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Tom Riley, president of the Connelly Foundation, and Alan B. Miller accepted Distinguished Citizen Awards.

The fourth annual An Evening with Freedoms Foundation raised about \$180,000 toward scholarships for the 440 teachers attending this summer’s nine graduate seminars.

During the April 15 gala, President and CEO David Harmer and Board Chair Chris Rothey presented Distinguished Citizen Awards to Universal Health Services Founder and CEO Alan B. Miller and to the Philadelphia-based Connelly Foundation, founded by John and Josephine Connelly in 1955. Mr. Miller was recognized for being a health-care innovator, entrepreneur, and civic leader. The Connelly Foundation was honored for its longtime support of programs promoting education, human services, and civic culture.

More than 150 friends joined us for the celebration, including three Medal of Honor recipients: Col. Walter “Joe” Marm, Lt. Brian Thacker, and Spec. 5 James McCloughan. Each has been a featured speaker in a summer graduate teacher seminar.

WE THANK ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE GALA, ESPECIALLY:

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DAZZLED BY THE QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAMS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ALIKE LEAVE NOT MERELY INFORMED, BUT TRANSFORMED

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FREEDOMS FOUNDATION WELCOMED FOUR NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR:



Jordan W.
Clements

JORDAN W. CLEMENTS is a partner of Rock Creek Capital, a private equity investment firm based in Salt Lake City. He began his investment career in 1995 when he became the managing partner of a start-up private equity firm. Before that, Jordan practiced corporate and business law.

He has served on numerous boards of directors, including Energy Solutions and 3form, and has led or invested in more than 50 privately held, high-growth businesses. He has also been active in numerous charitable, nonprofit activities.

Jordan obtained a bachelor's degree in English from Brigham Young University and is a graduate of the J. Reuben Clark Law School.

He and his wife Julie have five daughters and four grandsons.



Sandra Cook

SANDRA COOK is a founding board member of the Sacramento Chapter of Freedoms Foundation and has sent seven grandchildren to Valley Forge for the Spirit of America Youth Leadership programs.

She attended three years at University of California, Santa Barbara, and transferred to UCLA to finish her degree in biology.

She and her husband, Stephen N. Hull, M.D., joined his father's ophthalmology practice. As Executive Vice President she oversaw major projects, from building a clinic and a surgery center to upgrading computer systems and forming a multi-specialty medical group. She sold the practice after her husband passed away.

Sandra is married to Jim Cook, with whom she is active at Brigham Young University, including on the President's Leadership Council and the International Advisory Council of Law and Religion Studies at BYU Law. They have been honored with the President's Award for their service to the university.



Diane Deshong

DIANE DESHONG is a longtime member and leader of the Los Angeles County Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. She has served eight years as chapter president and is currently a trustee.

Diane and her husband Howard founded Deshong Studios, a photography studio renowned for images that appeared in magazines, advertisements, cookbooks, and packaging.

In addition to her work with Freedoms Foundation, Diane has served on the board of The Assistance League of Los Angeles and is currently on the board of the Los Angeles Chapter of ARCS Foundation (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists).

Diane graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in history. She has two children and two grandchildren.



Shelby
Scarbrough

SHELBY SCARBROUGH has had a varied career in public service, in the nonprofit world, and as an entrepreneur.

Early in her career, Shelby served in the Office of Presidential Advance and the Office of the Chief of Protocol at the State Department for the Reagan Administration. Under President George H.W. Bush she served as Director of Advance in the Office of the Secretary of Energy.

In 1990, she founded Practical Protocol, an international special events management firm. She is also co-founder of "nCourage," a women's angel investments fund.

Additionally, Shelby was a Burger King Franchisee for 20 years, with 10 restaurants in Northern Virginia.

Shelby earned a bachelor's degree in English from UCLA and is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Owner/President Management Program.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF



COLLIN MCCLAIN
Development Coordinator

Collin McClain was born in Ventura, California, and grew up in Alpine, Utah, and Southern Idaho. He earned a bachelor's degree in Marriage and

Family Studies at Brigham Young University-Idaho and was employed in various positions by BYU during his time there. He graduated in December 2018, shortly after finishing an internship in development at the Heritage Foundation.

"Working at the Freedoms Foundation has been a very positive experience," Collin said. "It has given me opportunities to correspond with various constituents and begin learning the operational elements of non-profit organizations. So far, the greatest fulfillment I have found has been finding ways to bring revenue to the organization."



RACHEL SCHY
Education Coordinator

Rachel Schy is originally from Hampton, Virginia, but moved to the Philadelphia area when her father was relocated to the Willow Grove Naval

Air Base. She loves the history of the City of Philadelphia and is delighted to be working so close to the Valley Forge National Historical Park. Rachel recently graduated from Temple University, where she majored in History and Secondary Education. She also teaches religious school at her synagogue in Dresher.

After experiencing her first student programs at FF, Rachel said, "I was absolutely delighted to see how the Spirit of America program runs, especially how engaged and excited the high school students are when they have the opportunity to interact with history. I look forward to coordinating these programs in the future."



La Canada students visiting Washington Crossing.

AN EXCITING SPRING AND FALL FOR VISITING STUDENTS

The education staff welcomed five History Encounters groups and seven high school programs this winter and spring.

We saw some new faces to campus, including two groups from California: High Tech Middle School from San Diego and San Jacinto Valley Academy. High Tech's eight-day program included visits to Washington, New York City, and Philadelphia. San Jacinto's group was led by Spirit of America alumna Rina Simmons. Rina was sponsored by the San Diego Chapter in 2007 and wanted her students to share in the SOA experience.

We can't thank our chapters enough for supporting our student programs. The Oklahoma City Chapter returned for the first time since 2010 and the Sacramento Chapter increased their numbers by 23 percent over 2018.



Spirit of America (SOA) students visit Valley Forge.

COMING UP

Freedoms Foundation is offering nine graduate courses for teachers this summer.

ON-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

- Medal of Honor Legacy (MOH): Cold War (June 16-21)
- MOH Legacy: War on Terror (June 23-28)
- The 19th Amendment (July 7-12)
- Innovative Entrepreneurs, Dynamic Economy (July 14-19)
- Abraham Lincoln's Constitution (July 21-26)
- MOH Legacy: World War II (July 28-Aug. 2)

OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

- MOH Legacy: Vietnam (June 23-28) at the Center for American Values in Pueblo, CO

TRAVELING PROGRAMS

- Virginia Presidents and Their Families (June 21-26)
- Revolution and Rebellion, 1756-1794 (July 5-10)

SAVE THE DATE

The 51st Chapters and Partners Conference will be held on our Valley Forge campus Oct. 17-20.



The new red granite obelisk in the Puerto Rico Area of the Grove.

A BUSY YEAR FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE GROVE

It's been a busy year for the Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove.

On May 26, the Latin American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 840 rededicated the Puerto Rico Area with a red granite obelisk, benches, and territory marker.

The Grove was recently approved for Level 1 arboretum accreditation through the ArbNet program and deemed a Bird Habitat by the Audubon Society.

Thanks to support from the McLean Contributorship and other

donors, the Friends are working with Morris Arboretum to digitize the Grove, identify and tag more than 500 trees, and develop a plan for their care or replacement.

New signs throughout the Grove will give visitors details on the Grove's history, and tell the story of the Medal of Honor, the Friends, Freedoms Foundation, the AOH Monument and Chaplains Memorial, and the New Mexico Area. Rules for visitors will also be posted.

Red stone is being placed along obelisk sidewalks, a butterfly garden has been planted, and a Grove brochure is available at four plazas along the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

More than 80 people joined us for a fun-filled and productive spring cleanup.

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF FREEDOMS FOUNDATION TODAY

Freedoms Foundation is fortunate to have supporters who so deeply believe in our mission that they entrust us with legacy gifts, thus ensuring we continue to uphold the ideals of our constitutional form of government for future generations.

You can express your commitment to our mission by naming Freedoms Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, your IRA and 401(k) plans, or through life-income vehicles such as gift annuities and charitable trusts. Gifts of all sizes are appreciated and will be put to good use.

Your investment will be a lasting tribute to our country's heritage and help secure Freedoms Foundation's long-term future.