

Press Release

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Healdsburg High School Receives Major Donations for Arts and Library

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Thanks to a generous gift from the Albertina L. Zanzi Living Trust, almost \$28,000 in grants will benefit students at Healdsburg High School this academic year. The Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF) reports that the funds have been directed to the Fine Arts Department, the Drama Department, the Music Program and the Henry and Holly Wendt Library at HHS.

This gift follows donations made a year ago by the Albertina L. Zanzi Living Trust, which were distributed among all the arts at Healdsburg High, the new Construction and Sustainability Academy (CASA) and the establishment of a new scholarship.

Trustee Linda Lotspeich initially approached HEF in December 2009 to set up The Albertina L. Zanzi Memorial Scholarship to honor her aunt, Nina Zanzi, who was a 1936 Healdsburg High graduate. Ms. Lotspeich told HEF Executive Director Pamela Swan that her aunt had wonderful memories of her years at Healdsburg High School and attributed her later success to the superb art education she received at HHS. The scholarship fund was set up as an endowment fund to support students who go on to study fine arts in college. The first \$1,000 was awarded to HHS graduating senior, Alex Nielson in May 2010.

Ms. Lotspeich, also an alumnus of Healdsburg High, made a visit to HHS in the spring of 2010 and was impressed with the HHS Arts Education - Music, Visual Art, Drama, and what the students had been able to accomplish thanks to the Zanzi funds. The instructors receiving this year's donation are excited about the projects and learning that will be available to HHS students thanks to these grants. The Visual Arts Department is planning to focus on upgrading the technology equipment needed for Art History instruction and a number of photo-based art projects that are planned for this school year. The Music Department will use the Zanzi gift to repair and purchase musical instruments, add guitars for the guitar class, and purchase a digital recorder for use at both rehearsals and performances. The Drama Department will direct its funds toward sets, costumes and other staging needs.

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