

PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL

REPORT TO COMMISSIONERS

**FROM JON M. GUTZMANN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORT
PHADA Scholarship

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For the first time ever, a Saint Paul PHA resident will receive a major scholarship from the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA). This year's Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$7,000 will go to Anne Sinner, a resident of Mt. Airy Homes who is graduating from Saint Paul's Como Park Senior High School. The scholarship will be formally presented to Ms. Sinner at PHADA's Annual Convention and Exhibition on May 8, 2012 in Seattle, Washington. PHADA will pay the travel expenses for Ms. Sinner and her parent or guardian to attend the convention and receive the award. Executive Director Jon Gutzmann and Housing Policy Director Al Hester will also be present at the PHADA meeting to help introduce Ms. Sinner.

PHADA's scholarship programs encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among high school students. Each year PHADA awards three scholarships to deserving youth currently residing in a PHADA member agency. The largest is the Bollinger Scholarship, which pays \$7,000 toward the winner's college tuition and fees. According to PHADA's website,

Steve Bollinger (April 11, 1948-June 18, 1984) was a taskmaster to himself, a human dynamo to those who knew him. He was a natural leader, a person who could rally people around him with wit, satire, and vocal exercises. Steve's knowledge of and dedication to housing those in need was never absent, especially after he was appointed Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at HUD. His experience at the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and the associations he had with colleagues, mayors, and others afforded him the opportunity to deal with the bureaucracy in a style that we strive to attain. To the members of PHADA, he was a friend. His belief in the housing profession motivated him to become a founding member of PHADA, for which he served as Vice President. He accomplished much in a short time and we are all thankful for his achievements. PHADA created this scholarship to memorialize Stephen J. Bollinger.

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