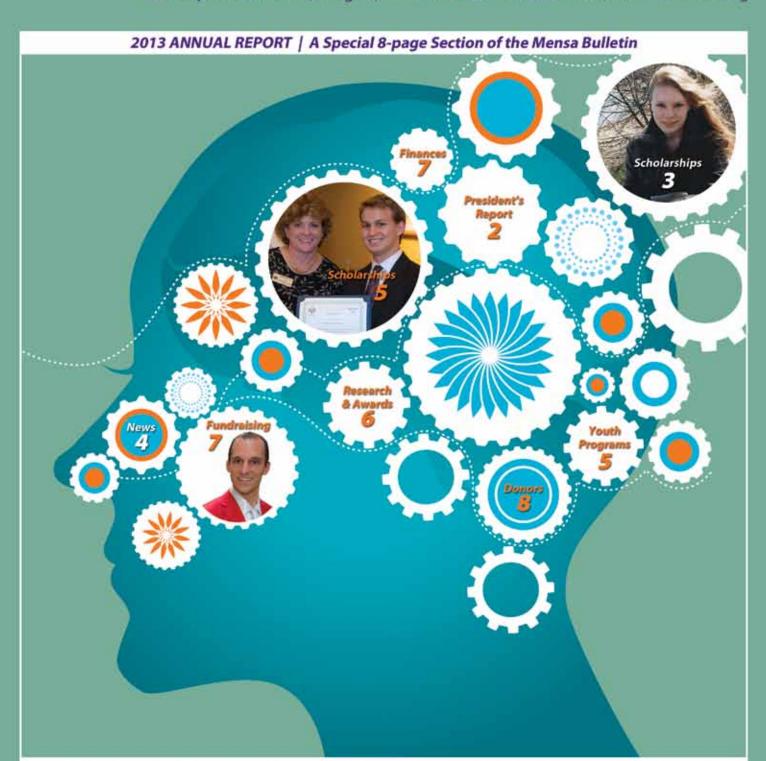


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT | By Dave Remine

Remembering a good friend, plus successes and challenges

n my second year as President of the Mensa Foundation, I want to highlight just a few of last year's activities and accomplishments. Then, I ask you to read the rest of this report to gain a better understanding of what YOUR foundation is doing. Some of the news is great, some bad and some not so great.

First, the bad news. On May 15, the Foundation's past President, Greg Timmers, passed away. Greg was my colleague, my friend and my mentor. To lose him at only 63 was a shock to not only me but to the Foundation board, staff and the American Mensa Committee as well. Greg had served 10 years as the Director of Science and Education (DSE) on AMC and nine years as the Foundation President. Among his many accomplishments for the Foundation was the creation of one-day Colloquiums before the Annual Gathering. More than 200 people are expected to attend this year's in Fort Worth. This program stands as a tribute to Greg's visionary thinking and leadership. While the Foundation board will fill the empty seat, we can never replace Greg; we do know, however, that he would insist we continue the work he was so much a part of.

Now for some great news. A project led by Vice President Marie Mayer, with much assistance from staff and others, to move our Scholarship Program online produced dramatic results in more than doubling the number of applications to more than 9,400 while streamlining the submission and judging process for essays. We also saw new scholarships established, one of which honors Gary

"Skinner" Porter, the creator/leader of Hell's M's SIG, who also passed away recently. Mensa is a better place due to Skinner and the "club within a club" he created. Your donations to such scholarships honor those for whom they are named and have lasting impact on people's lives. As an example, the following is a quote from just one of the many letters received from scholarship winners.

"It is such an honor to have been selected by the Board of Trustees of the Mensa Education and Research Foundation as a recipient of the Karen Cooper Memorial Scholarship. The Mensa Foundation's generosity will support me as I continue my studies at Harvard University in the fall, as a sophomore. Your scholarship will enable me to continue to pursue my dream of becoming a pediatric ophthalmologist."

Exciting things are also happening with our gifted youth. Last year, we provided assistance to the Library of Congress in developing a children's guide to the National Book Festival. This year, we will help develop teacher/parent guides and lesson plans as well as sharing branding with the Library of Congress on the 2,500 bags that will be given to children attending the event.

We have seen an increase in *Mensa Research Journal* subscriptions, and the recent issue on "Educating for Gifted Youth and Creativity" was highly acclaimed. Visit our website (mensafoundation.org) to learn how you can order a sample copy or subscribe.

The not so great news? Even during these hard economic times, it seems scholarship donations are increasing but general donations are not. Coupled with the record low returns on investments lately, we are concerned that funds needed to continue and expand our many programs may be in jeopardy. Donations to scholarship funds are restricted and can't be used for any other purposes. All other programs and administrative costs are funded out of unrestricted funds. While making a donation to support the scholarship of your choosing, please consider an unrestricted donation as well. Your Mensa Foundation needs your support.

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Front row, from left: Jill Beckham, Eldon Romney, Dave Remine, Dan Burg and James Werdell. Back row, from left: Michael Jacobson, Marie Mayer, Joanne Soper, Phyllis Miller, Elissa Rudolph and Don Pendley.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In the most recent program year, scholarships totaling \$77,700 were awarded to 176 individuals. The national awards are listed here.

MENSA MEMBER AWARDS (\$1,000) GenX Special Interest Group Scholarship:

Julissa Cadenillas, Maspeth, NY

John Blinke Scholarship:

Martin Anderson, Burnsville, MN

Linda Hathaway Scholarship:

Molly Gaines-McCollom, Stone Mountain, GA

Martha Williams Scholarship:

Danielle Hanks, Porterville, CA

Pete Karmanos Scholarship:

Blake Ebert, Arnold, MD

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS (\$1,000) David Mann Memorial Scholarship

(study of aeronautical engineering or an aerospace field):
Adin Herzog, San Diego, CA

Margie Mandelblatt Award (study in journalism):

Audrey Schmitz, Axtell, KS

Margot Seitelman Memorial Scholarship

(graduate student who plans a career in professional writing or teaching English grammar and/or writing):
Randall Surles, Crestview, FL

J.F. Schirmer Scholarship (best in competition):

Daniel Cleary, Portland, OR

Lauren Vaccaro Malenke, Fort Collins, CO McKenzie Hellbaum, Wheatland, NY Andrew Ylitalo, Stillwater, MN

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS (\$600) Harper Fowley–Isolated M Award

(study for an undergraduate liberal arts degree): Kathryn Kuethman, Boynton Beach, FL

Helen Kupper Scholarship

(student pursuing a degree in the fine arts):
Anna Bethea, Shalimar, FL

Jerry Salny Memorial Scholarship:

Alexander Merriman, East Aurora, NY

Joe Zanca Scholarship:

Alexandra Berges, Ellicott City, MD

Lester London Award (graduate student in history): Michelle Sammartino, Hollywood, FL

Rita Levine Memorial Scholarship

(for a female returning to school after an absence of seven or more years): Julie Startz, Las Cruces, NM

Rosemary Greathouse Scholarship

(student pursuing a degree in the arts): Brooke Griffin, Madison, AL

The Sylvia Scholarship (study or career in education): Michael Treglia, College Station, TX

Walt and Mary McGrew Scholarship for Veterans:

Natasha Flores, Gulfport, FL

SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT

Tessa Theriault



rom the moment Tessa Theriault dug up her first artifact as a child, becoming an archaeologist has been her dream, and the Mensa Foundation is helping her fulfill that dream.

Tessa, who is pursuing an Honors Bachelor of Arts in Classical Archaeology at Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire, recently was awarded a Diana Mossip Memorial Scholarship from the Foundation.

"I was so overjoyed to receive the news while overseas that I had been awarded this scholarship," said Tessa, who just spent six weeks on the archaeological dig of Coriglia near Castel Viscardo, Italy.

"Becoming an archaeologist has been my dream," said Tessa. "There are endless possibilities of new discoveries just waiting to be unearthed or raised from the oceans. I wish to be the person that reveals them and contributes to the greater good and enlightenment of my fellow man. Your financial assistance brings me one step closer to this dream."

This fall, Tessa will declare a second major in Classics. After graduation, she plans to pursue a doctorate in Archaeology. Besides being a model student, Tessa also is a model of the kind of student the Foundation seeks to help. You can help the Foundation help them by making a donation or by volunteering. Find out how at www.mensafoundation.org.



FOUNDATION NEWS

FOUNDATION WEBSITE HONORED: The Mensa Foundation's redesigned website earned a Bronze Award at the Association Media & Publishing's 2013 EXCEL Awards competition. This award honors the web team's work to highlight and communicate the Foundation's mission to recognize, encourage and communicate excellence in intelligence globally through education, research and recognition programs. "The National

Office IT staff deserves great credit," said Foundation President Dave Remine.

IN MEMORY:

- Stuart Friedman, whose leadership resume is among the most impressive in the annals of American Mensa and the Mensa Foundation, passed away in June. Regarded as a founder of Foundation, Stu served as Foundation President from 1974-84. Stu's numerous leadership roles during his 47-year AML career. were recognized in 1984, when he received the Distinguished Service Award. His tenure as Foundation President was followed by numerous roles, including Trustee and *Mensa Research Journal* Editor.
- Mensa Foundation trustee Greg Timmers passed away in May 2013. He had been a trustee for 13 years and was a past President, Vice President, and Treasurer as well as a 30-year member of Mensa. Greg's deep commitment to Mensa and the Foundation will be greatly missed.
- Former AMC Chair Gabriel Werba passed away in November 2012. As AMC Chair in 1980, Gabe proposed the Colloquium, saying, "I want to stimulate within Mensa a climate of intellectual excitement in which concepts can be explored, dialogues can be started, and ideas can be generated that will move us in new directions." His vision continues to endure with each Colloquium.

TRUSTEE CHANGES:

- Joining the Board is Eldon Romney, who has served at the local, regional and national levels. He was Provisional Ombudsman from 1988 to 1990 and National Ombudsman from 2000 to 2010. He received the Chairman's Service Award for superior service to American Mensa in 2007 and 2010 and the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service to American Mensa in 2011.
- Another new Board member is James Werdell, who has held numerous positions within Mensa on the local and international levels, including American Mensa Committee Treasurer and First Vice Chairman and Mensa International Chairman.

COLLOQUIUMS

Colloquiums examine contemporary issues in depth with authoritative speakers and discussions.

Between Science Fiction and Science

July 2, 2013 in Fort Worth, Texas

More than 220 Colloquium attendees explored science fiction and how our boundless imagination has found purchase within the boundaries of science.



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July 1, 2014 in Boston

The 2014 event will take you from crime scene to cop shop to research room, with a look at how it all plays out in books, movies and television. Grab your lab coat and join us as we analyze the world of forensic science, from fingerprints to forensic psychology, from computers to crime scenes and beyond.

Register at www.colloquium.us.mensa.org

PODCASTS

In the latest episode of *Conversations with Mensa*, intelligence specialist Dr. Deborah Ruf interviews Dr. Joyce VanTassel-Baska, a lifelong educator, former Executive Director of the Center for Gifted Education at



the College of William and Mary, and Mensa Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award winner. As Dr. VanTassel-Baska makes her transition into retirement, her focus remains on contributing to the programmatic education of gifted youth, both at home and abroad. This conversation touches on myriad facets of gifted education including:

- The design and development of curriculum and programming in line with the new common core
- Philosophical attitudes that may be hindering student growth
- The differences and similarities in domestic and foreign education
- The division in research goals between those gifted educators with education-specific and psychology-specific backgrounds

Download the podcasts from the Foundation website or from iTunes

YOUTH PROGRAMS

MENSA FOR KIDS: MensaForKids.org is accessed by people from 50 countries in greater numbers every year, and not only by kids but by parents and teachers looking for lesson plans and activities. It includes:

- TED® Connections are short, easy-to-use guides that help teachers, parents and youth use TED talks in a class-room or home setting.
- The Excellence in Reading program provides a yearround challenge based on the National Endowment for the Humanities "Summertime Reading" list.
- Resources for parents and teachers continue to be added to help challenge gifted children.

WORLD COUNCIL FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED

CHILDREN: The Foundation provided funding for an Affiliate membership with World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, a worldwide non-profit organization that provides advocacy and support for gifted children.

GIFTED YOUTH SPECIALIST: The Foundation provides ongoing support to gifted youth with the assistance of its Gifted Youth Specialist, Lisa Van Gemert. She assists with developing content for the Mensa For Kids website, has conducted workshops for thousands of teachers and is a popular speaker on gifted youth topics.



AG YOUTH PROGRAMS: This year's *Spark!* included structured programming for children ages 4-12. Activities for older youth were held in the Teen Room.

BRIGHT: The free enewsletter for kids ages 6-10, *Bright* has seen subscriptions increase past 1,600.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PARTNERSHIP: The Foundation provided resources to help develop a guide for the National Book Festival. Learn more at: www.loc.gov/bookfest/kids-teachers/guides.html.

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Dr. Kathleen Van Trees Simpson of Mensa 76 and Foundation President Dave Remine present the 2013-14 Grosswirth-Salny Scholarship to Marshall Bustillo, who was later congratulated (at right) by one of the award's namesakes, Dr. Abbie Salny. Marshall attends Purdue, where he is studying Electrical Engineering.

Marshall Bustillo



RESEARCH

The Awards for Excellence in Research are given internationally for outstanding research articles on human intelligence, intellectual giftedness and related fields.

JUNIOR RESEARCHERS

Gregory Park, Vanderbilt University, Tenn., "When Less is More: Effects of Grade Skipping on Adult STEM Productivity Among Mathematically Precocious Adolescents," *Journal of Educational Psychology*.

David Rutkowski, Indiana University, "Trends in Education Excellence Gaps: A 12-Year International Perspective via the Multilevel Model for Change," *High Ability Studies*.

Jonathan Wai, Duke University, N.C., "The Flynn effect puzzle: A 30-year examination from the right tail of the ability distribution provides some missing pieces," *Intelligence*.

Matthew C. Makel, Duke University, N.C., "High-Ability Students' Time Spent Outside the Classroom," *Journal of Advanced Academics*.

SENIOR RESEARCHERS

Rena F Subotnik, American Psychological Association, "Rethinking Giftedness and Gifted Education: A Proposed Direction Forward Based on Psychological Science," *Psychological Science in the Public Interest*.

Joseph S. Renzulli, University of Connecticut, "Reexamining the Role of Gifted Education and Talent Development for the 21st Century: A Four-Part Theoretical Approach," *Gifted Child Quarterly*.

David Lubinski, Vanderbilt University, Tenn., "Neglected Aspects and Truncated Appraisals in Vocational Counseling: Interpreting the Interest-Efficacy Association from a Broader Perspective: Comment on Armstrong and Vogel (2009)," *Journal of Counseling Psychology*.

John D. Mayer, University of New Hampshire, "Does Personal Intelligence Exist? Evidence from a New Ability-Based Measure," *Journal of Personality Assessment*.

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three times a year to recognize and highlight research into all aspects of intelligence and giftedness. Themes for 2012-2013 included "Spiritual Intelligence," "Math and Science for Gifted Youth" and "Lifetime Achievement Award Winners: Simon Baron-Cohen, Ph.D., and Joyce VanTassel-Baska, Ed.D." MRJ received one of the 24th Annual Awards for Publication Excellence, an annual competition for communications profes-

sionals. The two-part series on augmenting human cognition, published in summer and fall 2011, was honored with the APEX® 2012 for Magazine Series.

Order your copy or subscribe at mensafoundation.org/mrj

AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD recognizes a teacher, professor, or instructor at any educational level who's had an especially positive influence on the education or life of a Mensa member. The honored teacher for 2013 is John Otterstedt of Ridgewood, N.J. "Beneath his kindly, enthusiastic exterior was a dedicated and zealous educator who demanded – and got – the very best from his students," said Michael C. Feeny, the Mensan who nominated John. "Mr. O set a fine example of what it meant to go the extra mile."

Read more about John at mensafoundation.org/distinguishedteacher

COPPER BLACK AWARD FOR CREATIVE

ACHIEVEMENT, named after the late Ms. Copper Black, recognizes an outstanding creative achievement by a member of American Mensa. The most recent award goes to Kelly Cartwright for her work in the field of reading comprehension deficits among children. Kelly's research investigates the intellectual skills necessary for skilled reading comprehension.

Read more about Kelly at mensafoundation.org/copperblack

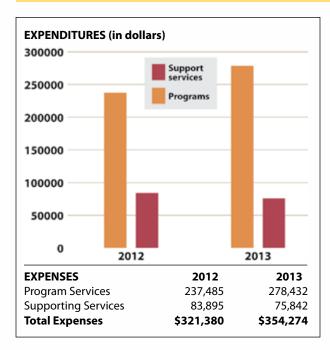
INTELLECTUAL BENEFIT TO SOCIETY AWARD

recognizes the application of Mensans' intellectual abilities that result in tangible benefit to society. The 2013 honoree is Matthew Guggemos, a licensed speech-language pathologist in the San Francisco Bay area who has been using his own mobile-interactive-video-self-modeling approach to improve social communication skills in children with autism spectrum disorder and/or social-thinking deficits.

Read more about Matthew at mensafoundation.org/intellectualbenefits

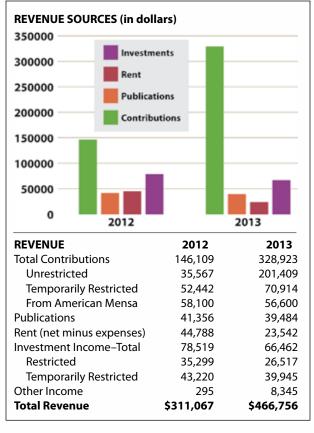
INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL BENEFIT TO SOCIETY AWARD recognizes the application of Mensans' intellectual abilities that result in tangible benefit to society. The 2013 recipient is Anna Maria Roncoroni of Genova, Italy, for her work evaluating and organizing events devoted to promoting a deeper knowledge of gifted and talented children.

Read more about Anna Maria at mensafoundation.org/intellectualbenefits (navigate to International Programs)





- Assets of the Mensa Foundation totaled \$2,865,329 as of March 31, 2013.
- Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted depending on the existence and/or nature of donor restrictions. Temporarily restricted net assets become unrestricted when the funds are used for their restricted purpose.
- All Mensa Foundation trustees are donors to the Foundation.
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FUNDRAISING

THE MR. MENSA PAGEANT at the 2013 Annual Gathering raised \$3,710 for the Skinner HELL's M's Memorial Scholarship, and the HELL's M's SIG raised another \$2,230.



That deserves a toast! Here's to you, Mr. Mensas (from left): Gary Rimar (2010) Nguyen Pham (2011) Dr. Howard Chen (2012) Chris Gilbert (2013)

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