

2007-2008 INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

MINNESOTA STATE
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International Student Endowment

2007-2008



INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT & SCHOLAR
SERVICES

The Mary Taggart International Scholar

Fri Amabo Lem Ngu
Bamenda, Cameroon
Nursing



"It is an honor to receive an Endowment Scholarship. It encourages me to continue my fervent participation in MSU and Mankato volunteer programs. This scholarship helps me financially and motivates me to pursue of my academic and career goals. A million dollar thanks to the Scholarship Committee!"

The Florence Sponberg International Scholar

Sulena Shrestha
Kathmandu, Nepal
Nursing



"Scholarships are a measure of one's academic excellence and a recognition of personal character. This one supports me financially and strengthens my enthusiasm to excel. I am thankful and indebted to the donor for such encouragement and hope I can as worthy a role model as previous scholars have been."

The Gladys Olson/William Olszewski International Scholar

Susan Rajbhandari
Kathmandu, Nepal
Accounting



"This scholarship helps me financially, but also honors me. It elevates my thoughts about community service and how good deeds pay off sometimes in life. Besides having a little more time for studies, I can now give something extra to society. I will bring a smile to as many faces as I can."

The Elizabeth & R. Wynn Kearney International Scholar

Indumini Weeramantri
Moratuwa, Sri Lanka
Biotechnology; Human Biology;
Pre-medicine



"I want to thank the Endowment scholarship committee for awarding me this scholarship. It is extremely helpful as I pursue my educational and career goals since there are very few scholarships available for international students. And thanks to my parents and teachers for guiding me to be successful in my life."

The Carole & Dwain Petersen International Scholar

Sunil Bhandari
Pokhara, Nepal
Computer Science



"You can't begin to know how much this scholarship means to me! More than money or a passing blip of happiness, it is a helping hand and has made a profound impact on my life, allowing me to concentrate on schoolwork and other on-campus activities with less worry about finances."

The Beatrice & Joe Moosally International Scholar

Rasmita Shrestha
Kathmandu, Nepal
Nursing



"I am truly grateful to the Endowment Committee for choosing me as a scholarship recipient. Being honored with this scholarship is a great achievement as well as an encouragement. It recognizes my efforts and boosts me to move one step further towards success."

The Kuhn H. Lee International Scholar

Mildred Lau Hui Chen
Kuching (Sarawak), Malaysia
Finance; Mathematics



"This scholarship will absolutely promote higher academic and leadership excellence as I pursue my educational and career goals. I am truly grateful to the Endowment Committee and the generous donors. I hope the endowment fund will expand to continuously recognize international students."

The Viola Holbrook International Scholar

Uditha Asiri Poddalgoda
Kandy, Sri Lanka
Mechanical Engineering



"The different cultures at MSU are awesome and instructive. I'm also glad to be one of the recipients of an Endowment Scholarship, which encourages me to excel in my studies. I sincerely thank the selection committee and the donors for their support in providing this scholarship."

The Jane Roberts International Scholar

Chad Clower
Kelowna, British Columbia,
Canada
Communication Disorders

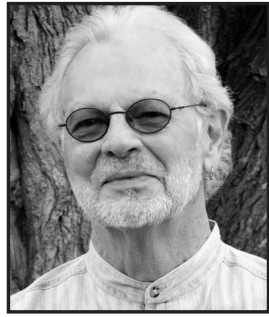


"It is an honor being selected for such a prestigious award as the Jane Roberts Scholarship. This scholarship will assist in providing financial support in my graduate program and in pursuing my goal of becoming a Speech-Language Pathologist. Congratulations to the fellow recipients and thank you very much."



More information is available from the International Student Office
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Generous Friends of the International Student Endowment:

This fall the Mankato Foundation Board of Directors selected the Endowment Committee for its Volunteer of the Year Award. Fittingly—the theme of the Gala on September 14 was “Celebrating Service to the Global Community”—our committee was recognized for its contributions not just to our on-campus student scholarship program but for promoting international awareness and supporting international students at the university. We also contend that our Scholars and other students become ambassadors of good will at a time when our nation’s reputation is at its global nadir. The significance of having and nourishing international students on our campus is becoming embedded in the thinking of the university community.

On the night of the Gala, international students—including a number of our Scholars—were very much in evidence. They performed at the reception phase of the celebration, many helped with parking cars, more waited table and there was an international student at each of the 30 or so tables. It did have the feel of a global community.

I mention all this because I want all contributors to reflect on the value of our service to international students and to share pride in the Volunteer of the Year award, the only time a group of people have been so honored. Please do continue your support of our efforts.

With hopes that you are well in all the ways that count,

Bill Olszewski Chair,
International Student Endowment Committee

Endowment Newsbriefs

- > The International Student Office not only has bright new quarters in the new wing of Centennial Union but has a new name: International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). Feel free to drop in.
- > Our Endowment is growing apace. As of this writing we are just shy of \$400,000 and our goal is to reach half a million within the next two to three years. Naturally, we encourage your participation!
- > Including this current group of nine Scholars, the Endowment has, since 1992, awarded 152 scholarships; the first ones were for \$250; the latest ones were for between \$1,500 and \$1,800. In dollars the total of all awards is \$133,698.
- > You will notice that we have two new named scholarships: The Carole & Dwain Petersen Endowed Scholarship and The Beatrice & Joseph Moosally Endowed Scholarship. These good and dedicated people have made significant donations that support their scholarships.
- > Have you thought of a contribution to the Endowment as a memorial in the event of a death? It’s easily done by calling Margot Zelenz at 507-389- 5383.
- > Did you know that over 92% of the Endowment proceeds goes directly to scholarship earners? The Endowment services are donated and we pay only for this brochure and a fee to the Foundation for its services.
- > The Endowment Committee would like to acknowledge the support given us by the Minnesota State Mankato administration.

2007-2008 International Student Endowment Committee

Leonard Che Fru (Student Representative), Brenda Flannery, Thomas Gjersvig, Donna & Dale Hanke, Sandy Hyde & Creighton Wersal, Elizabeth Kearney, Kuhn H. Lee, Bea & Joe Moosally, Ellen Mrja, Gladys Olson, Kelley Olson, Bill Olszewski (Chair), Carole & Dwain Petersen, Margaret & Dan Preska, Julie Rabaey, Sam Roy, Karen & Dennis Sandersfeld, Florence Sponberg, Jo & Chuck Syverson, Cornelius Votca, Margot Zelenz

Endowment Sustainers

The Endowment Committee wishes to recognize and thank donors of \$500 or more for their particularly generous support, as well as those who have remembered the Endowment through Annuities, Bequests or Trusts.

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Claire & Hazel Faust (T)
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Beatrice & Joseph Moosally (B)
Gladys Olson (A)
William Olszewski (B)
George & Nadine Sugden (T)

\$35,000+ (5)

Carole & Dwain Petersen
Florence & Ray* Sponberg
Mary Taggart*

\$25,000+ (5)

Elizabeth Kearney
Beatrice & Joseph Moosally
Gladys Olson
William Olszewski

\$10,000+ (3)

Francois & Jill Hamze
Jane A. Roberts*

\$5,000+ (7)

Viola F. Halbrook*
Waldo* & Jean* Jaax
John Just
Iris Nigg Lundin
Clarence* & Margaret* Perisho

\$3,000+ (10)

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Kuhn & Bang Lee
Irene* & Theodore* Nydahl
Margaret & Daniel Preska

\$1,000+ (50)

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\$500+ (64)

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498 donors
*Deceased

We deeply appreciate the interest in and concern for international students represented by your gifts.

2007 Fall Semester Population Statistics

BY CLASSIFICATION		LATIN AMERICA	
Doctoral	1	Bolivia	1
Graduate	146	Brazil	2
Undergraduate	341	Colombia	6
TOTAL	488	Costa Rica	1
		Ecuador	1
		Guatemala	1
		Guyana	2
		Mexico	3
		Peru	3
		Venezuela	1
		TOTAL	21
BY COUNTRY AND REGION			
AFRICA			
Benin	1	Armenia	1
Cameroon	8	Austria	1
Egypt	1	Belize	1
Ethiopia	8	Bosnia Herzegovina	1
Ghana	6	Finland	2
Ivory Coast	3	France	5
Kenya	17	Germany	1
Morocco	1	Greece	1
Nigeria	8	Macedonia	1
Senegal	1	Moldova	10
Sierra Leone	1	Montenegro	2
Tanzania	3	Portugal	1
Togo	1	Russian Federation	3
TOTAL	59	Serbia	4
		Spain	1
		Sweden	2
		Turkey	3
		Ukraine	5
		TOTAL	45
MIDDLE EAST			
Jordan	1	NORTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN	
Kuwait	1	Canada	15
Lebanon	1	Jamaica	4
Saudi Arabia	14	S. Lucia	1
United Arab Emirates	1	TOTAL	20
TOTAL	18	TOTAL ENROLLED	489
		OPT	86
		TOTAL	575
		Total Number of Countries	66
		TOTAL	325