

# School Offers Scholarships To College-Bound Students

### The principal of Southern High School in Durham is trying to raise \$150,000 by July to fund the grants.

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Principal Henry Pankey of Southern High School in Durham has started the "Diamonds In The Rough" program, which will provide all graduating seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship if they choose to attend college.

The program will depend on large corporations and individuals in the community for the majority of its funding.

The initiative will need to raise \$150,000 to provide the school's expected 150 college-bound graduates with scholarships, Pankey stated in a press release.

The fund has already raised \$30,000, two-thirds of which was contributed by General Electric.

Pankey said the idea had sparked a great deal of student interest in his 200-person senior class.

"When I announced the program, they were yelling and screaming," he

said. "I had not seen this kind of enthusiasm in high school students. They are excited about this."

Assistant Principal John Benson said he was very optimistic about the future success of the program.

"I think we've had an extremely supportive start, and we're looking forward to the month of February to solidify our opening," Benson said.

Southern's Student Body President said many students now felt more positive about post-graduation opportunities.

"I think there has been an increase in the number of students who are considering attending college," Harris said. "It's a good feeling. It's given the students a better outlook as far as career goals."

Pankey said part of his motivation behind introducing the program to his "heterogenous school with a strong middle-class base" was to give students a monetary incentive for scholastic achievement.

"Many people don't understand, but a thousand dollars can make a lot of difference," Harris said.

Benson said he created the program in part to encourage students to contin-

ue on to college because a high school degree did not hold the same value it did in the past.

"I'm absolutely certain everyone understands the importance of schooling after high school," Benson said.

"The bar has been raised, and it takes more than a high school diploma to work for a business. Even a couple of years of college will do it."

Benson said one goal of the program was to give all graduates a chance to go to college, regardless of grade point average or financial status.

"It has always been the successful students who are supported," Benson said. "There are students who just make it through and are unsung heroes, and they don't have support."

Pankey said he did not want any type of exclusion based on scholarship or financial status.

"I want every student to have a scholarship," he said.

Pankey said he would donate \$1,000 to the new fund over the next three years.

"I have a lot of faith and confidence in these students."

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campus. Though he said he was relatively new to the human relations territory, other people said they had confidence in Fay's ability to handle the new position.

Student Body Secretary Minesh Patel said he expected great things from Fay in his new position. "I think you'll find that Zach is very motivated and very

qualified," he said. "He has a lot of energy and he has already started planning for the committee. I expect great things from him in the future."

Eric Johnston, a graduate of UNC and a friend of Fay's, said he had faith in Fay's ability as a leader, even though he was new to the committee. "There is not one position on this campus that Zach wouldn't be qualified for."

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for lawyers and politicians. There's no way to make money off any other crops except tobacco. People will pay more for pleasures, but they won't pay more for necessities. The whole thing is so hypocritical."

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# Quayle Tosses Hat Into Presidential Ring

From Wire Reports

WASHINGTON - Former Vice President Dan Quayle announced Thursday night he is running for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination.

"I want to be president," Quayle declared in an appearance on CNN's Larry King Live. "I think I'm the best qualified." Quayle said he will file a statement of candidacy with the Federal Election Commission next week, putting him in a growing field of Republican White House contenders and announcing establishment of a cam-

aign fund-raising committee.

As President George Bush's vice president from 1989 to 1993, Quayle sought to distinguish himself with various projects, but was forever marked by a series of gaffes, like when he went to a school and misspelled potato.



Former Vice President Dan Quayle made his announcement on CNN's Larry King Live.

Quayle sparked a controversy with a May 1992 speech when he assailed television character Murphy Brown for bearing a child out of wedlock. "It doesn't help matters when prime time TV has Murphy Brown - a character who supposedly epitomizes today's intelligent, highly paid, professional woman - mocking the importance of fathers by bearing a child alone ..." Quayle told an audience in California. In recent years, Quayle has traveled the nation, seeking to build political support, particularly among fellow conservatives.

Reuters and CNN contributed to this story.

## Watered Down by Brad Christensen



## Dilbert



## THE Daily Crossword

By Dorothy B. Martin

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Vegetable dish
- 6 Luge
- 10 Himalayan monk
- 14 Subdivision of a people
- 15 Increase staff
- 16 Actor Sharif
- 17 Bancroft and Meara
- 18 Send out
- 19 Low character
- 20 Ultimate cost
- 22 Ballet bend
- 23 Pinball goof
- 24 Double-check text
- 26 Security mission
- 30 Scandinavian capital
- 31 Hodgepodge
- 32 School official
- 35 G-sharp
- 39 Philanthropist
- 41 Segment of a circle
- 42 Family member
- 43 Take care of
- 44 Procedure element
- 46 Togo's capital
- 47 Quasi-religious group
- 49 Ryan and Cara
- 51 Revived
- 54 Nile queen,

**DOWN**

- 1 Use a stiletto
- 2 Pisa's river
- 3 Bellybutton collection?
- 4 Shelter a criminal, e.g.
- 5 Explorer
- 6 Outer covering
- 7 Set a maximum
- 8 Moran of "Happy Days"
- 9 Discourages
- 10 Keep a \_\_\_ (be inconspicuous)
- 11 Soap substitute
- 12 "West Side Story" song
- 13 Packing a rod
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- 27 Hand-cream ingredient
- 28 Prong
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