Meet the 2008 Foundation Scholars, Outstanding Teachers

They hold diverse aspirations, but they share a common desire to contribute to the state through community involvement and leadership. They are five of the top high school seniors in the state who have been named the 2008 class of WVU Foundation Scholars.

The scholars, who have demonstrated the highest academic achievements and leadership potential, will receive the WVU Foundation Scholarship - valued at over $65,000 – to cover tuition and fees, books, room and board and other expenses for four years. They also qualify for a stipend of up to $3,500 for academic enhancement opportunities including travel, study abroad and internships.

The 2008 WVU Foundation Scholars are: Katherine Horacek, Grafton, Grafton High School; Mark James, Bruceton Mills, Preston High School; Paige Parrack, Point Pleasant, Point Pleasant High School; Brittany Ratcliff, Burnsville, Braxton High School; and Steven Robison, Charles Town, Hedgesville High School.

One-hundred and ten state high school students have received WVU's most selective scholarship since the program was established in 1987.

Outstanding Teachers

Five West Virginia University professors, whose teaching, research and service efforts create an atmosphere of excitement about learning, have received the 2008 WVU Foundation Outstanding Teacher Awards.

They are Cynthia Chalupa, associate professor of foreign languages, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences; Wade Huebsch, associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, College of Engineering and Mineral Resources; John Kuhiman, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, College of Engineering and Mineral Resources; Robert Maxon, professor of history, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences; and Kari Sand-Jecklin, associate professor of health promotion/risk reduction, School of Nursing.

Each receives a $5,000 cash award.