



# Corporate and Foundation Relations News Winter 2013

## The Curtis W. McGraw Foundation Funds Pepperdine University's Great Books Program

Dr. Jane Kelley Rodeheffer has been awarded \$50,000 to fund Pepperdine's Great Books program, which emphasizes the study of full-length seminal works of the Western tradition in a variety of fields, including literature, philosophy, theology, political science, social science, and natural science. The gift comes from the Curtis W. McGraw Foundation, founded in Princeton, New Jersey in 1964. The Curtis W. McGraw Foundation supports numerous Arts, Education, Health, Environmental, and Religious organizations, with special emphasis on the surrounding areas of New York and New Jersey, making their grant to Pepperdine one of the few awarded in the state of California. The \$50,000 will allow for the expansion and enhancement of the Great Books program by adding visiting scholars, undergraduate research and publication, and a bridge between the study of Great Books and national and international service. Additionally, the donated funds will allow six undergraduate students to attend the Association for Core Texts and Courses (ACTC) Conference in the spring, giving the students the opportunity to see their studies play out in lively discussions and panels on a national stage.

The Pepperdine Great Books program celebrated its twenty-sixth anniversary this year with the incoming Fletcher Jones Chair of Great Books, Dr. Jane Kelley Rodeheffer. Dr. Rodeheffer brings to the program a specialty in ancient Greek philosophy, Asian Studies, and service learning, all of which she has taught through the seminar method of small classes and shared inquiry. She also brings to the program a new vision of expansion and dissemination. Among her goals are the following: to encourage students to hone their scholarship in Great Books both for internal recognition and for external audiences; to stimulate Great Books conversations by bringing guest faculty to Pepperdine to present lectures and engage students in experiential learning related to Great Books; and to involve students in service learning projects that tie their study of great ideas and texts to the real-life contexts they were meant to address.



**We'd like to congratulate the following grant awardees:**

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| Seaver                 | Edison International                   | Wave Classic Golf Tournament                      |
| Seaver                 | Raytheon                               | Wave Classic Golf Tournament                      |
| GSBM                   | Burton D. Morgan Foundation            | Graziadio School Business Plan Competition        |
| University             | Norris Foundation                      | Events Center                                     |
| Charles Runnels        | Sidney Stern Memorial Trust            | Youth Citizenship Seminar                         |
| Luisa Blanco Raynal    | Charles G. Koch Foundation             | Blanco Economics Research and Lectures            |
| Jane Kelley Rodeheffer | The Curtis W. McGraw Foundation        | Great Books program                               |
| Regan Schaffer         | The Wood-Claeyssens Foundation         | Nonprofit Leadership Collaborative                |
| V. Seshan              | The Wood-Claeyssens Foundation         | Seshan's Capstone Policy Research Team Support    |
| Seaver                 | Target Corporation                     | Jumpstart for Young Children                      |
| SOL                    | Fridolin Charitable Trust              | Fridolin Public Interest Fellows                  |
| SPP                    | The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation | James Q. Wilson Legacy Conference                 |
| SPP                    | The Pinkerton Foundation               | School of Public Policy support                   |
| SPP                    | The Thomas W. Smith Foundation         | James Q. Wilson Legacy Conference                 |
|                        |  | Ronald Reagan Professorship                       |
| Amy Adams              | Target Corporation                     | Career Mentoring Pilot with Intercultural Affairs |
|                        |  | Student Leaders                                   |

**We'd like to congratulate the following scholarship awardees:**

Seaver	In-N-Out Burger Foundation	Scholarships for Former Foster Youth
Seaver	The Wood-Claeysens Foundation	Pierre P. Claeysens Scholarship
Seaver	The Bertha and John Garabedian Foundation	Scholarship Fund for Seaver
Seaver	Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation	LA Philanthropic Scholarship

**Corporate & Foundation Grant Proposals Recently Submitted:**

Miguel Gallardo	Aliento: The Center for Latina/o Communities	Robert Ellis Simon Foundation
Wade Graham	Pathways to Self-Reliance	Haynes Foundation
Seaver	Stauffer Chapel	John and Beverly Stauffer Foundation
Thema Bryant-Davis	A Balm in Gilead	Louisville Institute
Anthony Collatos	Pepperdine College Access Academy	Joseph Drown Foundation
Mark Roosa	Archival Internship	The Getty Foundation
Michael Zakian	Curatorial Internship	The Getty Foundation
Ken Waters	Multi-Media Design and Animation Studio	The Walter Lantz Foundation
Ginger Rosenkrans	Co-Existing with Wildlife	Wells Fargo Environmental Foundation
Kevin Iga	Investigation of Supersymmetry Representation	Simons Foundation
Seaver	Scholarships for Former Foster Youth	Build-A-Bear
Margaret Weber	The Digital Women's Project	Gene Haas Foundation
Linda Polin	Minecraft Challenge League	Cal Humanities
		Women's Project Foundation
		American Honda
		Google RISE
		Minecraft Challenge League
		Nissan Neighbors

**Corporate & Foundation Letters of Inquiry Recently Submitted:**

Seaver	Scholarships for Former Foster Youth	Googian Foundation
Angela Hawken	Reducing Costs of Incarceration	Open Society Foundation
Robert Cochran	Love and Law	John Templeton Foundation
Wade Graham	Pathways to Self-Reliance	S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation
Owen Hall	Managerial Volunteerism: Helping Fill the Void	American Express Foundation
Michael Zakian	Illustrating Modern Life	The Leighty Foundation
Drew Billings	Archaeological Excavation at Hippos, Israel	Jack Richeson & Co., Inc.
Jay Milbrandt	Intercountry Adoption	Utrecht Art Supplies
Margaret Weber	The Digital Women's Project	American Friends of Neve Shalom
		Ben B. and Joyce E. Eisenberg Foundation
		The Goldrich Family Foundation
		Philip and Muriel Berman Foundation
		Anduin Foundation
		Debra Steigerwaldt Waller Foundation
		Domoi Foundation
		Holt International Children's Services
		Banky La Rocque Foundation
		Feminist Majority Foundation
		Ford Foundation
		The Loreen Arbus Foundation
		Susie Tompkins Buell Foundation

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