

## Dear Alumni and Friends,

This is the Edwin O. Smith Foundation's first electronic newsletter. Along with many other organizations, we have decided to go electronic to save printing and distribution costs, and, as a result, we think we will be able to send you Foundation news more frequently. We hope you find the contents interesting. We welcome your comments and suggestions about how we might improve.

Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$100,000 for innovative programming through the teacher grant program and \$12,000 in scholarship support. This past year the Foundation raised over \$21,000 dollars from Pantherpalooza, our annual appeal and other miscellaneous donations. In May and June we gave over \$21,000 to the school: \$15,685 to teachers for innovative programs through the Foundation (Teacher) Grants Program and \$6,000 in scholarships to deserving graduating seniors. Included among the scholarship awards is the

Edwin O. Smith Award which is now administered through the Foundation. Additional information about other scholarships and a list of the teacher grant recipients and their projects is included in this newsletter.

We would like to be able to reach most, if not all, E. O. Smith graduates with our newsletters, but at this time we have only about 2,000 alumni e-mail addresses. If you know of anyone who should be receiving the newsletter but is not, please forward his/her name, e-mail address, and graduation year to Nancy Silander (Executive Director) at [nancysilander@gmail.com](mailto:nancysilander@gmail.com).

Enjoy the summer!  
Fran Archambault,



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The Board members come from the community and usually have a personal association with the school, whether as alums, parents (past, present or future), and/or community members. If you would be interested in serving, please contact Fran Archambault ([francis.archambault@uconn.edu](mailto:francis.archambault@uconn.edu)), the current chair.

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## The Foundation is on its way to \$1 million!

Since 2006 the Foundation has raised over \$830,000 and given out over \$110,000 of that money to the students and staff. Our goal is to raise \$1,000,000 within the next couple of years. Help us reach that goal by going to the web site to donate or by filling out the donation page in this newsletter.

# PANTHER PALOOZA

On November 3, 2012, the E. O. Smith Panther greeted community members and friends who came to the North Windham Sports Bar for the 3rd Pantherpalooza, which supports the funding of teacher grants and student scholarships, awarded annually by the Edwin O. Smith Foundation. Over \$20,000 was raised from sponsorships, tickets, a raffle and the very popular silent auction. Some of the more contested bids were for dinner with Wally Lamb, several baskets of wines, and autographed sports memorabilia including a football signed by the NY Giants Super Bowl winners. The black and red candy bar was also a big hit, as were the appetizers and desserts created and served by the E. O. Smith culinary classes under the direction of teacher Pam Gutierrez. Everyone enjoyed the cooked to order pasta bar, run by Costa Liapes and his crew. Chuck Eaton and Spencer Hamlin, EOS grads, entertained the crowd, as well as a magician. Due to the hard work and dedication of the Sports Bar workers and Foundation Board, and all the attendees, this was one of our most successful Pantherpaloozas.



*The crowd at North Windham Sports Bar for Pantherpalooza*



*Don King fills out a bid sheet at one of the auction tables.*



*The very popular candy bar.*



*Paula Wilson and the Arutes enjoy some down time after setting up for the event.*

## The Edwin O. Smith Award

The Edwin O. Smith Award has been given since 1961 to a graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership, service and character. Since its inception, the award has included a \$500 check. The Foundation's Board of Directors has decided to increase the amount to \$1,500. This year at graduation Marc Trotochaud was the recipient. (Please see the article on scholarship winners for more about Marc.) We would love to have alumni donate to this award, particularly former recipients, so that we can continue to make it a prestigious senior award. Please go to the donation page in this newsletter or to the Foundation's web site.

## Senior Awards

Senior Awards night, held at Rome Ballroom on the UCONN campus, is a special evening for E. O. Smith families and friends of the graduates who are the honorees. The Edwin O. Smith Foundation is proud to be the sponsor of six of the scholarships and awards that are presented at that time. The Foundation has received enough funding since its inception in 2006 to endow two of the scholarships, and is also responsible for other named monetary gifts that are distributed to students.

The following students received awards from the Foundation on May 23:

**John Page – Jack Cohen Science Prize (endowed)**

**Samantha Malecki – VFW Scholarship (endowed)**

**Gabriel Rodriguez – Herbert Segar Scholarship**

**Tucker Lewis – James Allard Scholarship**

This year, the Foundation also awarded two Foundation scholarships – one to a student going to a two year school, and the other to a student going to a four year school. In each instance, the student had to show evidence of academic achievement and of involvement in co-curricular activities. **The two recipients are Madison Sundquist and Maria Souza.**

In addition, the Foundation now manages the prestigious Edwin O. Smith Award, given at graduation, to the senior who has a strong academic record, has been a leader, has been involved in the community, and demonstrates strong character and integrity.

**John Hodgson, the 1985 recipient, presented the award to Marc Trotochaud on June 20 at graduation.**



*Samantha Malecki, Tucker Lewis, John Page and Gabriel Rodriguez*



*Madison Sundquist, Maria Souza*

## Faculty Awards

On May 8, ten faculty and staff members received over \$16,000 in Foundation grants to be used during the 2013-14 school year. Awarded on a competitive basis, the teachers received funding for taking music students to perform in Carnegie Hall, for I-pads, for liners for the student restaurant, for breakfast for students who rode bikes in during bike to school week, as well as several other initiatives. Since 2008, the Foundation has awarded over \$100,000 to the school, raising the funds from the annual appeal as well as Pantherpalooza. You can help support the school by giving to the Foundation at [www.eosmithfoundation.org](http://www.eosmithfoundation.org).



**Teacher recipients:** Cheryl Granger, Shawn Santasiere, Armand Saccomanno, Bob Pirrie, Kim Wilson-Holton, Pam Gutierrez, Amanda Hanzlik, Katelyn Anderson, Susan Palmberg, and Nancy Silander and Gail Bruhn (Foundation representatives). *Missing are: Mike DiStefano and Terry Mamunes*

## The Oracle still lives!

For those of you wondering if the school still has a student newspaper – it does! It comes out about 4-6 times a year. The current faculty advisors are Sarah (Danes) Mische and Sarah Smith. Here is a link to the latest one: [http://www.eosmith.org/index.php/resources/downloads/doc\\_download/699-the-oracle-20130501-](http://www.eosmith.org/index.php/resources/downloads/doc_download/699-the-oracle-20130501-) . For other issues, go to <http://www.eosmith.org/index.php/audience/students>.

## Edwin O. Smith Foundation Scholarship Winners, 2013

The Foundation awarded 6 scholarships this June to graduating seniors: , Tucker Lewis, Samantha Malecki, John Page, Gabriel Rodriguez, Madeline Sundquist, Maria Souza, and Marc Trotochaud.

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**Samantha Malecki (VFW Award)** is Mansfield born and bred. Her enthusiasm for economics and politics led her to participating in Model U.N., including the NYC trips. Her teacher, Mr. O'Connor, has inspired her to put her love of politics into economics and math at the University of Rochester. Sam is also passionate about softball – she played for EOS all four years. She also juggled mission trips with her church, including ones to Philadelphia and D.C., with her studies. Her award will go towards paying for books.

**John Page (Jack Cohen Science Prize)**, who received the Jack Cohen award, is the son of alumnus Tim Page, who will be speaking at this year's graduation. John moved to Mansfield as a 9th grader from Manhattan, so he went through a bit of culture shock at the beginning of his time at EO. His transition included starting his first ever athletic activity – crew – at which he has been so successful that he will continue to row when he matriculates at Brown in the fall. He hopes to combine his primary interests of music and science while at Brown, perhaps focusing on neuroscience. Dr. Bent and Ms. Loughran influenced him the most at EO, for teaching him how to think and learn as well as how to be organized. John plays the euphonium classically and the drums in a jazz quartet. The scholarship will help him defray some of Brown's tuition expenses.

**Gabriel Rodriguez (Herbert Segar Scholarship)** of Willington received the Herbert Segar scholarship. He plans to study engineering at Cornell University, and the scholarship will allow him to reduce his work study so that he can focus on his studies the first year. Gabriel has been an avid rower for crew for all 4 years, and plans to continue to row at Cornell – one reason he selected the school. He particularly enjoyed Mr. Degnan's English class junior year, and has also appreciated all the math classes with Ms. Veronneau and Ms. Palmberg, considering them “quite a team.”

**Maria Souza (Foundation Scholarship)** has lived in Mansfield with her mother since 2nd grade. She has had to be especially organized due to her mother's health challenges. In addition, she has been working over 20 hours a week for the past two years, and has volunteered at the soup kitchen. In spite of these demands on her time, she has maintained a strong B average. She is especially grateful to Ms. Lombard for getting her through the four years of math now required of all graduates. She is planning to start at Manchester Community College to be certified as an assistant speech language pathologist, and then to go on to UCONN for her B.A. and Master's. The scholarship will go “straight to tuition”.

**Madison Sundquist (Foundation Scholarship)** truly “bleeds UCONN blue”. She has lived in university housing since she was 6 months old, as her Dad was hall director for a number of different dorms. When her father died in the fall of her senior year she discovered just how special the E. O. Smith family is, and is extremely appreciative of their support. Madison has been a rapper for a number of years. Her counselor remembers her rapping at their initial meeting when she was a 9th grader. Madison was the volleyball manager for 4 years, and captained the crew team for the past two. She will take her love of music, and her organizational skills, to Belmont University in Tennessee where she hopes to major in music production and audio engineering. The scholarship award will go a long way towards helping her with tuition.

**Marc Trotochaud (Edwin O. Smith Award)** has truly made EOS his own. As well as shining academically, Marc has been an outstanding leader in a number of co-curricular activities both in and out of school. His energy and enthusiasm have made him a well-known personality by both students and faculty almost since his freshman year. He has earned a varsity letter in several sports, been a tutor for the World Language Honor Society, and a Peer Natural Helper. Marc will take his many talents to the College of New Jersey where he plans to major in education.

## Mark Winzler

**M**ark Winzler, former Principal (1989-2000) and Assistant Principal (1986-1989) of E. O. Smith will leave a legacy to the school far beyond what he accomplished while serving as an administrator by including the Edwin O. Smith Foundation as one of the beneficiaries of his trust. He has not restricted the use of the funds, since the Foundation's mission is to use its monetary resources to benefit the faculty and students through grants and scholarships. Each year the Foundation distributes more than \$15,000 in grants to faculty and staff, through a competitive process, as well as awards over \$4,000 to graduating seniors through endowed scholarships. Mark, although not principal at the time the Foundation was established in 2006, has always had a special affinity for the school, and hence considers the organization an outstanding resource that works with the school in order to help maintain the school's quality reputation.



While Principal, Mark headed a committee whose work garnered the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award from the federal Department of Education in 1993 naming E. O. Smith as a Nationally Recognized School of Excellence. He also oversaw the largest renovation in the school's history from 1998-2000, a skill he has since used as superintendent in a number of other Connecticut school districts. Along with former Director of Guidance Mike McCarthy, he instituted the annual Senior Awards Night when they recognized that the number of awards and scholarships the senior class members received needed a more appropriate celebration and venue than graduation. Mark continues to influence younger educators as a professor at Sacred Heart University where he teaches courses to those teachers working on their administration certification. Among those students have been a number of E. O. Smith faculty. He is also very active at Concordia Lutheran Church in Manchester, serving as a deacon, and at the New England level where he serves as Vice President.

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