

FOUNDATION NEWS & NOTES

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COLISEUM FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF ROBERT T. NAHAS SCHOLARSHIPS

Ronald C. Nahas, president of the Board of Directors of the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Foundation, announced the recipients of the Robert T. Nahas Scholarships for 2008. He stated the \$10,500 scholarships are for four years, paid at \$2,625 per year. The four scholarships are available to graduating seniors of public and private high schools in Alameda County.

The awardees are Vanessa Liu of Fremont, Stephanie Fong of Castro Valley, Matt Carlucci of Pleasanton and Ryan Brekke of Oakland.

VANESSA LIU graduated from Mission San Jose High School with a 4.0 grade point average and an SAT score of 2260. Her activities at school include being the captain of both the volleyball and track and field teams. She was honored as Mission Valley Athletic League First Team All League for Track and Field. She is a National Merit Semifinalist and AP Scholar. She will attend UC Berkeley, majoring in nutritional sciences. Efforts in this area already include serving on the American Cancer Society's Healthy Kids Network and the Tri-City Health Center Youth Advisory Board.

STEPHANIE FONG is a graduate of Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland. She had a 4.33 grade point average and a 2160 SAT score. She is a National Merit Scholarship finalist and plans to attend Johns Hopkins University majoring in neuroscience. She is a three year varsity basketball player and was honored as a tournament MVP. Active in her church and community, she combined both on a sports-mission trip to the Dominican Republic during August 2006. Her sports competition at school or club level includes baseball, swimming, soccer, tennis, cross country and volleyball.

MATT CARLUCCI graduated from Amador Valley High School with a 3.84 grade point average and a 1950 SAT. He plans to attend the University of Washington majoring in Business Administration. His main sports participation was in basketball and soccer. He began playing soccer at six years of age with the Ballistic United Soccer Club. He just completed the year on the Under 18 team. On the Amador Valley High team he was captain and named MVP of the East Bay Athletic League. He was junior class president and active in school activities including the Leadership Executive Council. He also has volunteered with Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity and Valley Humane Society.

RYAN BREKKE is a graduate of Oakland Technical High School with a 4.24 grade point average and a 1970 SAT. His plans include attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where he will major in Engineering. He has participated in basketball, baseball and soccer. At school he was Oakland Tech's Head Senior Mentor of that program designed to assist one-on-one, ninth graders to transition to high school. He also is active in the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth and Project Corazon. With the latter, he was part of the group that build houses from the ground-up for families in Tecate, Mexico in 2006 and 2008.

The Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Foundation was established to honor Coliseum President Emeritus Robert T. Nahas and to oversee charitable programs associated with the Coliseum. The Foundation also awards the George P. Scotlan scholarships.

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