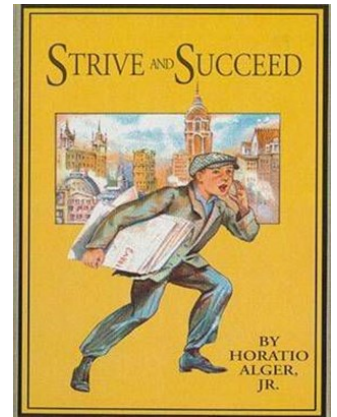




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Poring over officers’ reports and assorted records at the convention’s board meeting are, clockwise from left: Bob Sipes, Jack Bales, Dick Hoffman, Bill Gowen, Carol Nackenoff, Debby Jones, Scott Chase, Liane Houghtalin, and Keith Thompson. (Photograph by Rob Kasper)

President's Column

We have an exciting plan for the 2025 Alger convention. Bill Gowen and several H.A.S. officials had been discussing the possibility of returning to Northern Illinois University in DeKalb with Matt Short, Associate Professor and NIU Library's Head of Technical Services, who was enthusiastic about this prospect. At Thursday's Board meeting, we had a written proposal and a presentation by Matt, Beth McGowan, Rare Books and Special Collections Librarian, and Gwen Gregory, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Collections Management. There was ample opportunity to raise questions and discuss plans. On Friday, the Board presented our proposal that we hold the 2025 convention at NIU, and the membership in attendance unanimously approved.

The convention will be held on May 1-3. We want to make it possible for interested NIU faculty and students to participate. A feature of the conference will be presentations by some former Alger Fellows who have made use of the Alger repository over the past twenty plus years.

Convention activities will take place at the Holmes Student Center Hotel and the nearby Founders Memorial Library. Rooms at the hotel are quite reasonably priced, but must be booked through NIU's Conference and Event Services. Hotel registrants will have access to a parking space nearby. The Conference and Event Services folks will manage conference registration, and this will include a \$5 per person fee. Our meeting spaces will be in the Library, which also houses the H.A.S. repository. There will be an opportunity for attendees to visit the repository.

Saturday's banquet will likely take place in the Student Center building. Friday box

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To further the philosophy of Horatio Alger, Jr. (1832-1899) and to encourage the spirit of Strive and Succeed that for half a century guided Alger's undaunted heroes. Members conduct research and provide scholarship on the life of Alger, his works, and his influence on the culture of America. The Society embraces collectors and enthusiasts of all juvenile literature, including boys' and girls' series books, pulps, and dime novels.

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Convention Report

“The Fredericksburg Fourth”

By Jack Bales (PF-258)

Convention Host

It was the convention that almost didn't happen. On Friday, April 26, I found out that the hotel's new owners had arranged for renovations even though the two meeting rooms had been reserved—by me! On Saturday I went to the Hampton Inn, and Tony, manager Chris Jones's assistant, who had helped set things up during each of the Fredericksburg conventions, showed me the two connecting meeting rooms. They looked pretty awful, with furniture and debris piled everywhere. The owners' solution was that we needed to go somewhere else! (I checked around, and at that late date, there were no large meeting rooms available.)

Rob Kasper and I talked about it all, and we wondered whether we might even have to cancel the convention. Fortunately, Tony stepped up, and he spent the next few days moving things out of one of the meeting rooms into the second and repeatedly scrubbing the floor to remove the odor left from the recently removed carpet and pad. I went to a local hardware store and got a few tubs of odor removing gel. On Wednesday, H.A.S. member Liane Houghtalin and I checked out the room, and we both gave it a thumb's up, and as it turned out, the convention went on smoothly with just one meeting room instead of our usual two.

This was, as the name implies, the fourth convention here. I have always enjoyed the catered buffet in my home for early convention arrivals, and on Wednesday evening, H.A.S. members had both excellent food and lively conversation as they sampled shrimp cocktail, carved turkey breast, Swedish meatballs, cheese and roasted vegetables, as well as chocolate mousse and assorted petit fours.



Lisa Chase helps out at the convention auction while Bob Sipes (back left) and Bill Gowen handle the paperwork. (Photograph by Carol Nackenoff)

The convention did not really begin until Thursday afternoon, but I was sure to be on hand early that morning in case people stopped by. The convention packets were all set, too, and Tony had arranged for plenty of coffee. As usual, I had various types of snacks, and there were also plenty of drinks on hand. Boxes of books were stacked for the annual auction, and I spent

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Treasurer's Report

May 1, 2023-April 30, 2024

INCOME:

Dues income	\$2,330.00
Strive & Succeed Award Income	1,141.69
Auction income	3,878.00
HAA consulting fee	5,000.00
Advertising income	32.00
Merchandise income	0.00
Interest income	598.11
Miscellaneous income	<u>0.10</u>
Total income	\$12,979.90

EXPENSES:*Newsboy expenses:*

Printing	\$2,180.78
Postage	1,084.85
Envelopes	0.00
Equipment & software	235.74
Editor expenses	<u>103.00</u>
Total <i>Newsboy</i> expenses	\$3,604.37
Convention expenses	0.00
Auction payouts	1,822.40
Strive & Succeed Award	1,000.00
Honorariums	400.00
Miscellaneous	216.90

Administration:

PayPal charges	6.34
Web hosting	409.66
Domain registration	52.96
Bank charges	<u>0.00</u>
Total administration	\$468.96

Total expenses	<u>\$7,512.63</u>
Net income/(Loss)	\$5,467.27

Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2024

Assets:

Chesapeake Bank operating account	\$8,995.45
Chesapeake Bank 7-month CD	20,158.67
PayPal Holdings	<u>0.00</u>

Total assets **\$29,154.12**

Liabilities & Equity:

Opening Balance, Equity	\$4,763.05
Retained earnings	18,923.80
Net income	<u>5,467.27</u>
Total liabilities & equity	\$29,154.12

**Report submitted by Robert E. Kasper,
Treasurer, May 2, 2024**



Debby Jones's dog, Luna, was a hit at the convention. (Photograph by Carol Nackenoff)

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time that day helping Bob Sipes list them all. We took a break for the regularly scheduled Board meeting (details will be in the next *Newsboy*), and that evening Bob, Peter Walther, our special guest, Michael Dirda, and I had a fine meal at Legends restaurant across the street.

We had a full morning of presentations on Friday, as Carol Nackenoff discusses in her fine

It was fascinating to hear the panelists' observations on the pros and cons of buying books online and in brick-and-mortar stores. I recall that Michael said that "you may not find something you are actually looking for in a bookstore, but you can usually find something you will like." (In fact, on his way to the convention, he stopped at a bookstore and among the books he purchased was a copy of his own *Classics for Pleasure*, which he signed and gave to me.) Also, we all enjoyed Porter Blakemore's story of



At the banquet are (clockwise from left): Jack Bales, Mike Hill, Jeff Looney, Bob Sipes, Rob Kasper, Bill Gowen, Peter Walther, and Janet Hedrick. Lisa Chase is at far left. (Photograph by Carol Nackenoff)

write-up in this issue. The final program was a lively conversation on book collecting, and joining Alger Society members Jeff Looney, Keith Thompson, and Peter Walther were Porter Blakemore, retired professor of history, and the Pulitzer Prize-winning Michael Dirda, the well-known weekly book columnist for the *Washington Post*. Michael is also the author of a number of books, and I have especially enjoyed reading his fine memoir, *An Open Book: Coming of Age in the Heartland* (which of course I had him sign for me)!

how he found a rare signed book by Ansel Adams for a nominal price, tucked away in the corner of a bookstore.

Friday afternoon was devoted to the annual auction. I was this year's stand-in as auctioneer, and once again Lisa Chase and Debby Jones provided ready assistance. Details of items listed and sold will be published in the next issue of *Newsboy*.

I have eaten at Hope Heroes Southern Kitchen several times during the past few months, and
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lunches may be provided by Einstein Bagels (with a store in the basement of Founders Memorial Library, closed Sat/Sun). We will probably arrange to go into DeKalb for Friday evening's dinner. Breakfasts in the cafeteria on the ground floor of the Holmes Student Center are self-paid.

An ad hoc committee will work with NIU on programming, on the Strive and Succeed Award, and other conference plans. A Saturday afternoon outing will be offered.

In other news, kudos to Jack Bales—the programming at our recent Fredericksburg Fourth conference was, in my view—and in the unsolicited views of several other attendees—the best in memory. Member Liane Houghtalin began with a presentation about Ragged Dick's pocket change and why “a battered cent” was listed separately from his other change. We learned that the U.S. coinage act of 1857 discontinued the use of the large cent (the Flying Eagle cent was introduced instead) and declared that foreign coins were no longer legal tender. Liane passed around some coins that would have been circulating at the time *Ragged Dick* was written. Following her presentation, Will Mackintosh (a Swarthmore College graduate and professor of History and American Studies at the University of Mary Washington), offered a talk with images about Horatio Alger's New York, pointing out that the 1850s-1870s was a period of very rapid growth in the city. There was a new sense of anonymity and residents had to develop new social and cultural skills and institutions; there were widespread concerns about raising children in the city. Apprentices' libraries were one example of wholesome places created for young males to congregate. The Children's Aid Society, the YMCA, summer camps for youth, and Magdeline Societies were other examples of efforts to save or rehabilitate young people and create a wholesome community.



All book collectors have opinions about their favorite hobby, and H.A.S. members are no exception! During the panel Friday morning, moderator Jeff Looney (left), Porter Blakemore, Keith Thompson, *Washington Post* columnist Michael Dirda, and Peter Walther discussed the past, present, and future of book collecting. (Photograph by Jack Bales)

A terrific panel on “Book Collecting: Then (Before the Internet), Now, and in the Future” featured Porter Blakemore, a specialist in military history and European diplomatic history and University of Mary Washington History Professor Emeritus; Michael Dirda, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and book reviewer for the *Washington Post*; longtime H.A.S. member Keith Thompson, who collects Alger and many other authors; and Peter Walther, who collects a number of authors but most ardently collects Oliver Optic. Jeff asked panelists how they obtained books when they first started collecting; whether they had ever advertised for books they wanted; and had they gotten to know book sellers who kept track of their wants. He queried whether panelists had encountered any problems with online buying or selling; whether they missed anything from the “old days” of collecting when one found books by carefully scanning

bookstore shelves; what were memorable book-collecting “finds”; and what they thought book collecting will be like in ten years. Panelists liked the excitement of going to a bookstore and browsing the shelves; one added: “You lose the sense of anticipation when you buy online.” Keith Thompson recalled an early collecting day when, with limited money to spend, he went to a book sale: “There were thousands of books in this house, including complete sets of series books with dust jackets.” He bought what he could. A number of us found one of Michael Dirda’s remarks resonant: “I sit and have my coffee and look at my bookshelves. It is very restful.”

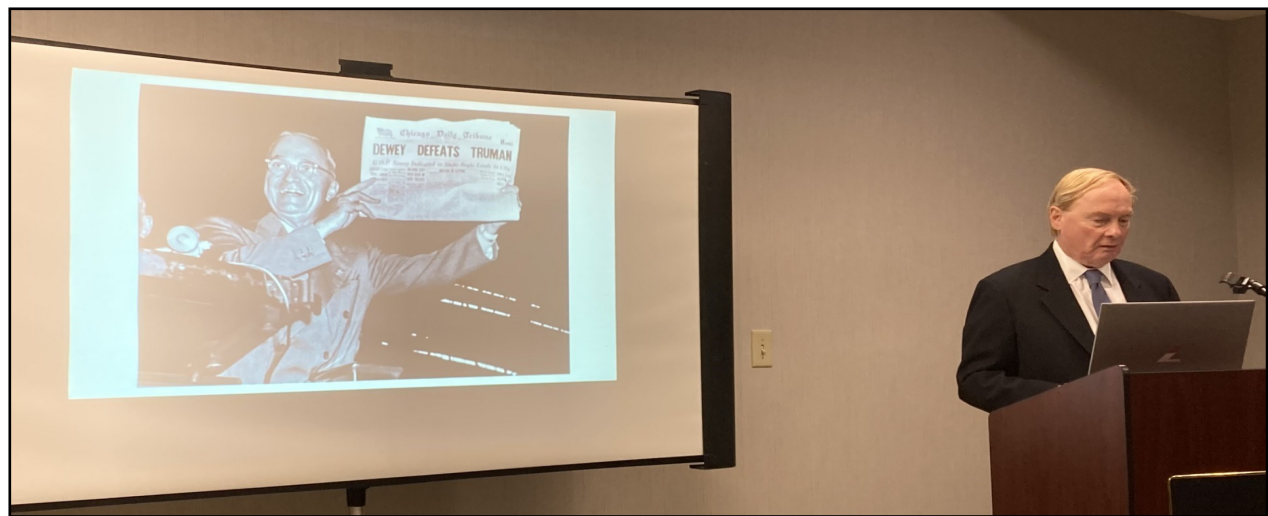
There was a fascinating Saturday morning presentation by Demian Katz, Director of Library Technology at Villanova University, and by Matt Short, Head of Technical Services at Northern Illinois University Library via Zoom on their joint dime novel and story paper digitization project. The project builds on the collections and bibliographic work of Eddie LeBlanc and Albert Johannsen. The institutions received one major grant to digitize Beadle & Adams dime novels and subsequently (joined by Stanford, Bowling Green State University, and the

Oberlin College and Conservatory), major awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities to digitize dime novels published by Street & Smith and by Frank Tousey. While the project is ongoing, an impressive array of material is digitized and searchable, including a number of Alger stories; the web site dimenovels.org has links to all the digitized contents. Dimenovels.lib.niu.edu/about/missing lists content that is missing, in case you have something they need.

Saturday evening’s guest speaker was Mike Hill, who has traveled widely to conduct research for the late David McCullough, for Jon Meacham, Michael Beschloss, and for Ken Burns. His talk focused on Alger themes in several of McCullough’s biographies where each central figure had to overcome various kinds of adversities to become successful. Mr. Hill considered (and read from) McCullough’s treatments of Theodore Roosevelt, the Wright Brothers, and Harry Truman.

Y’all not in attendance missed a fine convention. Try to make plans to join us next year.

—Carol Nackenoff



Convention keynote speaker Mike Hill examines the Horatio Alger theme of overcoming adversity in the works of bestselling-author David McCullough. (Photograph by Jack Bales)

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I was looking forward to introducing its southern food to convention attendees Friday night. We had a private room, and each table was decorated with photocopied pages of *Newsboy*. The servers were extremely pleasant and attentive, and they even took the time to chat as they walked around the room to be sure all was going well—and that there was plenty of food! The buffet included marinated grilled chicken, Cavatappi pasta, macaroni and cheese, street corn, sauteed vegetables, “hope cakes” (southern cornbread), and banana pudding.

Of course, a highlight of the dinner was the presentation of this year’s Strive & Succeed Award, which I gave to high school senior Quinn Enriques. I include the text of my introductory remarks in a separate article on page 11. (Incidentally, I sat with the Enriques family, and we had a marvelous time. They even stayed for quite a while after the dinner, mingling with Society members and talking with them.)

One of my favorite historic sites in the area is Chatham Manor. Located in Stafford County and overlooking the Rappahannock River and the city of Fredericksburg, Chatham served as a Union headquarters and hospital during the Civil War. After taking a bus to Chatham on Saturday, Park Service ranger Ryan Quint gave us a tour (unfortunately somewhat abbreviated due to that day’s light, though fairly steady, rain).

The hotel’s meeting room downstairs was not suitable for our banquet, but we had the entire dining area on the first floor instead. Tony and I arranged all the tables in an attractive fashion, and the caterers came early and helped set things up. The menu included herb grilled chicken breast, vegetable lasagna, roasted red potatoes, green beans, and chocolate layer cake.

I received the Society’s Carl T. Hartmann Luck and Pluck Award for hosting the previous convention. David Kirk Vaughan, whose articles have appeared in *Newsboy*, received the Newsboy Award for his *Flying Adventurers: Juvenile Aviation Series Books in America, 1909–1964*

(McFarland, 2023). David, by the way, donated three signed copies of his book to the Society’s auction, which were all snapped up by collectors.

Bob Sipes, who received last year’s Richard R. Seddon Award, presented this year’s award to Arthur Young. The plaque refers to the “admirable qualities and warm companionship of Dick Seddon.” Bob mentioned those characteristics while talking about Art, who as Northern Illinois University Libraries Dean (1993–2006) helped launch the Horatio Alger Repository in 1994. The university had hosted three “Dash to DeKalb” Alger Society conventions: in 1999, 2004, and 2012. As Art noted in the January–February 2006 *Newsboy*, “Northern Illinois University is proud of our partnership with the Horatio Alger Society. Together, we have forged an important resource which serves as a living memorial to an important writer and an even more important symbol of our national strivings and socio-economic dialog.”



It’s always fun to catch up with old friends (and make new ones!) at Alger Society conventions. Chatting in the Hampton Inn’s meeting room are Jeff Looney, Bob Sipes, and Scott Chase. (Photograph by Carol Nackenoff)

I enjoyed very much hosting four Horatio Alger Society conventions in Fredericksburg, and I would like to point out that each year I was ably assisted by three Virginia Society members: Liane Houghtalin, Rob Kasper, and Jeff Looney, as well as by other H.A.S. friends who never failed to volunteer their time and support.

Incidentally, Liane's drawing for convention attendees to win a gift basket of "made in Virginia" items has always been a welcome attraction to Saturday's banquet. This year new member Nathan Thompson (son of longtime member Keith Thompson) was the lucky winner. Another popular feature is Liane's candy bowl in the meeting room, which she always kept well stocked.

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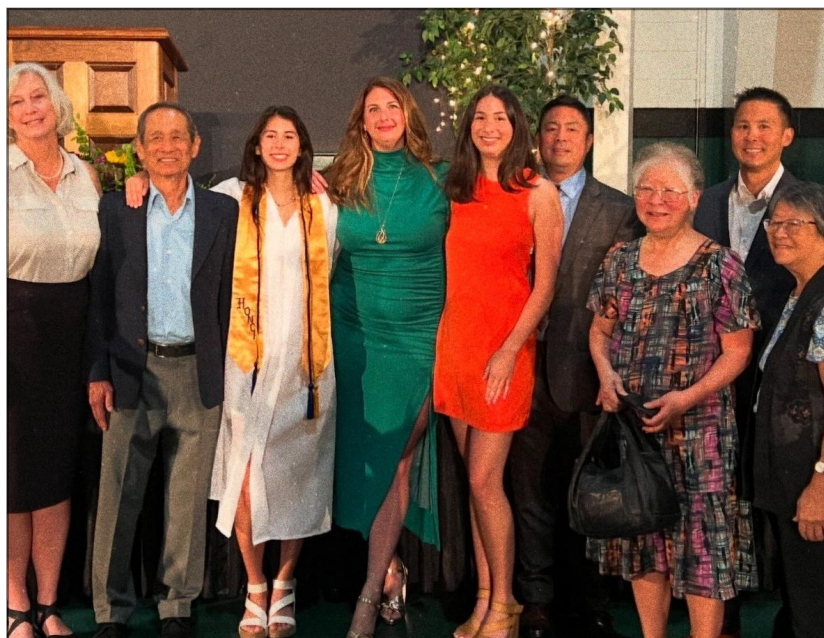
Editor's Notebook

There is no way I can possibly fill Bill Gowen's editorial shoes, but with this issue of *Newsboy* I will give it my best shot. I was not at all familiar with desktop publishing when I approached this task, but after studying many YouTube videos—and receiving timely and much-appreciated assistance from H.A.S. officers Rob Kasper, Carol Nackenoff, and Bob Sipes—I became confident enough to give it a try. It's indeed been a work in progress, and I hope you enjoy it!

I also hope you like Carol Nackenoff's and my write-ups of the May convention. More convention news will be in the July-August issue of *Newsboy*, including the auction results, a report of the directors' meeting, and additional photographs. Also forthcoming is part 2 of Peter Walther's fine article on *The American Union*.

Michael Dirda told me he was going to mention the convention in one of his articles. He did indeed, as you can see on the next page. Part 2 will appear in the next *Newsboy*.

—Jack Bales



Convention attendees particularly enjoyed meeting the Society's 2024 Strive & Succeed Award winner, Quinn Enriques, and her family during the dinner Friday evening. Here Quinn (third from left), celebrates with family members her high school graduation from Fredericksburg Christian School. (Photograph courtesy of the Enriques family)

7 Ways to Take Your Book-Reading Experience to the Next Level

Critic Michael Dirda looks at the special editions, conferences and exhibitions that offer another window into the books and authors you love.

Perspective by Michael Dirda

(Editor's note: This article, which mentions the recent convention, is reprinted by permission of *The Washington Post*. First of two parts.)

May 31, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. EDT

When I was younger, all that mattered to me about a book was the text. So long as I could read *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* or *Journey to the Center of the Earth* I was one happy boy. But as the years went by, I became more interested in the different ways people honored and studied favorite books and authors. Bibliographies, special editions, dust-jacket art and interior illustrations, societies and conventions celebrating an author or genre, specialized newsletters and magazines — all these can add context and pleasure to one's reading life. Consider some of the following.

Literary conferences

Many literary societies host annual conferences, which often include events or talks that are free and open to the public. It's one way of attracting new members. Recently, for example, I found myself driving to Fredericksburg, Va., having been invited to the annual meeting of the Horatio Alger Society (not to be confused with the conservative Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans).

While I knew that Alger (1832-1899) wrote rags-to-riches stories about hard-working shoe-shine boys and telegram messengers, of which *Ragged Dick* may be the most famous, that was the extent of my acquaintance with his dime novels. So, before the convention, I read *The Young Book Agent*, about the teenage son of a middle-class family fallen on hard times who takes a job selling books door to door. Needless

to say, multiple adventures ensue, but in the end the family fortunes are restored, and when we last glimpse Frank Hardy he is off to start college at Princeton. An utterly conventional story, of course, but I found it surprisingly readable and oddly restful. However, as I learned at the conference, the book was actually written after Alger's death, possibly from an outline, by Edward Stratemeyer, who would go on to create the Rover Boys and oversee the vast publishing empire that issued the endless adventures of Tom Swift, the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew.

I enjoyed spending time with this coterie of interesting, knowledgeable people, who were eager to share their enthusiasm for Alger and similar writers like Harry Castlemon and Ralph Henry Barbour. I came home with such highly recommended Alger titles as *Jed*, *The Poorhouse Boy*, *Walter Sherwood's Probation* and *Risen From the Ranks: Or, Harry Walton's Success* (in Alger's "Luck and Pluck" series). I also picked up *The Movie Boys in Earthquake Land* by Victor Appleton (a house name of the Stratemeyer Syndicate). Who could resist such a title?

Cons and collections

Fan conventions are the lifeblood of science fiction, so it's no surprise that the latest installment of "The Visual History of Science Fiction Fandom" is huge — nearly 500 pages devoted to a scrapbook-history of the third World Science Fiction Convention, held in Denver in 1941. (The foundational New York and Chicago Worldcons were covered in earlier volumes of this series.) Edited and written by David Ritter, Daniel Ritter, Sam McDonald and John L. Coker III, the resulting mix of nostalgia and scholarship doesn't just memorialize, it re-creates the buildup, the infighting and the experience of attending what came to be called Denvention. Packed with photographs, cartoons, lists, correspondence, extracts from fanzines, and sections on the Futurians, Ray Bradbury and Arthur C. Clarke, this is a must-have for any student of sf's golden age.

Part 2 will appear in the July-August Newsboy.

Strive and Succeed Award

“An uncommon drive and determination”

By Jack Bales (PF-258)

In keeping with Horatio Alger’s ideals of hard work, self-reliance, perseverance, and strength of character, each year the Horatio Alger Society presents its Strive & Succeed Award to a high school student who possesses these traits and who could be a typical “Alger hero.”

This year’s recipient was Quinn Enriques. I gave the following introduction before presenting Quinn with the award during the convention’s Friday night dinner.

“I had asked Brenda Storms, the librarian at the Fredericksburg Christian School, for her assistance in selecting this year’s winner. Brenda is a member of Rotary International and is the advisor for the school’s Rotary Interact club, which brings together young people, ages 12 to 18, to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Rotary’s motto, ‘Service Above Self.’

“Brenda told me that the first person who came to her mind for our scholarship was Quinn Enriques, who is a senior at the school and a member of the Interact Club. Quinn has battled significant health issues after she contracted COVID-19 at age 14. She was diagnosed with Amplified Muscular-Skeletal Pain Syndrome, which is a neurological condition in which the nervous system amplifies pain signals to the brain. In Quinn’s case, the virus caused excruciating pain from her waist down to her feet.

“Brenda told me, ‘I have seen her go from barely able to walk, to using a wheel chair, progressing to a walker and then a cane, and to now walking mostly with the aid of a companion or on some days when she is stronger, going through the halls unaided. She has *never* been one to complain about her pain, lethargy, or other health impediments. Yet, in spite of all of that, she has taken a leading role in the Interact Club and served as faithfully as she could this year, giving frankly much more than many of my healthy students. Her involvement and commitment showed me just another side of her extreme selflessness.’

“This is all the more remarkable since after she

contracted COVID, Quinn spent the first half of her sophomore year in bed, her mother, Jaqueline, said, ‘struggling to do even the simplest school assignments due to the pain and COVID-induced migraines and brain fog.’

“In January of 2022, Quinn was admitted into a 7-week in-patient program at the Children’s Specialized Hospital in New Jersey. Every day she endured painful physical therapy that was designed to get her back to walking and functioning normally. Not one to feel sorry for herself, she regained her drive and began assisting two other teenagers who were there with her. As her mother said, ‘Together, they encouraged one another to push through the challenges of the extreme pain they were all suffering towards recovery. After a long seven weeks, Quinn was able to walk out of the hospital on her own. She literally returned to school the next day!’

“Although she has steadily grown stronger, Quinn experiences symptoms of ‘Long COVID’ and has to deal with exhaustion and memory loss. Yet with the help of her instructors and through her own persistence and hard work, she has been able to keep up with her classes. She will graduate with her class in the spring, and is looking forward to studying international business and minoring in Japanese and Spanish linguistics at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

“Rotary’s principal motto, ‘Service Above Self,’ conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. Quinn has taken that to heart, for while she was struggling to regain her health, she channeled her love of traveling and learning about other cultures to founding, in 2023, the Cultural Club at her high school. In just two years, it has grown to more than 40 members, who share their cultures and attend local and national cultural events. She also cleans pens and does laundry at the local humane society, all with the purpose of making the dogs more comfortable during their time at the shelter.

“As her parents, Jaqueline and Craig, told me, ‘God has blessed Quinn with an uncommon drive and determination that has kept her pushing forward through all of her struggles.’ The Horatio Alger Society is very pleased to award Quinn Enriques this year’s Strive & Succeed scholarship.”

“The Fredericksburg Fourth”

Attendance List

An enthusiastic crowd gathered in Fredericksburg, Virginia, from May 2-5 for the Horatio Alger Society’s annual convention. Attendees included:

Jack Bales (PF-258), Fredericksburg, Virginia

Terry Booth (PF-1150), Kenilworth, Illinois

Scott Chase (PF-1106), Pittsford, New York

Lisa Chase, Pittsford, New York

Michael Dirda, Silver Spring, Maryland

William R. Gowen (PF-706), Lake Zurich, Illinois

Richard Hoffman (PF-570), Washington, D.C.

Liane Houghtalin (PF-699), Fredericksburg, Virginia

Debby Jones (PF-1092), Bellefonte, Pennsylvania

Robert E. Kasper (PF-327), Richmond, Virginia

Jeff Looney (PF-903), Charlottesville, Virginia

Carol Nackenoff (PF-921), Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Bob Sipes (PF-1067), Shelbyville, Indiana

Keith Thompson (PF-035), Bellport, New York

Nathan Thompson (PF-1162), Bellport, New York

Peter C. Walther (PF-548), Rome, New York

Total: 16

H.A.S. Members: 14



Top: Graduating high school senior Quinn Enriques receives the 2024 Strive & Succeed Award from Jack Bales. (Photograph by Carol Nackenoff)

Bottom: Peter Walther and Carol Nackenoff relax with Debby Jones’s dog, Luna, as Rob Kasper sits behind them. (Photograph by Debby Jones)

