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Grants Make A Difference

uring his 16-year tenure as vice president of communications, **Vincent Reed** initiated several Post education programs that have recognized and supported excellence in education in 19 local public school districts, as well as private schools. Since his retirement in 1998, these programs have continued to grow and positively impact thousands of principals, teachers and students.



School Without Walls junior Iman Jordan created this poster as part of the school's Read Campaign which was one of this year's grant recipients.

Two of the most far-reaching education programs are Grants in Education and Grants in the Arts. During the 2004-2005 school year, a total of 167 grants were awarded to area teachers ranging from \$300 -

\$500. On Monday, May 16, The Post honored this year's grant recipients with a reception held at the Northwest Building with speakers including Publisher **Bo Jones** and Director of Public Relations and Contributions **Eric Grant**.

Grants in Education began in 1983 as part of The Post's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the purchase of the newspaper by Eugene Meyer. More than \$800,000 has

been awarded through the Grants in Education program since the 1983-1984 school year. The purpose of the grants is to fund projects that enrich a school's curriculum, but are not accommodated by the school's budget.

Yorktown High School in Arlington was a recipient of one of this year's Grants in Education. The grant money was used to purchase a digital video camera to use for physics classes. Five physics teachers jointly requested the grant and noted in the proposal, "Unfortunately too many students grow up to be adults who associate physics only with mind numbing equations and the 'ugh' that often



Mill Creek Towne Elementary School art teacher Eric Celarier with the Sol LeWitt square installation funded by the Grants in the Arts program.

accompanies the word physics. Our goal ...is to make students curious about the world around them."

The camera is being used to analyze the air resistance of objects dropped from the school's roof, the measurement of velocity and acceleration, and the constructive and destructive interference of waves made by a Slinky®, among many other laboratory experiences.

"The tremendous thing about this type of grant that The Washington Post makes possible is that it allows teachers and students to do some very creative activities that they otherwise would not be able to do,"

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New Faces



Monica Concepcion



John Crispeno



Joe Davidson



Galen Derry



Bill Helton



Katja Hom



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Ann Marimow



Shermaine Hughes-Robinson



Gwendolyn Taylor



Jacqueline Thomas

MONICA CONCEPCION,

Advertising, joined The Post in March as a service representative. She was previously an office manager for the accounting firm Drolet & Associates. She also interned with the D.C. Public Defender Service. Concepcion holds a BA in government from the College of William & Mary.

JOHN CRISPENO, Advertising, is a new sales manager in the automotive group. He had been the director of account services for the Babcock Advertising Agency and has also worked for autotrader.com. Crispeno earned a BA in criminal justice criminology from the University of Maryland. He enjoys spending time with his wife and two children and showing his champion Greater Swiss Mountain dog.

JOE DAVIDSON, News, was named to the position of District Extra editor in April. He was previously the editor of Focus magazine at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. Davidson worked for the Wall Street Journal for 13 years where he was a reporter for the Washington Bureau and a foreign correspondent. He has also been a reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia Bulletin and the Detroit News. Davidson earned a Master's of public policy from the University of Michigan and a BA in secondary education and social science from Oakland University in Rochester, Mich.

GALEN DERRY, Advertising, is a new sales supervisor for the retail advertising unit's directories. He came to The Post from the telecommunications company InPhonic where he was an operations manager. He holds a BS in finance from Morgan State University.

Derry's interests include softball, bowling and football.

DOMINIC FRYE, Ad Operations, was hired in the position of materials processor in March. Previously, he was a cashier for Giant Food. Frye attended Chowan College in Murfreesboro, N.C. In his spare time he enjoys sports. (*Photo not available*.)

BILL HELTON, IT, began his position as a senior systems administrator in March. He was most recently a technical designer for Fredericksburg.com. Helton previously worked for The Post from 2001 to 2004. He has also worked for the Associated Press and the Department of Justice. Helton earned a BS in anthropology from the University of Maryland. His hobbies are rebuilding used cars and participating in martial arts.

KATJA HOM, News, joined the Foreign Desk in April as an administrative assistant. A native of East Germany, Hom had been the director of marketing for Berlin's tourism office in North America. She holds a BA in communications from George Mason University and an associate's degree in travel and tourism from Northern Virginia Community College.

KATHRYN JOHANSEN, Advertising, was hired in March for the position of service representative for the national accounts unit. She was previously a sales assistant for Katz Media Corporation. Johansen holds a BA in American studies from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. Her interests include reading, traveling and exploring D.C.

CARON MARAGH, IT, is a new developer based at the Spring-field Plant. She came to The Post from Bosch Braking Systems where she was a controls

engineer. She is a graduate of Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn. In her spare time, Maragh enjoys travel and music. (Photo not available.)

ANN MARIMOW, News, joined Metro this month as a reporter based in the Southern Maryland bureau. Previously she worked for the San Jose Mercury News at the state capital bureau in Sacramento. She has also been a reporter for the Concord Monitor in New Hampshire. Marimow is a graduate of Cornell University.

MARIANNE MCKINNEY,

Marketing, recently joined The Post as a writer/analyst. She was previously a market analyst for the Los Angeles Times. McKinney holds a BA in business administration from Whittier College in Los Angeles, Calif. She enjoys tennis and spending time with her family and friends. (Photo not available.)

SHAILAGH MURRAY, News, came to The Post in February as a National Desk reporter covering congress. She had been a congressional reporter for the Wall Street Journal. Murray earned a MS in journalism from Northwestern University and a BA in humanities from the University of Missouri. (Photo not available.)

SHERMAINE HUGHES-

ROBINSON, Advertising, is a service team supervisor for the major accounts unit effective in April. She has worked

in operations management, fraud management and call center management for companies including Sprint, Venture and Target. Hughes-Robinson has a BS in paralegal studies and an AA in law enforcement from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

GWENDOLYN TAYLOR,

Accounting, was hired for the position of collections specialist in March. Prior to coming to The Post, she was a collections assistant for Fairfax County Federal Credit Union. Taylor has also worked for the Department of Agriculture Federal Credit Union. She plans to continue her education at Howard University and enjoys travel and shopping.

JACQUELINE THOMAS,

Advertising, became a sales and service supervisor for classifieds in April. She previously worked for Prince George's Hospital Center and worked for Aetna for 11 years. She holds a BA in healthcare administration from Sojourner-Douglass College in Baltimore. Her interests include softball and skiing. ■

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explained Yorktown Principal Raymond Pasi.

The first Grants in the Arts were awarded in the 1997-1998 school year to support arts programs in schools that are often cut from tight school budgets. To date, \$268,160 in Grants in the Arts have been awarded.

One of this year's grant recipients is Mill Creek Towne Elementary School in Rockville. Art teacher Eric Celarier received funding to create an art project in the style of American artist Sol LeWitt that covers the school's main hallway.

The project involved all of

the school's 448 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. As shown in the photo on page one, the students cut out squares in six different colors which were placed randomly using chance operations such as a wheel of colors or random drawings. According to Celarier, the project was designed to incorporate the mathematical concepts of probability and measurement into the school's art and the art history curriculum. The project was conceived as a reinterpretation of Sol LeWitt's "Wall Drawing" at the D.C. Convention Center. ■

A Great Day for Golf

he sunny warm weather made for a successful Post **Employee Golf Tournament** on Monday, May 9 at Potomac Ridge Golf Course in Waldorf, Md. Approximately 136 employees, vendors and guests participated in the event. The tournament also raised \$800 for John Kelly's Send a Kid to Camp campaign through the sale of mulligans.

The winning teams included:

FIRST PLACE: George Castillo, Pete Williams, Luis Benitez and Bill Calhoun, representing the Facilities Department.

SECOND PLACE: Robert Sundstrom, Ed Raynor, Jeff Lizama and John Hoffman from the Production Department.

THIRD PLACE: Glenn Carroll, Purchasing, with Bruce Leith. Vince Fuemiller and Kevin Dowd.

First place was decided by a tiebreaker when two teams both shot 60.

The women's longest drive winner was Kay **Norton** and women's closest to the pin was Sherry **Gryder**. Men's longest drive winner was Mark Heinrichs and men's closest to the pin was Chris Gaffney.



Goli Sheikholeslami, Advertising, prepares to take a shot during the employee golf tournament.

PostScripts

Shakespeare Free For All

Mark your calendar to attend this year's Shakespeare Free For All running May 26 through June 5 at the Carter Barron Amphitheater. This year's performance by the Shakespeare Theatre is *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The Post's Family Night is scheduled for Saturday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. Free advance tickets for only the Family Night performance are available to employees through the Public Relations Department located on the seventh floor of the Northwest Building. Please see **Gayle Giger**, x4-7743 or **Aurora Gonzalez**, x4-7973.

Up to four free tickets for all weekday performances will be available at the Northwest Building's front counter beginning at 8:30 a.m., the day of the performance only. Tickets will also be available on the day of the performance beginning at noon Tuesdays through Sundays at the Carter Barron box office or at the Shakespeare Theatre at 450 7th Street, N.W. A limited number of online tickets are available on the day of performance only beginning at 8:30 a.m. for performances from May 26 through June 1 at www.shakespearedc.org/ffatixpend.html. Online tickets will not be available June 2 - 5. Please note that the Post Family Night performance will be sign-interpreted and audio described. Please contact **Lisa Bolton** at x4-7970, if you have any questions or special needs.



A Midsummer Night's Dream is this year's Shakespeare Free For All production.



Chairman **Don Graham** talks to some of the school principals attending the DELA reception.

Principals Gather at The Post

The Public Relations Department hosted the annual reunion reception for current and former winners of The Post's Distinguished Educational Leadership Award on Monday, May 9 at the Northwest Building. The award was created in 1986 to honor outstanding school principals from each of the school districts in The Post's market area and the private school sector. More than 175 principals and their spouses attended the event. Speakers included Publisher Bo **Jones.** Vice President of Communications **Ted Lutz**, Director of Public Relations and Contributions Eric Grant and Public Relations Manager Lisa Bolton.

Bradlee Brown Bag

More than 200 News-room staff attended a brown bag lunch on Tuesday, May 10 in the Northwest Building with guest speaker Vice President at Large **Ben Bradlee**. Bradlee discussed his tenure in the

Newsroom, which spanned the years 1948 to 1991, when he retired as executive editor. In a session moderated by Associate Editor **Bob Kaiser**, Bradlee told colorful stories about Watergate, the Pentagon Papers and other pivotal moments in Post history.

No ShopTalk Next Week

ShopTalk will not be published on Thursday, May 26. The next issue is Thursday, June 2. Please note that the deadline for Marketplace ads for that issue is noon on Friday, May 20. Have a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend!

Marketplace

BEACH HOUSE FOR RENT: Fenwick Island, bayfront and can see ocean from the front porch. Weekly rental. Four BR, 2.5 BA with outside shower. dog friendly. \$800 - \$2,150. View photos at www.bethanyseacoast.com - Unit #2060020 (#20 Seatowne) or call Sean at x4-5260

FOR SALE: 1996 Volkswagen Golf GTI VR6 two-door hatch back, green, 133K miles, five-speed manual, sunroof, has current Va. inspection sticker, asking \$4,000. Call Andy at (703) 916-2240 (evenings) or home (703) 860-5847.

FOR SALE: Two club level Red Skin season tickets. Includes preseason and regular season games plus gold parking. Please call Kenny at (301) 502-7175.

FOR SALE: 1930s mahogany bedroom set. Have pictures. Bureau \$200, chest \$200, bed - head and footboards \$75, bedside tables \$75/both. Full set plus bonus piece \$500. Prices firm. Call Diane at x4-5689 or (703) 448-1977.

FREE: Stove (off-white, electric, Kenmore) - Just pick it up! Call Eileen at x 4-7776 or (301) 622-1783

ISO RIDESHARE: Rideshare available to Northwest lower Michigan via Pennsylvania and Ohio turnpikes. Leaving around June 1, returning around July 1. Leave message for Jerry at x4-4838 or (202) 412-8913 or martineauq@washpost.com.

FOR SALE: 50% off vacation time at Tahiti Resort in Las Vegas, outdoor pool, cooking facilities, clubhouse, gym, kitchen, one BR, one sofa bed. \$325 for the week of August 13. Also, studio with kitchenette is \$250 for the week of July 2. Call Trinh at x4-4021 or (703) 658-2120 if interested.

FOR SALE: Herman Miller his and her chairs. Need to be reupholstered but otherwise in great shape. Paid \$400 for both — asking \$300/OBO. Photos available. Call Jill at x4-5299 or (410) 451-5926.

MARKETPLACE DEADLINE: Noon Fridays. Please include your name, extension and home phone number. Ads are for Post Employees only. Send ads to Shop Talk, 7th floor, or call x4-6803. To send ads via fax dial x4-4963; via e-mail send to shoptalk. Ads run two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee, please.