foundation has changed for better not only the lives of those directly impacted, but also the lives of countless others, as the ripple effect of this generosity has carried outward.



JEFFERSON AWARDS

“The Jefferson Awards Foundation believes in public service. Not just because it improves communities, but because it changes the lives of those who participate. We honor outstanding Americans who are making a difference with Jefferson Awards, inspiring others to act.”

— Jefferson Awards Foundation, www.jeffersonawards.org



Jerry & Marilyn Burke with Sam Beard at the Jefferson Awards Ceremony

A YEAR OF GROWTH AND ACHEIVEMENT BAUDL

By Danielle Kreie, Operations Manager

Through generous support from The Julia Burke Foundation, the Bay Area Urban Debate League (BAUDL) brings the competitive sport of debate to under-resourced high schools and middle schools in the Bay Area. Hundreds of youth participated in BAUDL debate programs during the 2015-16 school year, gaining confidence and leadership skills that will last a lifetime.

The Julia Burke Foundation made it possible for BAUDL to move its 8th annual summer debate camp onto the Laney College campus, giving over 100 Bay Area youth the opportunity to learn in a college environment. Students spent the week advancing their debate skills through engaging, fast-paced workshops led by accomplished debaters from across the country.

For the first time in history, a BAUDL debate team qualified for the elite Tournament of Champions in Kentucky. Ongoing support from The Julia Burke Foundation made it possible for these students to attend the tournament and compete at the highest level, an exciting opportunity that our traveling team students strive for each year.

BAUDL has had an exciting year with league growth of approximately 25%! We are excited to watch more students grow as they discover the power of their voices and tap into their potential. BAUDL is proud to partner with The Julia Burke Foundation for the education of local youth!

For more information, visit www.baudl.org



TOP: 2016 Bay Area Urban Debate League, BOTTOM LEFT: Bay Area Urban Debate League at the Tournament of Champions



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To become an organ donor today.



EXCELLENCE, CHARACTER, OPPORTUNITY TERRANOVA SCHOOL

**By George Dietz, Assistant Principal,
Woodward Academy**

I am very proud of my school, Woodward Academy, the oldest private school in the Atlanta metro area, for its commitment to excellence in education. But just as no man is an island, good schools achieve excellence when resources are pooled within a community of people who care. Woodward Academy is proud to have The Terranova School, in Mazabuka, Zambia, as a sister school and as a part of our educational community. We are also proud and pleased that The Julia Burke Foundation continues to help foster the educational growth of the Terranova students.

Like many schools, Woodward has a motto: Excellence, Character, and Opportunity. This

summer, with support from The Julia Burke Foundation, The Terranova School dedicated a new computer lab. Perhaps it would be better if we called it the Opportunity Lab, now that the students have Internet access, they have a wonderful opportunity to augment all aspects of their learning. Think about that. The Julia Burke Foundation has given these children, many who have not traveled more than 20 miles from their home, the chance to experience a vast new world, with the click of a mouse. This opportunity will ultimately result in continued excellence in the classroom. Over time, the experiences these children will have in the classroom will add to and help develop the character of each student. I know from experience that this motto can easily

Students and staff at Terranova School, Mazabuka, Zambia

be applied to The Julia Burke Foundation, and of course, to Julia herself: excellence, character and opportunity.

We are extremely proud to announce that for the first time, a graduate of The Terranova School has been accepted into medical school! Tyson Mtonga, who passed grade twelve with high marks, has been accepted by The University of Zambia to study medicine.

For more information on the Woodward Academy and Terranova School visit:
www.WoodwardAcademy.edu

RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE THE JW PATTERSON FOUNDATION

By Elizabeth Coons, President

Last April, The Julia Burke Foundation continued its support of policy debate at the University of Kentucky's 2016 High School Tournament of Champions, the 45th anniversary of this event.

This year, The Foundation sponsored a contribution event to take place during the Legends Debate, held on Saturday night, April 30, 2016. The Legends teams were Leo Gagion and John Bredehoft from Cardinal Spellman High School (1975-76 two-time TOC winners) and Daniel Taylor and Ellis Allen from Westminster High School (2010-2011 two-time TOC winners). During the Legends Debate, The Julia Burke Foundation announced a fundraising challenge

for contributions to the JW Patterson Foundation that would be earmarked for TOC scholarships. With the Foundation's leadership, a generous amount was raised in contributions and pledges to be used in coming years in support of talented young debaters traveling to the TOC. Dr. Patterson remarked that "this evening was one of the most memorable of my many events over the years with Marilyn Burke, The Julia Burke Foundation, the TOC, and The JW Patterson Foundation. We are so truly appreciative of The Julia Burke Foundation's generosity in support of high school policy debate and the TOC."

For more information on the JW Patterson Foundation, visit: www.jwpattersonfoundation.org



Board Members at the Tournament of Champions. Left to right: Michelle Johns, Robbie Murphy, Marilyn Burke, Joy Johnson, Melissa Knievel

ENGAGING TEACHING SEMINARIANS ABOUT FAITH AND ECOLOGY

INTERFAITH CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

By Rabbi Yonatan Neril, Founder and Director

With support from The Julia Burke Foundation, The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development (ICSD) continues in its mission to promote coexistence, peace, and sustainability, and in May 2016, the Vatican Insider reported on this work. In an article titled “New Curriculum for Seminarians, Inspired by Pope Francis; A Report on Environmental Teaching for Future Priests,” Lisa Palmieri-Billig wrote about how Rabbi Yonatan Neril, who is “especially committed to developing the relation between faith and ecology, has taken to heart Pope Francis’ repeated call to take action to protect the



Rabbi Yonatan meets with the Eastern Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople

environment against climate change. Rabbi Neril is founder and director of ICSD in Jerusalem, which just completed a groundbreaking new survey of 48 Catholic seminaries in North America, Rome, and the Holy Land, aimed at discovering the extent to which these institutions are taking seriously Francis’ warning and plea. ICSD is a nonprofit organization that works to catalyze a transition to a sustainable human society through the active leadership of different faith communities.”

This report, on “Catholic Ecology Courses in Catholic Seminaries,” and funded by The Julia Burke Foundation, reveals the range of effort there has been to incorporate environmental issues into seminary coursework. Sixteen classes devoted specifically to Catholic ecology teachings are offered at seven institutions, and many other institutions integrate environmental issues into courses on different topics. Through this work, with support from The Julia Burke Foundation, ICSD offers tangible evidence of an increased awareness for the environment and sustainable living, an awareness that will in turn promote activism and ecologically sound leadership in our global faith communities.

The full article referenced above can be viewed at: <http://www.lastampa.it/2016/05/30/vaticaninsider/eng/news/>

For more information on the Interfaith Center, visit: www.interfaithsustain.org

STEFANIE PUTMAN DEBUTS ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE

UNITED STATES PARA-EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

By Karen Stockton and Marcia Putnam

Support from The Julia Burke Foundation to the US Para-Equestrian Association has enabled Stefanie Putnam to achieve her dreams. Stefanie was recently selected by the U.S. Equestrian Federation to represent the United States of America at the FEI Para-Equestrian World Driving Championships held this past summer in Beesd, The Netherlands. On her international debut, and as the sole representative of the U.S., Putnam drove her horse Bethesda After Dark, a black Morgan gelding, to a remarkable individual fifth place overall, also earning an individual third in cones. Seven nations competed in the championships, with seasoned drivers from Latvia to Ireland.

Stefanie was a successful and advanced level show jumper when she suffered a devastating spinal cord injury in 2009 at age twenty-four. Left paralyzed from the chest down, Stefanie has nonetheless thrived in the face of this challenge. No longer able to ride, in 2011 she discovered the sport of Combined Driving and competed in her first competition the very same year. In the United States, all combined driving event (CDE) drivers compete equally, whether amateur or professional, male or female, young or old, able-bodied or otherwise. Over the past two seasons on a level playing field, Putnam has earned eight Championships and seven Reserve Championships, including a National Championship and a Triple Crown Championship title.

Stefanie provides a beacon to those facing extreme challenges in their lives and a model for what sports like carriage driving, and inclusion, can mean. The support from The Julia Burke Foundation that enabled this awe-inspiring journey is a testament to Julia and everything she believed in. Our lives, and certainly Stefanie’s, have been enriched beyond measure.



For more information, visit: www.uspea.org

THE JULIA BURKE AWARDS FOR DEBATE

The Julia Burke Award for Character and Excellence in Policy Debate recognizes the spirit and character of young debaters at both the local and national level.

THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL



RYAN JIANG

Oakland, California
Julia Burke Debater of the Year Award
Future School: Harvard

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS



EMILY GORDON

Lexington, Kentucky
High School: Rowland Hall, Upper School, Salt Lake City, Utah
Designated Charity: National Ability Center-Sponsor A Horse

AMERICAN DEBATE ASSOCIATION NATIONALS



YOUNG KWON

Harrisonburg, Virginia
College: George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia
Designated Charity: Make-A-Wish Foundation

JULIA BURKE II RACING SHELL REMAINS UNDEFEATED OAKLAND STROKES

By Cheryl Richards, Team Parent & Volunteer

In the spring of 2015, a new boat arrived at the Oakland Strokes Boathouse. With purple stripes and big purple lettering, the Julia Burke II joined the original Julia Burke 8-man racing shell in the boathouse and at daily practice on the Oakland Estuary. It then carried the Oakland Strokes Varsity Men to victory at the National Championships that spring.

In 2016, the Oakland Strokes kept the Julia Burke II undefeated through the regular season. The Strokes Men's JV 8+ concluded the season undefeated, winning the Julia Burke Memorial Trophy and holding the trophy especially high after racing in the Julia Burke II. And for the first time in history, the Oakland Strokes swept all the 8+ events at the 2016 State Championships.

For more information, please contact: Coach Brian DeRegt via email at: coachdereg@yahoo.com



Oakland Strokes Junior Varsity Men's 8+ Crew after rowing the Julia Burke II to gold medal victory!



HONORING KATE STEINLE STUDENTS RISING ABOVE

By Lynne Martin, Executive Director, Students Rising Above

Last December, The Julia Burke Foundation, a longtime lead supporter of Students Rising Above (SRA), made a very special gift. With friends Jim Steinle and Liz Sullivan, the parents of Kate Steinle, The Julia Burke Foundation helped to establish the Kate Steinle Scholarship Fund. As most readers will remember, Kate's life was tragically cut short in December 2015, at Pier 14 in the Embarcadero district of San Francisco.



Kate Steinle



Students Rising Above. Photo credit: Gary Wagner

Managed by Students Rising Above, the Kate Steinle Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Kate as a way to honor her loving and generous spirit, and to create a legacy of hope for students who share her passion for life, her concern for others, and her embrace of cultures around the world. Kate was known for her big heart, her ability to connect with people, her sincerity, and her ability to create a lasting impression. She loved to travel and made new friends wherever she went.

The Kate Steinle Scholarship Fund will keep Kate's legacy alive by awarding scholarships to SRA students who embody Kate's qualities. Namely, they will possess an intellectual and emotional curiosity, an ability to connect and relate to others, and an authenticity of thought and deed. They will understand the importance of giving back to others, and recognize that the finest gifts always come from the heart.

SRA is proud to partner with The Julia Burke Foundation and The Kate Steinle Foundation to honor Kate by stewarding the Kate Steinle Scholarship Fund. The Fund will help hardworking and caring young adults to reach their full potential, and will enable them to make a lasting and positive change.

For more information, about SRA, visit: www.studentsrisingabove.org

JAZZ IN THE BAY AND BEYOND GENERATIONS IN JAZZ

By Irene Pech, Board Member, Generations in Jazz

We truly appreciate The Julia Burke Foundation for its ongoing financial support of participants in the Lafayette Summer Music Workshop (LafSMW). This support is vital to the LafSMW and its mission to provide jazz

music training to students in the Bay Area and beyond. In helping to fund scholarships for many talented youth of limited means, the Foundation underscores its commitment to the community of musicians of which Julia was a part.

As a scholarship recipient writes, "Thank you infinitely for granting me this amazing experience. Throughout this week I have met many inspired people my age, creating a small community that will spread farther than just this week. I plan to collaborate with a few horn players I have met at this paradise with realistic hopes to record in a studio I intern at. My favorite class was probably the master class – it was challenging yet insanely productive. Seeing how other upright bass players my age play in such detail is a rarity and it has helped me immensely. Thank you so much for everything."

For more information on Generations in Jazz, visit: www.generationsinjazz.org



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MEMORIAL WALK & REUNION

Sunday, December 18th | 9:00 am-11:00 am | San Pablo Reservoir Recreation Area Visitor Center

The meeting place for our Memorial Walk and Reunion will be indoors at San Pablo Reservoir Recreation Area Visitor Center, RAIN OR SHINE! We will have talented musicians led by Bob Athayde of Stanley Middle School, a bounty of refreshments and sweeping views of the reservoir. There will be an easy walk, less than one mile, and a great opportunity to visit in a heated facility. There is plenty of complimentary parking.

This is not a fundraiser but a chance for all of us to visit. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit www.JuliaBurkeFoundation.org.



San Pablo Reservoir Recreation Area Visitor Center
7301 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA