

# Ohio Literacy Resource Center GED Scholars Initiative News Brief

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**Special points of interest:**

- GED Scholars Initiative Gala
- RPM International, Inc. Scholarship
- Stipend Award Recipients
- Famous GED Holders
- Upcoming Technology Workshops

**Did you know they have GEDs?:**

- Ben Nighthorse Campbell, U.S. Senator
- Bill Cosby, Comedian
- Dave Thomas, Founder of Wendy's
- James J. Florio, Former Governor of New Jersey
- Kelly McGillis, Actress
- Mary Lou Retton, Olympic Gold Medalist
- Michael J. Fox, Actor
- Ruth Ann Minner, Lt. Governor, Delaware
- Tommy Nunez, NBA Referee
- Wally Amos, Famous Amos Cookie Creator
- Walter Anderson, Editor, Parade Magazine
- Waylon Jennings, Country Singer

(Utah State Office of Education, online)

## GED Scholars Initiative Gala

On Monday, October 14, 2002, **President Carol Cartwright, Congressman Ralph Regula**, and other distinguished guests attended a reception to kick-off the GED Scholars Initiative, recognized and honor GED graduates attending KSU in receiving stipends, and to acknowledge and thank **Mr. Randy McShephard**, Director of Community Affairs, RPM Inc. for the first scholarship to support GED graduates attending KSU. **Krista Thomas**, nursing student; **Brian White**, education; **Sean Howard**, justice studies; **Al Watson**, psychology; and **Kathleen McLaughlin**, undecided each shared their stories about their journey from obtaining the GED to becoming, aspiring, KSU graduates. The following students received a stipend that ranged from \$300- \$600:

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| <b>Lisa Black</b>          | <b>Laura Lee</b>           |
| <b>John Caparanis</b>      | <b>Margaret Mack</b>       |
| <b>Kimberly Collaso</b>    | <b>Christine Maynard</b>   |
| <b>Laura Durst</b>         | <b>Frank McCune</b>        |
| <b>Nancy Feyedelem</b>     | <b>Kathleen McLaughlin</b> |
| <b>Charity Gingerich</b>   | <b>Xsais Mwanaidi</b>      |
| <b>Susan Given</b>         | <b>Caren Pagel</b>         |
| <b>Jean Francois Gower</b> | <b>Kimberly Patterson</b>  |
| <b>Carolyn Hayes</b>       | <b>Patricia Pearce</b>     |
| <b>Robert Hoover</b>       | <b>Katrina Phillips</b>    |
| <b>Sean Howard</b>         | <b>Rachel Phillips</b>     |
| <b>Danielle Jackson</b>    | <b>Scott Porcace</b>       |
| <b>Marianne Jackson</b>    | <b>Vesta Raymond</b>       |
| <b>Kimberly Jewell</b>     | <b>Wendy Rosia</b>         |
| <b>Deborah Johnson</b>     | <b>Tamara Scott</b>        |
| <b>Christine Jones</b>     | <b>Tobi Shrewsberry</b>    |
| <b>Joyce Kammoun</b>       | <b>Bridget Stuntz</b>      |
| <b>Kimberly Kerr</b>       | <b>Krista Thomas</b>       |
| <b>Amy Lance</b>           | <b>Guo Zhu Wang</b>        |
| <b>Tameria Langford</b>    | <b>Samuel Weaver</b>       |
| <b>Noah Learned</b>        | <b>Breann Zapytowski</b>   |

## RPM International, Inc. Supports the GED Scholars Initiative with a \$4,000 Scholarship

RPM, Inc., provides the first scholarship of \$4,000 to be awarded to two current GED graduates attending campuses of Kent or Stark. RPM, Inc. (headquartered in Medina, Ohio) is a world leader in specialty coatings serving

both industrial and consumer markets with annual sales of \$2 billion. Industrial products, including roofing systems, sealants, corrosion control coatings, polymer floor coatings and specialty chemicals, accounted for

53% of the company's fiscal 2002 sales. Consumer products used by professionals and do-it-yourselfers for home, automotive and boat maintenance and by hobbyists accounted for the remaining 47 percent of sales.

## Technology Training

Technology training for the GED Scholars Initiative will start Spring Semester 2003. Sessions will be held at both the Kent and Stark campuses, times TBA. If you would like to participate in technology training and/or have suggestions for other topics that are not listed below, please contact Kimberly S. McCoy, Technology Projects Coordinator via phone at 800.765.2897 ext. 20757 or email at kmccoy@literacy.kent.edu.

## Training Sessions

- Introduction to PC
- How to use a Laptop
- How to properly use Electronic mail (E-mail)
- Beginning, Intermediate & Advance Internet (Internet etiquette, Instant Messaging, Chat, Bulletin Boards, Web Browsers etc.)
- Navigating Microsoft Windows Environment
- Microsoft Suite (Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint) WebCT
- KSU Web for Students
- Typing/Keyboarding
- Using ERIC
- Basic Web design

## RPM International, Inc. Scholarship

**Randy McShepard**, Director of Community Affairs, says, We were impressed with the GED Scholars Initiative concept and just want to support it in a small way.,,

In December, the scholarship application will be mailed to those students who have obtained a GED and currently enrolled at the Kent or Stark campuses. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or would like an application, please contact the GED Scholars Initiative office at (330) 672-5351 or (330) 672-4641 or stop by our office located in the Research 1 Building, 1100 Summit Street.

# MEET A GED SCHOLAR

## Kimberly L. Patterson

**Majors:** Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Sociology

**Minors:** Philosophy and Conflict Management

**Graduation Date:** May 2003

**Residence:** Louisville, OH

**Hometown:** Canton, OH

I have worked as a server/ bartender for 20 plus years in Columbus and local establishments. I did not want to become an aged server, and wanted to get more out of life, but continued to put off my desire to do so because I have children to support. I have three children and six grandchildren,

and it was not until a car accident in 1995, while not life threatening, was thought provoking with regard to my future. I completed and passed the GED exam in 1995. Enrolled and studied for a year at Stark State College of Technology and then transferred to Kent State University to study Nursing. I later switched my majors to Psychology and Sociology. I am currently working in an internship position with the Ohio Literacy Resource Center, GED Scholars Initiative, to assist with the develop of a mentoring training modules for the GED Scholars Initiative Mentoring Program. This program is being designed to help ease the transition into student life, and ensure academic success for GED Scholars at Kent

State University.

**Goals:** Master in Social Work or a graduate program in Sociology.

**Aspirations:** To make a contribution to the body of knowledge.

**Areas of interest:** Children protection agencies, group homes, and foster care programs as well as adults in higher education, and inequalities in society.

*If you would like to contribute the GED Scholars Fund, please make your check payable to Kent State University and make reference to the Ohio Literacy Resource Center.*