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Four New Bedford Seniors Awarded Jacobs Scholarships *More than \$100,000 Presented to NBHS, Global Charter School Students*

May 22, 2009 - Three New Bedford High School and one New Bedford Global Learning Charter School graduating seniors have been awarded four-year scholarships to study math, science or engineering at a college or university, thanks to the **Jacobs Family New Bedford High Schools Scholarship**, a fund of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts.

City native and QUALCOMM co-founder Dr. Irwin Jacobs and his wife, Joan Klein Jacobs, flew from their home in La Jolla, Calif., this week to present more than \$100,000 in scholarships at the New Bedford Whaling Museum to **NBHS seniors Rayana Grace, Christian Rose, and Lisa Yankowitz, and Charter School senior Brooke Amarantes**. Each will receive a \$28,000 scholarship, to be distributed over four years.

The Jacobs Family New Bedford High School Scholarship Fund was established by the Jacobs in 2000 with a \$1 million gift to the Community Foundation (CFSEMA). In 2005, thanks to an additional \$800,000 donation by the Jacobs, the Foundation was able to increase the size and number of scholarships from two \$20,000 scholarships to three \$24,000 awards. In 2008, a fourth scholarship was added for a Global Charter School senior and each was increased to \$28,000.

“As college tuitions skyrocket, we are thrilled to be able to help these very accomplished students achieve their goals and dreams,” said CFSEMA President Craig J. Dutra. “We are grateful to the Jacobs for making this possible, and we join them in looking forward to great things from these very talented students.”

Guest speakers at the May 22 presentation included Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs, CFSEMA Chair Linda Bodenmann and President Craig J. Dutra, New Bedford Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Portia Bonner, Global Learning Charter School Principal James Cobbs, PhD, Mayor Scott Lang, and 2006 Jacobs Scholar Nathan Macedo. Mr. Macedo will be entering his senior year at Boston College this fall, where he is majoring in biology/pre-Med with a minor in sociology.

Earlier on Friday, Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs flew a group of 5th graders from the Carlos Pacheco Elementary School, Dr. Jacobs’ alma mater, to Nantucket in their private jet, where they visited the Lifesaving and Shipwreck Museum, took a downtown street tour, and visited Jetties Beach.

Scholarships were awarded to the four students below:

- ✓ **Brooke Amarantes** is graduating from the Global Learning Charter Public School this year, and plans to study engineering technology at Bristol Community College. The daughter of Scott Amarantes and Wendy Hague, Brooke has received Principal’s Honors every year since 2005, and has been awarded “Student of the Month” at least once a year since kindergarten. Brooke has participated in the United Way Youth Day of Caring, the Big Brother/Big Sister program, and worked at the election polls in November 2008. She is graduating with a 3.71 GPA and has been awarded the Abigail Adams Scholarship for high achievement on the MCAS exams.
- ✓ **Rayana Grace**, daughter of Maria Grace, ranks 11th in her NBHS class of 574 students, where she has sought the highest degree of challenge every step of the way. Rayana has taken three Advanced Placement classes, and has made the academic Honor Roll every semester. She is the Chairperson of the National Honor Society, on the Dean’s List, Captain of her Cheerleading Squad and has been Class Secretary for three years. She has also actively volunteered at her church and for several community

- groups. She plans to major in biology/pre-med at Boston College to work towards her goal of becoming a pediatrician.
- ✓ **Christian Rose**, son of Lisa Rose, also plans to be a pre-med/biology major at UMass Amherst. Christian decided early on he wanted to be a doctor, after his mother was diagnosed and treated for breast cancer when he was 7. Her doctors were able to save her life, and inspired Christian to want to be able to provide the same aid to others. Christian ranks 4th in his class at NBHS, where he has been on the Honor Roll, the National Honor Society, and recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. He also taken three Advanced Placement courses. Christian has also taken four years of martial arts and volunteered as a camp counselor for four summers.
 - ✓ **Lisa Yankowitz, daughter of Robert and Linda Yankowitz**, ranks 1st in her NBHS class. Lisa spent the summer of 2008 at the High School Honors Science Program at Michigan State University, which cemented her choice of study – Research Biology at Columbia University. A four-year Faculty Honor Roll student and member of the National Honor Society, Lisa is an exemplary scholar who has challenged herself with rigorous Advanced Placement and Honors courses. She has also been a four-year member of the NBHS Marching Band, 1st Chair flute and soloist for the Concert Band, Secretary of the Society of the Young Republicans and Democrats, and a Hospital Volunteer since 9th grade. She has received the Band Director’s Award and the Harvard Book Award.

About the Jacobs

Dr. Irwin M. Jacobs was born in New Bedford and graduated from NBHS in June 1950. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Engineering degree from Cornell University and a master’s and Sc.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from MIT. . From 1959 to 1966, Dr. Jacobs was an Assistant/Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at MIT, and from 1966 to 1972 he was a Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD).

Dr. Jacobs co-founded LINKABIT Corp. in 1968, which merged with M/A-COM in August of 1980. In 1985 he co-founded the Fortune 500 Company QUALCOMM, Inc., and has served as chairman and CEO. Dr. Jacobs led QUALCOMM through a period of rapid growth to over 15,000 employees today, with international activities in digital wireless telephone and mobile satellite communications and Internet software. For the past 11 years, QUALCOMM has been selected by Fortune as one of “The 100 Best Companies to Work for in America” and is #16 on this year’s list.

Dr. Jacobs was named Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Salk Institute In November 2006 and Chair of the National Academy of Engineering in July 2008. He is the recipient of numerous industry, education and business awards, including:

- Election to the National Academy of Engineering, 1982
- The National Medal of Technology Award, 1994, the highest award bestowed by the president of the United States, for extraordinary achievements in the commercialization of technology
- The IEEE Alexander Graham Bell Medal, 1995
- The American Electronics Association (AEA) Medal of Achievement Award, 1998
- Radio Communication Report (RCR) Wireless Hall of Fame, March 2000
- Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, April 2001
- Bower Award in Business Leadership, the Franklin Institute, April 2001
- Dr. Morris Chang Exemplary Leadership Award, The Fabless Semiconductor Association (FSA), December 2003
- Dorothy I. Height Chair's Award, Leadership Council on Civil Rights, May 2004
- Honorary Professorship, Beijing University of Posts & Telecom (BUPT), October 2005
- Lifetime Achievement Award (for 25 years in telecommunications), Financial Times, Dec 2005
- IEEE/ Royal Society of Edinburgh Wolfson James Clerk Maxwell Award with Andrew Viterbi, June 2007,

Joan Klein Jacobs is a New York City native who has become a leader in the San Diego community since moving to La Jolla in 1966. She has played a vital role in her contributions to the San Diego arts community, and is currently chair of the San Diego Symphony Foundation, launched in 2003 to create an endowment fund that manages monies to ensure the future of the Symphony. She also serves on the Nominating Committee and is Chair of the Art Committee for the University of California-San Diego Foundation, and is Vice President of the Executive Committee for the Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego County. Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs have been cited by Business Week among the 50 Most-Generous Philanthropists in the United States.

About the Community Foundation

Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. CFSEMA is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common concern – improving the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts. To date, the Community Foundation has distributed over \$7 million from 110 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region.

