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Spring Update: In Memoriam Melinda Branchini

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In January, the HBSF Board of Directors met and awarded \$33,600.00 to 26 grant recipients for 2022. This brings the total amount of grants awarded in the last 11 years to \$246,108.00. These grants have supported 207 individual collegiate shotgun competitors spread over nearly 60 different colleges and universities around the Country.

The ACUI National Collegiate Championships were held in San Antonio this spring and 6 of our grant recipients from 2021 posted top 10 finishes in a variety of disciplines.

Executive Director

Melinda Branchini

In addition, Maddy Bernau (grant recipient in 2020/21) won a Bronze Medal at the Olympics in Tokyo late last year.

We are very pleased that so many of our grant recipients are able to practice and compete utilizing the grants we provide.

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HBSF will once again be hosting our annual fundraiser at Greystone Castle west of Ft Worth on November 4-6, 2022. We are looking forward to seeing many of our old friends along with a number of new ones this year. We were very pleased in 2021 to welcome Vulcan Industries to the Greystone event and are very appreciative of their support.

On a sad note, one of the founders of HBSF, Melinda Branchini, passed away in April of 2022. Melinda had been the Executive Director of the Foundation from day one and arranged our 501c3 status with the IRS, managed all the interaction with grant applicants and recipients, and managed the Board of Directors. Melinda had been battling a very aggressive form of Parkinsons Disease (Progressive Supra Nuclear Palsy - PSP) for several years. After the 2021 Greystone event, her health took a precipitous decline.

Her final days were spent enjoying the quiet beauty of Santa Fe, a favorite travel destination for many years.

Melinda was deeply passionate about the Foundation's work, and enjoyed interacting with our grant recipients and following their growth and progress – both in competition and in life.

The Foundation will carry on, but it will never feel the same without her guidance and strength.

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