

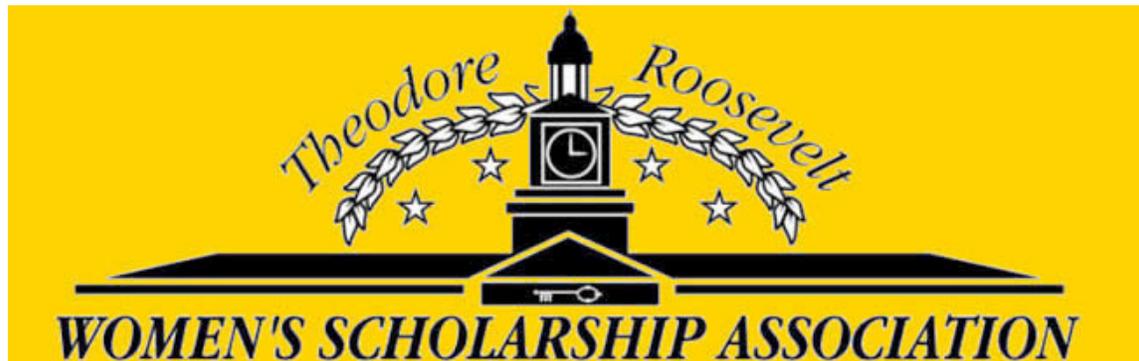
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# Theodore Roosevelt Women's Scholarship Association

2014 Newsletter

September 30, 2014

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*From left to right:  
Daryl Maplethorpe,  
Elizabeth Elia, Olivia J.  
LeMaster, Krystal  
Quintero-Rojas, Abigail  
Gene Pasion, Melisa  
Hua, Estegenet Ferede  
Ayele and Grace  
Aurora Wigen.*



## **2014 TRWSA Scholars**

Due to the generosity of our donors, we awarded scholarships of \$13,000 to the following 2014 TRWSA scholarship recipients:

- Estegenet Ferede Ayele, Union College in New York State
- Elizabeth Elia, University of North Alabama
- Melisa Hua, Oregon State University
- Olivia J. LeMaster, Portland State University
- Daryl Maplethorpe, Southern Oregon University
- Abigail Gene Pasion, Oregon State University
- Krystal Quintero-Rojas, Portland State University
- Grace Aurora Wigen, Northeastern University in Massachusetts

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The 2014 recipients will attend Oregon State University, Portland State University, Southern Oregon University, Northeastern University, University of North Alabama and Union College.

Students who attend Oregon State University qualify for a generous match from the OSU Foundation, doubling the TRWSA \$2,500 scholarship and making this doubled amount renewable for up to four years! We are grateful to the OSU Foundation for increasing the impact of our community support.

Scholarship support is truly valued and needed more than ever to provide opportunities to all these striving young women.

## **McCargar Family Foundation Scholar**

We are pleased to announce that the McCargar Family Foundation donated \$63,000 to the TRWSA, a reflection of generations of belief in higher education. In honor of this generous donation, a scholarship within the TRWSA has been named. The first recipient of the TRWSA McCargar family scholarship is Grace Aurora Wigen.

Margaret McCargar was not only born on the University of Oregon campus, but she later graduated there in 1931. She lived in St. John's in her later years with a view of the Roosevelt campus. According to her son, Dean McCargar,



*Photo of Dean McCargar and Grace Wigen, recipient of the McCargar Family Foundation Scholarship.*

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Margaret had a lifelong love of education and she would have been overjoyed to know that the McCargar funds are supporting scholarships.

Dean now lives near the Roosevelt campus which brought him to Principal Charlene Williams and TRWSA Board Members to talk about ways to help students. The McCargar donation is a huge boost to the TRWSA goal of providing equal opportunity to the female graduates of Roosevelt that the young men receive through the venerable Mock Scholarship established decades before TRWSA.

We ask those with a similar lifelong passion for education to join us in following the McCargar Family in supporting TRWSA. TRWSA can accept donations via check or online through our PayPal account linked on the website. Please go to: <http://trwsa.org/donate.html>.

## History

The Theodore Roosevelt Women's Scholarship Association was established to provide a women's scholarship equal to the opportunity available to the young men at Roosevelt High School through their Mock Scholarship. The first scholarship was awarded in 1991. Since that time, scholarships have been awarded to 95 students.

Every TRWSA scholar must demonstrate high academic achievement, involvement in school or community activities and a strong commitment to their higher educational goals.

Over the past several years Oregon State University has provided a matching scholarship for the TRWSA scholars. It is generously combined with the TRWSA scholarship and is renewable for a maximum of four years. The OSU commitment now exceeds what TRWSA has given out in total over the last 30 years! It is through generous partners like OSU that TRWSA scholarships make a significant impact in the lives of Roosevelt women scholars.

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## Recent Activities

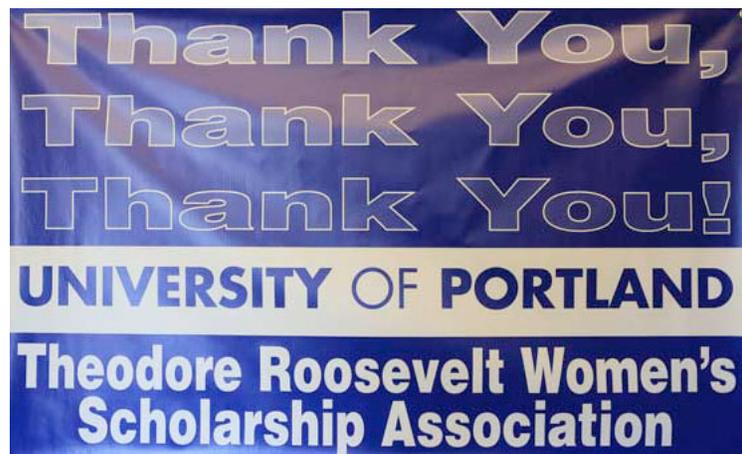
Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek was honored by her colleagues in the House who donated personal funds to be donated to a cause selected by the Speaker. Representative Kotek formally donated the proceeds to TRWSA at the inaugural event of "Brews, Brats, and Bucks" hosted by the NW Natural Women's Network in September 2013 to raise funds for TRWSA.

TRWSA participated in community outreach opportunities including the St. Johns Winter Social, Celebrate North Portland and the St. Johns Farmers' Market where TRWSA Board Members staffed a table and spoke with community members.

The TRWSA website was revived, rewritten and redesigned by Mary Ann Aschenbrenner, Board Member and President of Waterlink Web, a local web design firm. Check out the site at <http://trwsa.org/>.

In May 2014, the University of a Portland hosted for the third year a luncheon to appreciate donors, thank past and current board members, and honor our TRWSA scholars. The Soroptimist International of North Portland presented a donation to TRWSA. Scholarships for the 2014 recipients were

presented to the students with their family members in attendance. In a gesture of our gratitude to the University for its support, TRWSA President George Galati presented Bryce Strang, Associate Vice President for Development, a banner expressing our appreciation.



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## Spotlight on TRWSA Scholar

Ahoefa Ananouko (RHS '10) graduated in May 2014 from the University of Portland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with a minor in Social Justice. Currently, she is working while she prepares to apply to law schools.

The leadership and teamwork skills that she demonstrated at Roosevelt continued throughout her collegiate years. She was also co-president of the Black Student Union and she rowed for the Portland Pilots.

Her TRWSA scholarship was an important part of her scholarship package to help her meet the costs of higher education.

Congratulations, Ahoefa. We wish you great success as you pursue your career in law.



*Ahoefa Ananouko*

## Volunteers Profile: George Galati

Dedicated for over 30 years to the mission of TRWSA, George Galati, a former RHS principal, spearheaded the effort to raise scholarship funds for young women graduates and helped found this organization. His friends and family honored his TRWSA legacy at his 80th birthday with contributions to the scholarship fund.

We cannot overstate the impact George has had on the TRWSA. His tireless dedication and commitment to creating scholarship opportunities for Roosevelt women is the reason TRWSA came to be, has succeeded over the years and will continue to provide scholarships to young women graduates from Roosevelt High School for generations to come. Thank you, George.

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## What's Next?

- Increase our visibility so that Roosevelt students are aware of the scholarship potential, increase our mentoring services to support students while they are in college and continue to raise funds to make higher education goals available to all potential TRWSA scholars.
- We need more involvement from the community members. Please consider joining our board to become amazed and inspired by the future generation of smart, dedicated young women in your community.
- We would like to highlight the success of past TRWSA Scholarship Recipients on the website as well as encourage their involvement as mentors and on the TRWSA Board of Directors.
- Add more Oregon universities to the matching scholarship partners program. When the TRWSA scholarship is combined with a matching and renewable university scholarships the impact is more than quadrupled. Our hope is that other universities join Oregon State University as our partners.

## Have you considered a bequest to TRWSA in your will?

Please send donations and bequests made out to TRWSA to:

TRWSA

6941 N Central

Portland, Oregon 97203

Your contribution is tax deductible (EIN #93-1076235).

## Check out the TRWSA website

For a complete list of past TRWSA Scholarship Recipients, to donate online through PayPal and much more please go to: <http://trwsa.org/>.

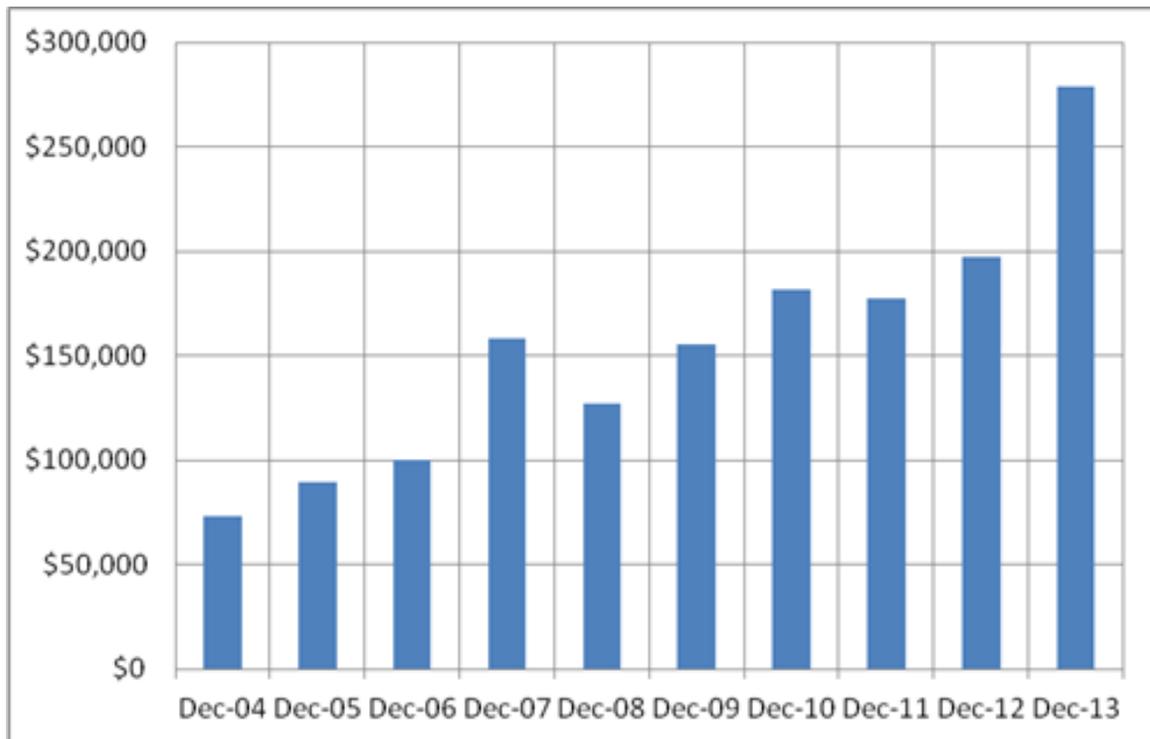
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## TRWSA Fund Balances Over the Past 10 Years



It is through careful stewardship and your generous contributions that this fund continues to grow into a meaningful scholarship program.

### Thank You to NW Natural

The TRWSA newsletter is an important part of our outreach to the community and our way to stay connected with donors and scholars. The TRWSA Board thanks NW Natural for again printing this annual newsletter. It is because of this sort of generosity that over 99% of all monetary donations to TRWSA go directly to scholarships.