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Title: Healdsburg Education Foundation Announces New Art Scholarship and Major Gift

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The Healdsburg Education Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of a new scholarship that will benefit future graduates of Healdsburg High School going on to study visual arts in a college setting, as well as a major gift from a former HHS graduate.

This new scholarship has been established to honor Nina Zanzi who grew up in Alexander Valley and attended Healdsburg High School, graduating in 1936. Ms. Zanzi was greatly influenced by HHS teachers including: Bertha Vranna, Math, Gladys Learned, Art and Laura Destruel, French/English. She went on to study at the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland. She was passionate about all forms of art and had a particular interest in drawing. When World War II broke out, she took a job doing drafting for an engineering firm and that became her life-long career. Throughout her life, she continued to pursue artistic endeavors.

“My Aunt Nina, a lifelong artist, was passionate about the arts and education. She never forgot the wonderful education and support she received from Healdsburg High School; and was very determined to honor the many gifts she received with a gift of her own,” Ms. Zanzi’s niece, Linda Lotspeich, explained to Pamela Swan, executive director of the Healdsburg Education Foundation.

The amount of the award is \$1000 for a graduating senior from Healdsburg High School who will be attending either a four-year college to pursue visual arts or an accredited art school. The first award will be made this spring to a 2010 Healdsburg High School graduating senior.

The Healdsburg Education Foundation is particularly pleased to announce that the funds for this scholarship were given in the form of an endowment, which means the scholarship should continue to aid Healdsburg graduates far into the future. In an additional act of generosity and recognition of HHS’s strong record in the arts and career preparation, Linda Lotspeich has also directed an additional \$15,000 from her aunt’s trust to be divided between the new Construction and Sustainability Academy (CASA), visual arts, music and drama. For more information on this donation or any HEF related matter, please call Pamela Swan, Director at (707) 433-1223 or visit our website: www.hefschools.com.