

## Students receive Horatio Alger scholarships

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Idaho awards made possible by Hagadones

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Fifteen area high school seniors have been awarded scholarships from the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.

A total of 40 scholarships were awarded throughout Idaho.

The scholarships were made possible by lifelong association member and Coeur d'Alene businessman Duane B. Hagadone and his wife, Lola.

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"We are proud to present this award to the students of Idaho who have shown great academic promise in spite of significant challenges," Horatio Alger Chairman Dennis R. Washington said. "The student scholars have potential to be the next true

leaders of our country."

The scholarships range from \$2,500 to \$10,500. They are sponsored by Horatio Alger members and friends of the association in different states.

"The Horatio Alger Association would like to extend its sincerest appreciation to the Hagadones for their support of the scholarship program in Idaho,"

Washington said. "With their help, more young people will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a better life that starts with higher education."

The scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity and hardships in their lives while demonstrating strength of character, strong academics, commitment to pursue a college education and desire to contribute to society.

The program, which has awarded more than 1,200 state scholarships to students throughout the country in 2007, is one of the largest need-based financial aid programs in the country.

**Local recipients include:**  
■ Nicholas E. Garris, Post Falls;

■ Miranda M. Harris, Post Falls;

■ Tysen R. Jensen, Post Falls;

■ Natasha B. Webb, Post Falls;

■ Bryanna E. Geisbush, Lakeland;

■ Kory S. Larabee, Lakeland;

■ Maryann T. Roman, Saint Dominic Girls School;

■ Gary D. Banks, Timberlake;

■ Amanda K. Connell, Timberlake;

■ Kelsey A. Hepler, Timberlake;

■ Sky A. Collier, Coeur d'Alene High;

■ Caitlin S. Renner, Kootenai;

■ Tiffany H. Mayne, Kootenai;

■ Jistine N. Howard, Lakeside; and

■ Victoria L. Sifford, Lakeside.

The association annually awards more than \$12 million in college scholarships. Its members include Oprah Winfrey, Lou Dobbs, Maya Angelou, Hank Aaron and Clarence Thomas.

The goal is to create scholarships in all 50 states, and the association is more than halfway there.

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