

Four students from the Portland/Vancouver area will have an opportunity to pursue their dreams this fall thanks to scholarship programs funded by the Pride Foundation and the Greater Seattle Business Association. More than \$665,000 has been awarded to nearly 400 people during the past 10 years.

"This scholarship program is made possible by the many people in our community who see education as the critical piece in shaping the world of tomorrow, a world free from prejudice and respecting of all people," said Audrey Haberman, Pride Foundation executive director. "The students who were selected

## BEAUTIFUL MINDS

Scholarship programs honor four students by Jim Radosta

have a strong belief in their ability to achieve a better life for themselves and others through education."

Among this year's scholars is Jonathyn Kraig of Portland, who has been studying commercial and residential interior design at the Art Institute of Oregon since 1999. He works with queer youth as a volunteer at Outside In and is involved in Pride festivities.

Kraig won two scholarships—\$1,000 from a fund for students in the visual arts who have a strong commitment to human rights and \$500 from a fund for young people studying arts or crafts who demonstrate originality of vision, aptitude and commitment in their chosen field. In addition, three Washington students received \$1,000 each from the Clark County Pride Chapter:

- Jacob Wolkenhauer of Vancouver, who graduated in June from Columbia River High School, hopes to become a teacher. His many educational interests include French, chemistry, music and calligraphy. He has been involved in the Clark County Youth Commission and the YWCA Sexual Assault Task Force.

- Brian Rooney of Vancouver plans to enter Southern Oregon University in Ashland and study English and theater arts. His long-term goal is to teach at the high school level.

Rooney—who spent two years touring as backstage manager for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus and taught theater for three summers at the Leysin American School in Switzerland—has acted professionally for stage, television and film.

- Lee Kandu of Castle Rock has been working for social justice all her life. In the late

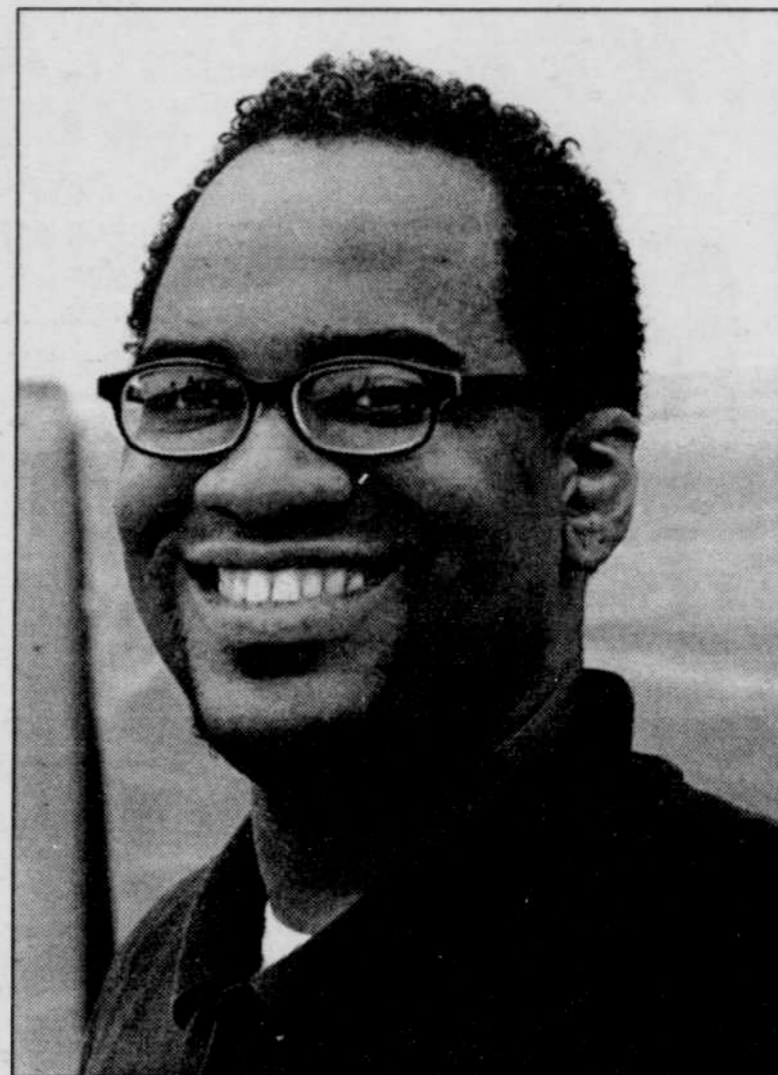


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Jonathyn Kraig plans to become an interior designer

1980s, she set up a program to teach victims of domestic violence how to file restraining orders, dissolutions and custody orders. In the 1990s, she provided paralegal and tax assistance to migrant farmworkers. In this decade, she hopes to expand her work as an immigration lawyer and help queer immigrants obtain basic civil rights. □

### DEADLINES APPROACHING

Applications for the Pride of the Rose Scholarship Fund of Equity Foundation are due July 31. Students must be gay, lesbian, bi or trans or have parents who are queer and must be residents of the five-county Portland metropolitan area.

The city's oldest scholarship of its kind, the fund has awarded more than \$100,000 since it was founded in 1979 by Rose Emperor V Frank Schreckenberger and Rose Empress XXI Allison Grey. It is administered by Equity Foundation, a charitable organization that manages several other scholarships serving the sexual minorities community and that provides funding for numerous educational, health and cultural projects each year.

Scholarship recipients will be presented during *Turnabout* on Sept. 8 at Darcelle XV, 208 N.W. Third Ave. Doors open at 7 p.m., with the show beginning at 8.

In the interest of maintaining a competitive number of entries, the Bill & Ann Shepherd

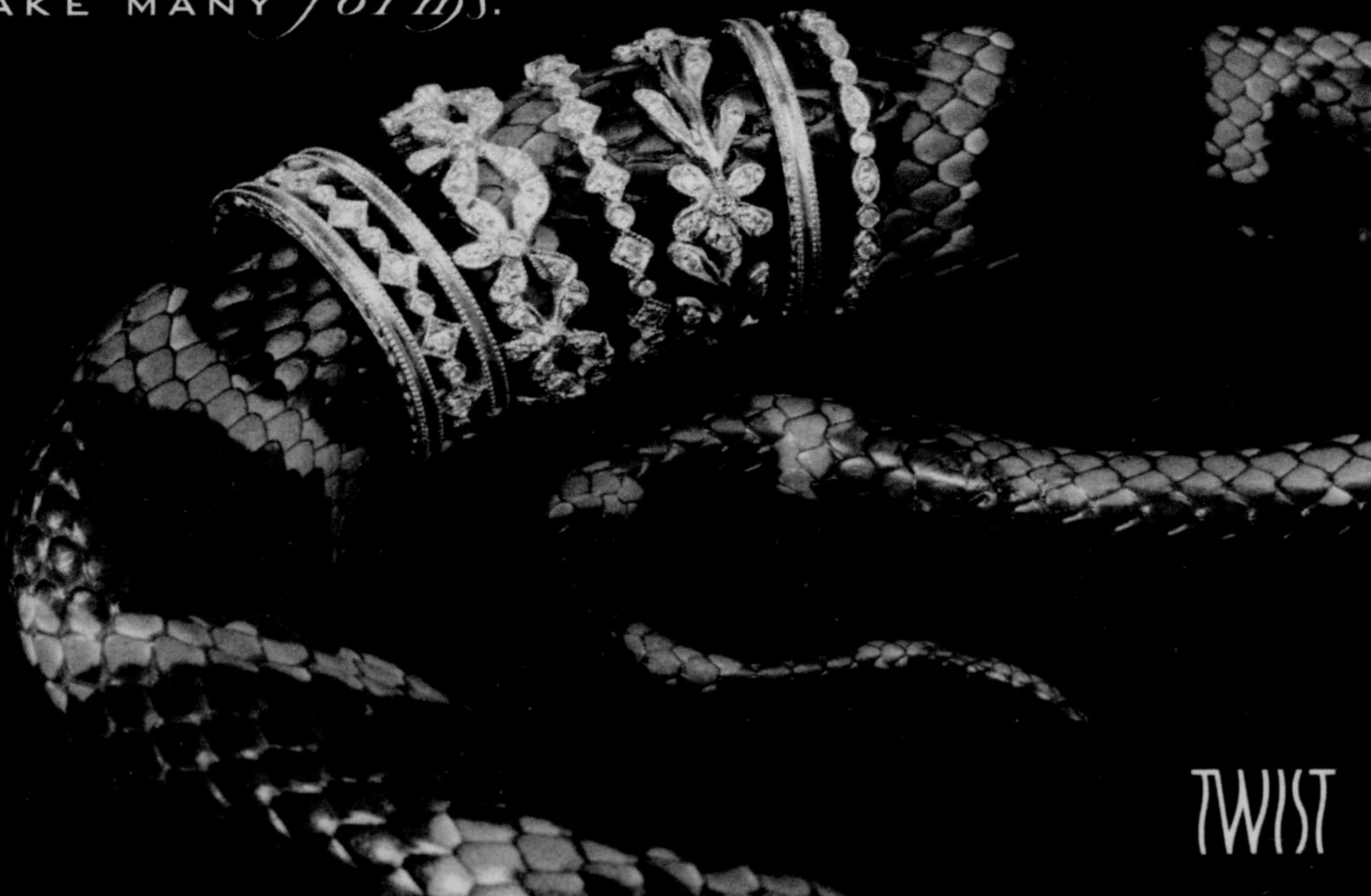
Legal Scholarship Fund Committee of Equity Foundation has extended the application deadline for the 2002-2003 academic year by one month. All transcripts and other attachments must be received by 5 p.m. July 30.

The scholarship is open to third- or fourth-year law students who wish to donate some part of their practice or expertise through volunteer activities to fighting bigotry and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. It now is expanded to include law students who wish to practice outside Oregon.

The Shepherds founded the state's chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays during the 1970s. Three of their daughters are lesbians.

Applications are available through the Equity Foundation offices in Suite 405 at 123 N.E. Third Ave. or online at [www.equityfoundation.org](http://www.equityfoundation.org). For more information call 503-231-5759, e-mail [info@equityfoundation.org](mailto:info@equityfoundation.org) or write to P.O. Box 5696, Portland, OR 97228-5696.

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