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## ▼ *George R. Szanik - A Life in Photography* Benefactor Exhibit January 23 - January 30



**B**ack in 1994, George R. Szanik, a Ukiah native, named the Mendocino College Foundation as the beneficiary of a substantial gift through a trust that will include proceeds from his estate, a gift that will mean several million dollars to the Foundation in the future.

Once again, Szanik's generosity will benefit the college with a special photo exhibit of his work, "George R. Szanik - A Life in Photography," January 23 - January 30, at the Mendocino

He credits his beginning as a photographer to Bill and Clara Harris of the old Morris Drug Store in Ukiah, where he worked after school. They sold him his first camera. His second job - with the old State Theater, also in Ukiah - gave him access to his first darkroom experience.

After the service, he took advantage of the GI Bill of Rights and went to photography school in Los Angeles. "I was fortunate to photograph the William Randolph Hearst Santa Monica beach house," he says of his school days. In addition, he had his first cover with "Home Magazine" of the Los Angeles Times. These beginnings led him to a career of nearly 50 years as a self-employed freelance photographer.

His work has taken him from coast to coast in the United States, as well as Hawaii and Mexico. He traveled in the 1980's for DuPont, photographing their products in palaces and private residences throughout Austria, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and England.

He has also worked with Mark Goodson, television producer for such shows as "The Price is Right" and "Family Feud," and during the years has photographed Mary Pickford's "Pickfair" as well as Harold Lloyds and J. Paul Getty estates.

Art Gallery hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 12:30-3:30 and by appointment.

**See you there!**

College Art Gallery, Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, Ukiah Campus, 1000 Hensley Creek Road. **A reception will be held on Thursday, January 23 at 4 p.m.**

During his career as a photographer, George Szanik photographed residences of many famous film and television stars, including Greer Garson, Gregory Peck, Dean Martin, Robert Wagner and Natalie Wood, Sandy Duncan, Carol Burnett, Diana Shore and others. He also covered for President Nixon his "Western White House."

He worked with major publications including *House and Gardens*, *House Beautiful*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, and *Architectural Digest*.





## Student Success ▼

By Leslie Banta

*Leslie is the recipient of a Mendocino College Foundation Academic Excellence Award of \$1,000.*

I graduated from Ukiah High School in 1981, planned to go to college, but got side-tracked when I met and married my husband, Al, and started a family. We have a son, Philip, who is a junior in high school and a daughter, Erica, in sixth grade at Eagle Peak. When the opportunity to return to school presented itself, I jumped at it. I love being back at school; Mendocino College is a real asset to our community.

I currently attend Mendocino College full-time with a 4.0 GPA. I enjoy taking sports photos of both the Ukiah High JV football team and the Ukiah Lions Youth football and cheer squads. I started doing this several years ago, and really enjoy seeing the look on the kid's faces when they are given a picture that features them doing something they love. I do this on a volunteer basis, and it has great rewards.

I am also an Awana Club leader at First Baptist Church, working with 3rd-6th grade girls. Awana is a wonderful program that trains kids to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Last semester, I started tutoring through the college, and this year I am tutoring two high school students in math.

I plan to graduate with an AA from Mendocino College after the fall semester in 2004. I will be transferring to Sonoma State University to pursue a BA in Mathematics and obtain a teaching credential. I hope to teach at the jr. high or high school level here in Ukiah. I enjoy teaching because I believe that teaching is a unique opportunity not only to help in the learning process, but also to make a lasting difference in a child's life. I would like to eventually obtain my Masters in Mathematics. Then I may be looking for a job at Mendocino College!

I first heard about the Foundation and their scholarship program through my tutoring class. I never thought I could get scholarships because we do not live below the poverty level. However, we do live on a single income and must be careful with our money. School tuition and books were an additional responsibility for my husband to bear.

The \$1,000 scholarship pays for all my tuition and books as I return most of the books after the classes finish. This is a huge relief for my husband, and for me. While the money itself is important, the scholarship has shown my husband that education is valuable not just to me, but to others as well. Because of my receiving the Foundation scholarship, my husband has seen that my education does not have to be a financial burden, and he is now encouraging me to seek my Masters in Mathematics. This is a gift that goes well beyond the monetary scope of the scholarship. Those who donate to the Foundation and make these scholarships possible have a lasting affect on the lives they touch through their giving. They have been a real blessing to me.

*The Foundation  
will provide  
\$36,700 in  
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*Fast Facts continued* ▼

**FACILITIES**

- Ukiah Campus - 127 Acres, Willits Center - 6,000 sq. ft., Lake Center - 10,000 sq. ft., and Pt Arena Research Station - 15 acres.
- New Science Complex: Completion - Spring 2004; \$7.5 million cost, 20,000 square feet; Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology Lab; Organic and General Chemistry Lab; Geology and Geography Lab; Two Demonstration Rooms; Computerized Science Center; and Faculty Offices.
- Willits Center Expansion: The college has contributed to the cost of the County Museum Expansion which will include three classrooms for Mendocino College instruction. The completion date for the project is Fall 2003.
- We meet "Americans with Disabilities Act" accessibility requirements: including Student work stations, Braille door & direction signs, \$90,000 in ADA upgrades, Braille machine, Voice software for web access, Closed captioning of instructional videos, and website compliance.

**FOUNDATION MEETINGS** in 2003: march 4, noon, Ukiah; June 3, noon, Lakeport; September 9, noon; and December 2, noon, Ukiah. all meetings are open to the public.

**For more Foundation information, visit us at [www.MendocinoCollege.edu](http://www.MendocinoCollege.edu)**



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