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*L - R (sitting) Rosemary English, Sharon Maszy, Priscilla Berry
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Helping remarkable women achieve their academic goals.



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*Judy Walz
 President*

Our Mission

Elizabeth Edgar Hall, Inc. provides financial assistance for women seeking a more productive future through post-secondary education in Jacksonville.

Who we are

- a private, local, not-for-profit charitable foundation directed by a local volunteer Board
- women helping women become educated and self-sufficient.

What we do

- award college scholarships through a thorough application review process that includes personal interviews of qualified applicants
- help fill critical needs in the community by funding students in education, nursing and other essential fields.

Who we help

- women of all ages currently enrolled in a Jacksonville post-secondary school.

From the President

Elizabeth Edgar Hall, Inc., a 100 year old non-profit organization, awards scholarships to women attending local Jacksonville colleges and universities. We seek and find remarkable women right here in Jacksonville who benefit from our scholarship program and for whom the money makes a difference in their lives. Some of the recipients of our scholarships, after achieving professional success, become members of our Board and help to carry on our traditions of achievement for women.

“So, here we are – 100 years later. Our scholarships continue to make a big impact on our recipients”

The story of the Board is pretty amazing, considering that Elizabeth Edgar Hall opened its doors in 1910 with a group of eight women, who had a vision that reaching out to young women who wanted an education would make a powerful statement. Ten years later, the auxiliary purchased a home on Beaver Street in Jacksonville. For the next fifty years, the organization thrived and executed their mission to “maintain a home for underpaid working girls who are willing to accept its benefits in accordance with the rules...”

The home survived – thanks to the support of Della Levy, the Community Chest, the City Council, and various agencies and benefactors. It was in 1968 that the Boarding facility appeared to no longer be needed. The house was sold during the 70’s and the proceeds were used to make loans to women needing financial assistance while enrolled in post-secondary institutions.

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Fifteen Students Awarded Scholarships



Front L-R: Breanna Madden; Anh Vuong; Jamie Mosley. Back L-R: Kellee Kurtz; Brandea Anderson; Fayette Bruun; Jessica Brewer; Rachelle Detky; Cherish Kelly; Margarette Eugene. Absent: Samantha Mobley; Jennifer Diaz; Jennifer Gardner; Stephanie Moore; Brooke Rimondi.

The Board of Directors of Elizabeth Edgar Hall honored its 2009 scholarship recipients at a reception on Thursday, September 24, 2009 at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church. The 2009 recipients and their institutions are:

Florida State College at Jacksonville
 Brandea Anderson - Retail Merchandising
 Kellee Kurtz - Special Education
 Margarette Eugene - Criminal Justice
 Samantha Mobley - Psychology

Jacksonville University
 Anh Vuong – Senior, Mathematics

University of North Florida
 Jessica Brewer – Senior, Political Science
 Fayette Bruun – Junior, Journalism
 Rachelle Detky-2nd yr master’s in Psychology
 Jennifer Diaz – Junior, Elementary Education
 Jennifer Gardner – Senior, Deaf Education

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President's message continued

It was less than twenty years ago that we replaced our lending program with the scholarship program. A trust fund was established to ensure the scholarship program would continue. And it has! Our Board of Directors are diligent as stewards of the fund and providing the scholarships needed by so many. The young women who receive the scholarships are attending institutions of higher education in Jacksonville and each candidate is personally interviewed by the Board. It is about a personal relationship for us as Board Members.

So, here we are – 100 years later. Plans for our Centennial Celebration are currently underway, and our scholarships continue to make a big impact on our recipients. We have given scores of scholarships and are ready to give hundreds more – at the rate of one at a time, one woman in need at a time.

We have opportunities for you to be involved with Elizabeth Edgar Hall. If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors, establishing a scholarship in the name of an organization or for a loved one, designating us as a beneficiary of a planned-giving strategy, or making a tax-deductible gift to our General Fund, we invite you to talk with us. Send your e-mailed inquires to eehinc@comcast.net

As a hundred year old Jacksonville corporation, we are proud of our past and optimistic about our future. Watch for news of our centennial celebration; we will create new scholarships, help women and have a lot of fun in the meantime!

Sincerely,
Judy Walz, President

Welcome New Board Members

During the course of the last year we have been fortunate to have several new members added to our Board of Directors. A brief profile of our new Board Members is as follows:

Dr. Priscilla Berry is currently an Assistant Professor of Management Communication in the Davis College of Business at Jacksonville University and is the owner of a private communications consulting practice, Berry and Associates.

Rosemary English has spent her entire career in the area of education and most recently served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of North Florida.

A note from a student



The Elizabeth Edgar Hall scholarship has a direct and positive impact on my educational path as I work to complete my undergraduate studies and enter law school. It can be so difficult at times to juggle the mundane (but necessary) tasks of working life with the homework, research, seminars and volunteer hours that go into supporting a full college career. This scholarship helps to carry that burden. Thanks to your scholarship, I know I have tuition covered for three of my classes, no small feat. Aside from the obvious financial help, this award has also networked me with Board members who are local professional women from varied career paths. Knowing that Jacksonville has opened up, in some unique way to these women's talents, gives me comfort. These women role model now the possibilities available to me. I look to them for the patterns of how I want to shape my life as a professional woman- earning success through hard work and giving back to my community by helping others fulfill their potential, as I strive to fulfill mine. Thank you for this gift!

Jessica Brewer

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela

Phyllis Haeseler recently retired from the University of North Florida where she served for sixteen years as Program Assistant to the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services.

Sharon Maszy has had a career handling the financial affairs for her family businesses. She presently enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and volunteering at her church.

Tourea Robinson has spent the majority of her career in the area of helping others and currently serves as Campaign Coordinator for Lutheran Social Services and Second Harvest Food Bank.

We are pleased to welcome these individuals to our Board of Directors and look forward to their involvement in helping EEH meet our mission to provide financial assistance for women seeking a more productive future through post-secondary education in Jacksonville.

Fifteen Students Awarded Scholarships continued

- Cherish Kelly – Senior, Int'l. Business & Marketing
- Breanna Madden – Junior, Psychology
- Stephanie Moore – Master's in Deaf Education
- Jamie Mosley –Senior, Health Administration
- Brooke Rimondi – Master's in School Counseling

Brooke Rimondi is the recipient of the I.V. King Scholarship Award. Each scholarship award winner was introduced and presented with a floral arrangement.

Dr. Priscilla Berry, Assistant Professor of Business Communications at Jacksonville University was the guest speaker for the reception. Dr. Berry is also a member of the Elizabeth Edgar Hall Board of Directors. The topic for Dr. Berry's presentation was "Exploring the Private and Professional Life of Highly Educated, High Earning Women"

in which she explored the employment history, work place experiences, spousal relationships, children, household management and marriage data for women professionals. Dr. Berry concluded that professional high earning women cannot have it all and must make choices in their careers and professional lives. As opposed to their male counterparts, the sentiment among these women is that they must make choices that men are not required to make. A powerful shift is occurring as women professionals ask for more flexibility in the workplace. High achieving women are willing to forego marriage and motherhood in order to attain advancement in their careers and higher earning power.

The annual scholarship reception is a highlight of the Elizabeth Edgar Hall program year. Chairperson for this year's reception was Annette Curtis-Williams assisted by committee members Kathy Surcey, Judy Poppell,Carolynn Mickler and Phyllis Haeseler.

By Judy Poppell, Vice President

Scenes from the Awards Reception



Contact Us

To apply for scholarships, make contributions, become a member or to learn more about our organization, our contact information is as follows:

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Be on the lookout for our Spring applications at local Universities and on our website www.eehinc.org (<http://www.eehinc.org>) at the beginning of the year!