

Daniels Fund names 267 seniors as Daniels Scholars

The **Daniels Fund** named 267 high school seniors as Daniels Scholars, which amounts to a total commitment of more than \$3.2 million for each of four years of their college careers. The group includes 184 from Colorado. The Daniels Fund works with high schools, agencies and college prep providers to identify scholarship candidates. They're selected according to "strength of character, leadership and a record of accomplishment in giving back to the community," the Daniels Fund said.

DISASTER RELIEF: The **Western Union Co.** (NYSE: WU) and the **Western Union Foundation** have distributed about one-half of a \$1 million-plus commitment to help provide natural-disaster relief worldwide. In response to the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, Western Union has given direct and in-kind donations worth about \$530,000. Western Union also has donated thousands of dollars for flood relief in Columbia, Bolivia, Brazil, Sri Lanka and Australia, and for earthquake relief in New Zealand.

BURGER BUCKS: Denver-based **Red Robin Gourmet Burgers Inc.** worked with law-enforcement officers nationwide and set a record by raising \$744,000 at its Tip-A-Cop events, plus from a week-long burger fundraiser to support Special Olympics. The police officers worked in 349 Red Robin restaurants in 36 states on March 26, donating their tips. And the chain donated \$50,000 from the burger fundraiser.

RECORD SET: **Regis Jesuit High School** raised a record of more than \$585,500 at its Lark 2011-Boardwalk Bash, a fundraising dinner and auction, held April 16 at the school. The event goes back 38 years. Premier sponsors were **Kent Stevinson, Ed and Kathy Bernau, Tim and Alison Brantley, Daniel and Michelle Murphy, John and Mary Lee Rossi, Thomas and Rebecca Samson, Brown-Forman** and **Coors Distributing**.

LAEF HITS \$400K: The **Latin American Educational Foundation (LAEF)** raised nearly \$400,000 at its 2011 Gala, "Esperanza," to benefit its scholarship fund. Major sponsors included **Beverage Distributors, CH2M Hill, MillerCoors LLC/Coors Hispanic Employee Net-**

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work, Nelnet Foundation, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Wells Fargo and United Airlines. In total, LAEF has awarded more than 5,600 scholarships totaling more than \$5 million.

FOR RESEARCH: **Safeway Inc.** donated \$350,000 to help fund breast-cancer research at the **University of Colorado Cancer Center.** Safeway has donated more than \$1 million in four years to this cause. The money will support an I-SPY 2 clinical trial. Safeway's month-long giving program held in October funded the grant, raising more than \$650,000 in five states.

FOR TEACHERS: The **Qwest Foundation** distributed \$150,000 to 29 teachers statewide as part of its **2011 Teachers & Technology** grant program. Teachers from Denver and northern Colorado attended an April 27 reception at the Governor's Mansion. Some of their grant-winning projects include an anatomy learning lab for biomedical and life sciences programs; digital audio/video production carts to help with science, social studies and language learning; and field lab tools to teach students how human activity can affect water quality in a local ecosystem. The foundation also committed another \$150,000 for its 2012 program,



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Highland Middle School (in Ault) teachers Megan Hattan (left) and Melanie Van Soelen are among the winners statewide in the Qwest Foundation's 2011 Teachers & Technology program. They'll use their \$5,400 grant to buy an interactive student response system for English-language learners and special-education students.

running the six-year total to \$850,000.

DOGGONE GOOD TIME: The **Humane Society of Boulder Valley** raised a record of more than \$340,000 at its 19th Annual Puttin' On The Leash — Under the Sea benefit. It was the largest and most successful fundraising event in the organization's 109-year history. Platinum-level title sponsors included **Colorado Capital Bank, Control Service Center, Club Z - Buddy & Laura Zuckerman, Purina One, Nuf Said Advertising, Superior Liquor, ViaTek, Vermilion, and Marilyn and Jim Reynolds.** A total of 21 Boulder-area restaurants, caterers and specialty food companies donated menu items for sampling.

HELPING NONPROFITS: The **CoBiz Cares Foundation** distributed a total of \$122,750 to 26 nonprofits in 2010-11. Among the recipients: **Challenge Denver, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Theatre, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, Denver Kids, Denver Public Schools Foundation, Gathering Place and Starlight Children's Foundation.** CoBiz Financial created the foundation in 2008. Employees fund it, and CoBiz Financial matches up to \$50,000.

GOODWILL PROGRAMS: **Goodwill Industries of Denver** raised \$80,000 at its 15th Annual Goodwill Power of Work luncheon, held April 21. The money goes toward Goodwill's community programs, such as ones for adults trying to get off welfare, people with disabilities and the at-risk youth Goodwill works with in 26 high schools in the Denver metro area. **Eon Office Products** was the presenting sponsor. Among the other sponsors were **IMA, Charles Schwab, Delta Dental, Community First Foundation, JPMorgan Chase, CoBiz Financial, Sukle Advertising and Design, Tebo Store Fixtures and Xcel Energy.**

CSU SCHOLARSHIPS: **Colorado State University's** annual Green and Gold Gala raised more than \$30,000 for a scholarship fund that awards juniors or seniors in the Denver area. Key sponsors included **Barclays Capital, Birko Corp., CH2M Hill, CoBank and First Bank Holding Company of Colorado.** This year's scholarship winners are **Caitlin McAleer, Arvada, who is studying business administration and accounting, and Nicole Fleschsig, Wheat Ridge, who is studying history and social studies education.**

JAPAN AID: The **Shane Co.** jewelry stores donated \$24,352 to the Red Cross to use in earthquake and tsunami relief efforts in Japan. Shane Co. donated 10 percent of all cultured pearl sales, for a set period that ended April 17, to the cause.

HELPING THOSE WITH MS: The **Daniels Fund** made a grant of \$22,000 to the **Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the National MS Society.** The money will help buy durable medical equipment and mobility aids, such as wheelchairs and walking devices, to help people living with MS.

ALPINE DIFFERENCE: **Alpine Buick GMC,** owned by **Ivette Dominguez,** donated \$15,000 in cash and a sponsorship to the **Children's Miracle Network** in the first quarter of 2011. It's part of the dealership's new "The Alpine Difference," a program to help nonprofits that aid women and families in the Denver area. Each quarter, Dominguez and her employees will choose a charity or charities to receive up to \$10,000. Groups can apply at alpinebuickpontiacgmc.com/Alpine-Cares.

PRESERVING HISTORY: **MillerCoors** made a grant of \$14,000 to the **Golden History Museums,** which operates the **Astor House Museum, Clear Creek History Park and Golden History Center.** The grant will help with the creation of a multimedia piece for the new exhibit, "Turn it Up: Golden's Musical Memories."

GOOD BACKING: The **Lovett Family Chiropractic and Wellness Center** in Aurora has raised almost \$12,000 for nonprofits in its first two years. The company gave \$5,000 to **Boys Hope Girls Hope** in 2010 and \$5,800 to the **Denver Firefighter's Burn Foundation** in 2009, as well as donating to **The Children's Hospital Foundation** and **United Cerebral Palsy Foundation.**

TUITION ASSISTANCE: The **Longmont Community Foundation** gave \$5,000 to **Seeds of Hope Charitable Trust,** on behalf of the **Steven Holmes Fund.** The money will provide tuition assistance for economically disadvantaged families who want to send their children to St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Longmont.

FOR JA: **Fogo de Chão** steakhouse raised \$3,600 for **Junior Achievement-Rocky Mountain Inc.** at an April 18 dinner that celebrated Financial Literacy Month.

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