

Scholarship Sanguinetti Scholarship honors local student-athlete

The new Bryce Matthew Sanguinetti Memorial Scholarship Fund honors a young Sonora man who was a popular student and star athlete.

Bryce Sanguinetti, known as “Dingo” to his friends, graduated from Sonora High School last June. He died two months later, on Aug. 15, 2015, after suffering injuries in a fall, just days before starting classes at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. He was 18 years old.

The new fund, administered by the Sonora Area Foundation, was established by Bryce’s parents, Matt and Michelle Sanguinetti, who live in Columbia with their other son, Coleton, 16.

“This will allow kids to go to college,” Michelle said. “It will help them achieve their dreams. It’s as simple as that.”

Bryce was a sixth-generation Tuolumne County native, born March 27, 1997, in Sonora. He excelled at sports at Sonora High School, lettering in wrestling, football and track, and won numerous Mother Lode League awards throughout his four years there. He set school records in his specialty

event, pole vaulting, and was named Best in League in his senior year.

He also competed in the long jump, high jump, triple jump and four-person 100-meter relay. He helped coach wrestling and enjoyed giving time to youth sports.

Bryce also was skilled in trap shooting but put that aside to concentrate on track events.

He planned to compete in pole vaulting at Cuesta College in hopes of earning a university scholarship. His father said Bryce’s career goal was to become a firefighter.

After Bryce’s accident, memorial funds were established online and at a Sonora bank to assist with medical expenses. However, unknown to his parents until they arrived at the hospital in San Luis

Obispo, Bryce had specified on his driver’s license that he wanted to donate his vital organs should the need ever arise.

The Organ Donor Foundation assumed responsibility for the hospital bills from the time of pronouncement to the collection of organs that went to more than seven people.

“In the long run he saved lives,” Michelle said.

After the initial medical bills were paid, donations remained in the GoFundMe and Mother Lode Bank accounts.

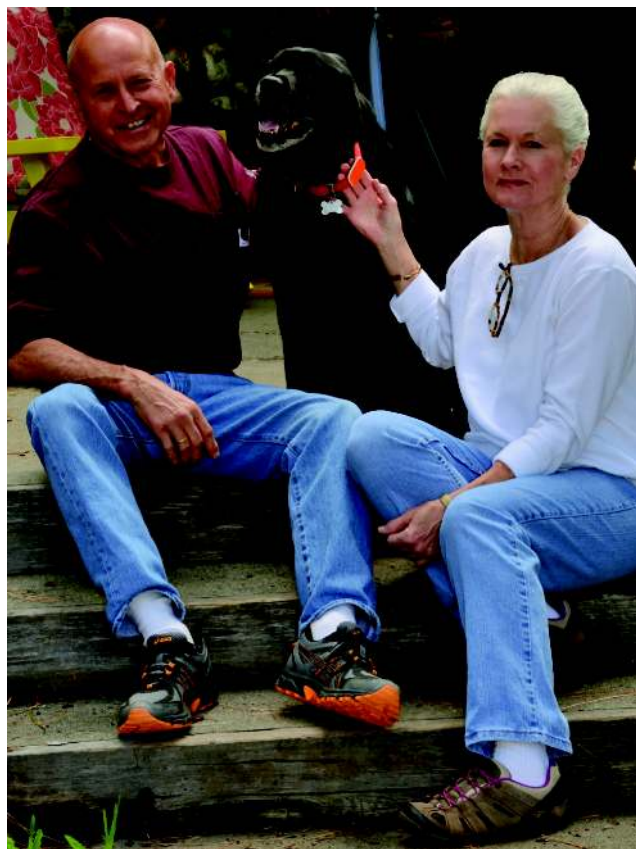
“People gave so much,” Michelle said. “We thought all we can do is give it back, period.”

With the family still in mourning, a cousin, Genia Mierop, worked with the



Bryce Sanguinetti scholarship helps athletes

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Reb and Susan Silay with their dog Rocky

Community Philanthropists start two funds

Twain Harte residents Reb and Susan Silay, longtime supporters of Stage 3 Theatre in Sonora, have opened two new philanthropic funds at the Sonora Area Foundation.

The Reb and Susan Silay Scholarship Fund will assist vocational and academic students throughout Tuolumne County, while the Reb and Susan Silay Fund is a donor-advised fund that will entertain an unlimited scope of requests.

“We’ve always given scholarship money away on our own and we want to keep doing that, but we wanted to make it easier, and it is easier through the Foundation,” Reb said. “It takes a lot of work to do the triage, deciding whether to give to one person instead of the other. When we were young it was kind of fun, but now we want somebody else to take care of that.”

The scholarship fund is available to all students in Tuolumne County.

The Reb and Susan Silay Fund, meanwhile, is open to all proposals from all applicants. The Silays have expressed a preference for animal-

related projects, although all needs will be considered.

Another major consideration in their decision to work with the Foundation: “We want the money to stay in Tuolumne County,” Susan said.

The Silays, lifelong aficionados of music, theater and art, previously established the Stage 3 Designated Fund at the Sonora Area Foundation.

“When you hear the word ‘foundation,’ you might think of a big impersonal organization, but this is as local and grassroots as you can get,” Reb said. “There are only three people here – Ed Wyllie, Lin Freer and Cathi Nies – and they’re going to sit down with you and tailor-make the fund into whatever you want it to be. And if you don’t want your own fund, you can always put money into an existing fund.”

Reb and Susan, both raised in Southern California, met in 1963 during their senior year of high school and married in December 1964 while Reb was serving a two-year mechanical apprenticeship with the Caterpillar Tractor Co. at a dealership in Blythe.

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Donor Funds

ADVISED FUNDS— Charitable purposes

Boyd Family Fund
Calestini/Alves Family Fund
Comazzi Family Fund
Donald A. and Elisabeth Weber Fund
Farrell Family Fund
Foothill Ministry Fund
Front Porch Fund
Gary & Charlene Dambacher Family Fund
Geer Family Fund
Gianelli Family Fund
Grimes Family Fund
Irving J. Symons Trustees Fund
Jelito Charitable Fund
Joe Martin Family Fund
Kiwanis Club of Sonora Fund
Marjorie L. Coffill Charitable Fund
Norbert and Elaine Wilson Endowment Fund
Ozbiirn Family Fund
Pat and Jim Johnson Family Fund
Paul and Josephine Wyllie Charitable Fund
Priest Family Fund
Reb and Susan Silay Fund
Todd and Cyndi Simonson Fund
Tuolumne Angel Fund
Tuolumne Sunrise Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Art & Fritzi Hender Memorial Fund – To benefit youth of Tuolumne County
Barbara McClymont Fund – Student needs at Sonora Elementary School
Betty Regelin Fund – Support ATCAA Family Homeless Shelter
Bill of Rights Fund – Bill of Rights education at Sonora Elementary School
BOB Health Van – Support of BOB the Health Van
Calaveras Tennis Fund - Support Tennis in Calaveras County
Children's Holiday Party Fund – Programs for children in need in Tuolumne County
Comfort Project Fund – Quilts for children and elders in need
Comfort Project Endowment Fund – A growing endowment for the Comfort Project
Community Indicators Project Fund – Measurement and assessment of Tuolumne County
Dan Imfeld Educational Incentive Fund – Support at-risk youth through educational incentives
Donald and Renee Paulsen Fund – Charitable purposes in City of Sonora
Dorothy Daniels Memorial Fund – Endowment for Sonora United Methodist Church
Economic Prosperity Council of Tuolumne County – Support Programs of Economic Prosperity Council
Ernest Olivieri Fund: Elks Lodge 1587 – Support Elks Lodge Scholarship program
Fire Chief's Association Training Fund – Purchase and maintenance of training equipment
Friends of the Children's Park Fund – Park maintenance and youth recreation
George James Memorial Education Fund – TuCARE fund for teacher education in natural resources
Graser-Knudson Memorial Fund – Endowment for Twain Harte recreational purposes
Keep Railtown Rolling – Support for Railtown 1897
Kiwanis Childspeer – Back-to-school shopping spree fund for children in need

Leadership Tuolumne County Fund – Support the Leadership Tuolumne County program
Lucille Arnold Fund – Provide success for youth at-risk
Marjorie L. Coffill Local History Fund – Tuolumne County Library materials on Mother Lode history
Mary Jo Brereton Fund – Program support for Omega Nu Memoir Center Fund – Support Tu. Co. Veterans History Project
Miller Endowed Fund: Elks Lodge 1587 – Support Elks Lodge Scholarship program
Minnie Wind Wolfinbarger Fund – Support special education and ROP Health Careers at Sonora High School
Mrs. Pringle Music Fund – Classical music appreciation for any K-8 school in Tuolumne County
Smile Keepers Fund – Support dental needs of the underserved in Tuolumne County
Sonora Parent Nursery School Legacy Fund – Non-Profit Nursery School Programs
SOS/Safety Net Fund for Tuolumne County - Support Safety Net programs in Tuolumne County
South Tuolumne County Museum Library Fund – Maintenance of the Groveland museum-library
Stage 3 Theatre Company Fund – Support programs and projects of Stage 3
Tuolumne County Eye Care Fund – Eye care needs in Tuolumne County
Tuolumne County GRACE Fund – Assistance for unmet needs of Tuolumne County residents
Tuolumne County Juvenile Judges Fund – Needs of Tuolumne County youth referred by justices
Tuolumne Tennis Association Fund – Maintain tennis courts in Twain Harte
Twain Harte Skate Park Fund – Skate park maintenance
Vial for Life Fund – Provide life-saving opportunities for the citizens of Tuolumne County
Wings Fund – Expenses for the non-medical care of ill children
YES Partnership Fund – Support of the YES Partnership coalition

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Elinor F. Brown Endowment Fund – Endowed fund for Tuolumne County educational purposes
J.R. Christensen Family Fund – Nursing and health education in Tuolumne County
Jim and Louise Angelo Family Fund – Tuolumne County schools for educational purposes
Local Emergency Services Support Fund – Disaster prevention and recovery
Mother Lode Wellness Fund – Support of medical/wellness purposes in Tuolumne County
Robert C. Jones Fund – Advocacy for those who experience discrimination
Trail Me About It Fund – Enhance and improve non-motorized trails in Tuolumne County
Tuolumne County STEM Fund – Support for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

AGENCY DESIGNATED FUNDS

ATCAA Family Literacy Fund
Calaveras Heritage Council Fund
Friends of Tuolumne County Library Fund
Habitat for Humanity of Tuolumne County Fund
Hospice of the Sierras Fund
Humane Society of Tuolumne County Fund
Jamestown Family Resource Center
Mother Lode Wildlife Care Fund
Rose Wolf Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Fund

Salvation Army of Tuolumne County Fund
Sierra Foothills Residential Care Fund
Sierra NonProfit Services Fund
Sierra Repertory Theatre Fund
Southside Senior Services Fund
Summerville High Foundation Endowment Fund
Support Sonora School Fund
Tuolumne County Arts Alliance KASA Fund
WATCH Endowment Fund

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Cunningham Family Fund
Homer Latimer Fund
Martha Barnes Tuolumne County Betterment Fund
Sonora Area Foundation Futures Fund
Thomas Pugh Fund
Toni Gibson Fund

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Irving J. Symons Foundation for Tuolumne County
Symons Family Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Aaron Baker Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: athletics
Andy Fredericks Memorial Scholarship – Fire fighting programs and scholarships
Aronos Women's Research Club Scholarship – Columbia College: nursing and/or teaching
Bill Gerber Memorial Scholarship – Summerville High: athletics
Black Oak Casino Resort Scholarship – Employees and dependents: continuing education
Bret Laws Memorial Scholarship – Columbia College: fire science
Brockman Family Scholarship – Sonora High: education
Bruce Paxton Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: music
Bryce Matthew Sanguinetti Scholarship – Sonora and Summerville: academics and sports
Carl & Marilyn Keller – Sonora High: Engineering, Medical, Agriculture
Community Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools - higher education
Cory D. White Memorial Scholarship – Continuing education
Dan Imfeld Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools – higher education
David Paul Grant Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: law enforcement – EMT-fire science
Doc Curtice Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Earl and Mary Purdy Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: music or physical education
Elaine Symons Baker Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
Eva Schicke Memorial Scholarship – Nursing or fire science
Firefighter Michael Chad Harris Scholarship – Columbia College & Napa College: fire technology
Front Porch Columbia College Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: attending Columbia College and then transfer on to pursue bachelor degree
Front Porch Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: math, engineering, computer science
Gardella College Fund – Sonora High: interest in local government or politics
Gilbert Poulter Scholarship – Sonora High, Summerville High and Columbia College; higher education

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 Gina Marie Gardella Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: Agricultural intention
 Harry A. Riedinger Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
 Harvey H. Uhl Scholarship – Sonora High: Trade schools or higher education
 Highland Oaks Natural Resources Scholarship – Columbia College: natural resources
 Homer Latimer Scholarship – Sonora High and Summerville High: academics
 James O. Dale Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: plumbing, pipefitting, mechanic, air conditioning, fire sciences
 Jeff Sanders Memorial Scholarship – Bret Harte High: academics
 Jeff Vassallo Memorial Scholarship – Summerville High: Friday Night Live
 Jennie Evans Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: business
 Jerry Ryder Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: Korean War Veterans' relatives
 Jessica Elizabeth Jager Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
 Jim Baldrige Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: past athlete - academics
 Joe Martin Family Scholarship – Sonora High: Ag business, Ag mechanics, natural resources
 John Greeno Memorial Scholarship – for children of fallen wildland firefighters
 Kathleen Caletini Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: Sonora Elementary graduate
 Kristi Francis Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
 Larry and Virginia Reed Twain Harte Rotary Scholarship – Summerville High: vocational
 Leadership Tuolumne County Scholarship – Past Participants of YLTC: academics
 Lil Dawson, Winifred Black, Big Oak Rebekah Lodge # 259 Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: academics
 Lyle R. Scott Scholarship – Vocations/trades education
 Martha Barnes Scholarship – Summerville High: females, non-traditional fields
 Martin and Bethel Liljedahl Scholarship – Sonora High: agriculture
 Minnie Wind Wolfenbarger Fund – Sonora High: ROP Health Careers graduate
 Mother Lode Interagency Training Officers Scholarship/Bass Family Fire Fighters' Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne and Calaveras high schools: public safety
 Paul and Jackie Mierop Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: Sonora Elementary graduate
 Pearl Segerstrom Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
 Ralph and Dotte Francis Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: athletics
 Reb and Susan Silay Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: academics & vocational
 Richard A. Franco Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics and leadership
 Rockwood Scholarship – Sonora High: art
 Ross Jones Memorial Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: fire sciences or law enforcement
 SUHS Class of '58 Scholarship – Sonora High: higher

education
 Sgt. Bobby Rapp Ski Scholarship – Dodge Ridge Ski Race Team
 Shaws Flat Scholarship – Sonora High: academics and vocational
 Sierra Music Scholarship – Tuolumne County student: classical music lessons
 Sierra Quilt Guild Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: academics
 Sonora Elementary Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: Sonora Elementary graduates
 Sonora Lions Varvandakis Scholarship – Sonora High male: academics
 Stephen H. Manson Scholarship – Sonora High: art and nursing
 Teresa Mary Thors Scholarship – Secondary education for disabled students
 Terry Campbell Loshalegro Award – Summerville High: academics
 Ticket Out Scholarship Fund – Sonora and Summerville High – academics
 Tuolumne County Community Tennis Scholarship –

High school students involved in tennis or the arts
 Tuolumne County Farm Bureau Scholarship – Tuolumne County high schools: agriculture industry
 Tuolumne County Sheriff's Posse Scholarship – Tuolumne County students: agriculture or related field
 Tuolumne County Women's Network Scholarship – Women's education
 Tuolumne Medical Auxiliary-Connie Leonard Nursing Scholarship – Columbia College: Nursing
 Tuolumne Sunrise Scholarship – Summerville High: academics
 Twain Harte Chamber of Commerce Scholarship – Summerville High: higher education
 Vicki White PEO Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High Alternative Ed.: vocational/trade, college or university education
 Wes and Ruth Wyllie Memorial Art Scholarship – Summerville or Sonora High: art
 William and Doris Morris Memorial Scholarship – Sonora High: academics
 Wilma Lindberg Memorial Scholarship – Summerville or Sonora High: elementary teaching

Scholarship sanguinetti honored

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Sonora Area Foundation to start the Bryce Matthew Sanguinetti Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Beginning this May, four scholarships will be awarded annually to students at Sonora and Summerville high schools. One boy and one girl at each school will receive a \$500 award to pursue athletics at a junior college or university.

Bryce was appreciative of people who helped him and was always willing to help others in any way he could, whether with time, money or advice, Michelle said.

"He would pay it forward," Matt agreed.

Donations to the new fund are still coming in, with students at both high schools raising

money for the awards as their senior projects.

Bryce was popular with the students, teachers and coaches at Sonora High as well as those who knew him in the community.

"Anybody or anything he came in contact with, he touched their lives and made a lasting impression, and it was always a good impression," Michelle said. "I can honestly say I never heard one negative comment about our son, ever, and we couldn't be more proud of him."

Bryce's father, Matt, was born in Sonora and raised on the property where the Regal Cinema now stands, on Sanguinetti Road. Since eighth grade, Matt has worked at A&L Ready Mix, founded by his grandfather, Lowell Lehman, who still owns the business.

Michelle works at the Oakdale branch of Oak Valley Community Bank and Coleton is a student-athlete at Sonora High.

"He's a good wrestler and pole vaulter and has been breaking records, too," Matt said.

Bryce also is survived by a large extended family.

"Family was important to him and that's what made him what he was," Michelle said. "Family and friends were everything to him."



The Sanguinetti Family in 2015: Matt, Bryce, Coleton and Michelle



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Values

- Be open to learning and listening.
- Act with integrity.
- Make courageous decisions.
- Value our community and respond to its needs.
- Lead by example.

Community Two new funds from the Silays

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At age 21, he entered a three-year apprenticeship with the Guy F. Atkinson Co. through the Operating Engineers Union and later stayed on with the company as a mechanic foreman building freeways in the Los Angeles area.

The Silays moved to Tuolumne County in April 1974 when Reb, at age 29, became mechanical shop foreman for the Atkinson company during the construction of New Melones Dam.

“We fell in love with the county and wanted to make our home here and stay,” he said.

When the New Melones work was completed in 1979, the Silays launched their own company, TBG Inc.

“I had an idea for a new machine to diamond-grind existing highways, so while living here we started a business in Oakdale to build a prototype,” Reb recalled. “I did the iron work and Susan did the paperwork and it all came together in a couple of years.”

TBG later merged with the Boart-Longyear Co., developing more specialty equipment nationally and internationally until the couple retired in 2005.

“I fought hard all my life about not becoming a real businessman, so I decided I didn’t want to wear a suit any more and sold the company when I was 60,” Reb said.

The Silays then turned their attention to volunteering and charitable work in Tuolumne County.

“Stage 3 Theatre at that time was doing very good work artistically but struggling in all other areas,” Reb said. “I agreed to become CEO of the non-profit for a salary of \$1 per year and lead the effort to expand and improve the facility and develop some business and marketing plans. That was when we first began our relationship with the Sonora Area Foundation.”

After reviewing the expansion plans, the Foundation awarded a \$40,000 grant to the theater for leasehold improvements.

“Without this the expansion would not have happened,” Reb said. “By mid-2012 the theater was playing to full houses with a great donor base and a healthy cash reserve. Our role was complete and we retired for the second and final time.”

To uncomplicate their lives even further, they have now entrusted the Foundation with their charitable funds.

“You look at your age and you want to simplify,” Reb said. “It’s easier – other people do all the work and do exactly what you want done. After we’re gone, a percentage of our estate goes into these funds. It’s all pretty easy and it feels pretty good. And it’s free. All you do is fund it, which you would do anyway if you were doing it on your own.”

“I think of it as tithing to the gods of temporary fortune,” Susan said, while