

2013 2014 INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

Elizabeth & Wynn Kearney International Center

The Gladys B. Olson International Student Endowment

2013-14

The Waldo & Jean Jaax Memorial Scholar

Ozlem Barin
Tekirdag, Turkey
Major: Economics



"I am the proud recipient of this Endowment Scholarship. This scholarship will substantially lessen my financial burden and will also allow me to devote more time to my studies. I am grateful for your kindness and your involvement in the promotion of success in the lives of international students."

environments. This scholarship has greatly encouraged me and will cause a butterfly effect for not just myself, but also the world."

The Gladys Olson/Bill Olszewski Scholar

Tatiana Soboleva
Chisinau, Moldova
Major: Biochemistry



"I thank the scholarship committee and especially Gladys Olson for this scholarship! I am honored to be selected as an outstanding student. The scholarship helps me pursue my goals and motivates me. I thank my professors and family and hope to be a model as the previous scholars were for me."

The Beatrice & Joseph Moosally Scholar

Sushma Shrestha
Kathmandu, Nepal
Majors: Computer Information
Technology & Accounting



"I am honored to be a recipient of the Endowment Scholarship. I would like to thank my donors Mr and Mrs. Moosally, the scholarship committee and the Kearney International Center for their support and believe in me. This scholarship has boosted my confidence to do better in achieving my goals."



*The Carole & Dwain
Petersen Scholar*
Dieynaba Niabaly
Dakar, Senegal
Majors: International Relations
& Gender & Women's Studies
& Spanish

"This scholarship is a great financial relief and a humbling honor for me and my parents. I express my gratitude to the Endowment Committee for its generosity and for motivating me to aim higher and work harder to achieve my goals."



The Mary Taggart Scholar
Dulanjani Rajaguru
Colombo, Sri Lanka
Major: Biochemistry

"I thank the Endowment committee for this prestigious scholarship. It not only supports me financially, but also gives me a purpose to continue my hard work as a dedicated student. I am extremely honored and humbled by this opportunity. Your generosity does make a difference and will always be cherished."



*The Louise Steele Syverson
& Linda Steele Scholar*
Anastasia Stanceva
Chisinau, Moldova
Major: Psychology

"This scholarship is an astounding honor for me. It feels great to know that my hard work has been recognized, what gives me strength to do even better in the future. In addition to the financial benefit, the scholarship makes me feel proud and blessed. I am really thankful to the Endowment Committee for their relentless support."

The Dr. Kuhn H. Lee Scholar

Sadeem Skihrakar
Kathmandu, Nepal
Major: Computer
Information Technology



"I am thankful to the Endowment committee and International Center for considering me a worthy candidate of the scholarship. This scholarship is more like a moral support than financial support. It will motivate me to work hard to achieve my goal and establish my career in Information Systems."

The Florence Sponberg Scholar

Aboloji Akinyemi
Abuja, Nigeria
Majors: Astronomy & Physics



"I am greatly honored to receive this scholarship. It means a lot to me and my family. It helps my family financially because my parents fund my education. Personally, this is a huge encouragement for me to continue to do well in my studies. Thank you very much!"



The Elizabeth Kearney Scholar
Jaekook Sim
Won-Ju City, Republic of
Korea
Major: Biomedical Science

"Receiving the Kearney endowment scholarship is a great honor for me and my family. I will spend my life giving medical support to people who are born in unfortunate



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Supporters of the Endowment and of International Students:

It's a particular pleasure to write to you generous supporters of the Endowment because I have a special announcement

to make. In the spring of 2013 the members of the Endowment Committee chose to rename the Endowment as The Gladys B. Olson International Student Endowment. With a stroke of a pen, the cause that Gladys spearheaded in 1987 became a lasting memorial to her. Anyone who knows her knows how dear this endowment is to her heart and how it has propelled her to give so generously and to inspire others—notably the Endowment Committee—to devote time, energy, and their own generosity to further that cause.

Of course, Gladys would be the first to point out that this brochure is to honor nine international students who have so distinguished themselves that they have been chosen to receive scholarships. It seems that year by year the quality of applicants has risen, although, truth to tell, it can be hard to distinguish one group of Scholars from another. All these students are marked for their outstanding academic achievement, generous gifts of service to the University and Mankato communities and for the leadership skills that inspire others. We salute these superb Scholars!

Bill Olszewski
Chair, Gladys B. Olson
International Student
Endowment Committee



IN BRIEF

- We mourned the death of Donna Hanke, long-time committee member, who always stood when help was needed. She was also our faithful Historian.
- The Endowment Committee is engaged in planning for its future. In doing so, we have decided it is possible to reach \$1,000,000 within three years. Half of the amount needed is already covered by a letter of intent stating that a donor intends to give his home to the Endowment at the time of death. We would encourage supporters to consider a similar letter of intent by contacting Jeff Halbur in the Development Office, or by leaving a legacy amount to the Endowment in their wills.
- Our scholarships are now at the \$2500 level or about 20% of a student's yearly cost. Our goal is always to increase that amount.
- Since its inception the Endowment has awarded 206 scholarships and disbursed \$247,640 to scholarship recipients.
- Gladys Olson was named Grand Marshall of the International Festival. Her little speech was itself a noteworthy event.
- Although it hardly seems possible, there were, as of spring semester, 937 enrolled and Practical Training international students, representing 90 countries.
- 2013-2014 Scholar Dieynaba Niabaly of Senegal will be the Student Representative on the Endowment Committee this year.
- Julie Rabaey of the Kearney International Center was appointed to a national subcommittee on crisis management by the Association of International Educators (NAFSA).
- Thomas Gjersvig will take a three-month sabbatical Spring/Summer of 2014 to research best practices in development of an International Alumni program.

2012-2013 ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Vickie Apel, Brenda Flannery, Thomas Gjersvig, Jeff Halbur, Sandy Hyde & Creighton Wersal, Cita Maignes, Bea & Joe Moosally, Ellen Mrja, Gladys Olson, Bill Olszewski (Chair), Carole & Dwain Petersen, Margaret & Dan Preska, Julie Rabaey, Karen & Dennis Sandersfeld, Florence Sponberg, Jo & Chuck Syverson, Dieynaba Niabaly (Student Representative), Janet Wu (Member-at-Large).

ENDOWMENT SUSTAINERS (*Signifies deceased)

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2013 SPRING POPULATION STATISTICS

BY COUNTRY AND REGION			MIDDLE EAST	
	Kyrgyzstan	1	Bahrain	1
	Malaysia	7	Iran	4
	Mongolia	2	Jordan	1
AFRICA	Nepal	77	Kuwait	2
Burkina Faso	Pakistan	18	Lebanon	1
Burundi	Philippines	1	Qatar	1
Cameroon	Republic of Korea	75	Saudi Arabia	149
Egypt	Singapore	22	United Arab Emirates	4
Ethiopia	Sri Lana	24	Yemen	2
Gabon	Taiwan	1	Total	165
Gambia	Thailand	5	THE AMERICAS	
Ghana	Turkmenistan	5	Antigua & Barbuda	1
Ivory Coast	Uzbekistan	1	Bahamas	2
Kenya	Vietnam	13	Bolivia	1
Liberia	Total	379	Brazil	5
Mali	EUROPE		Canada	15
Mauritania	Armenia	2	Colombia	23
Niger	Azerbaijan	1	El Salvador	1
Nigeria	Belarus	1	Honduras	1
Rwanda	Finland	4	Jamaica	1
Senegal	France	2	Mexico	3
South Africa	Germany	9	Venezuela	3
Tanzania	Greece	1	Total	56
Togo	Italy	1	AUSTRALIA AND OCEANIA	
Uganda	Kosovo	2	Australia	2
Zambia	Lithuania	1	Papua New Guinea	1
Zimbabwe	Macedonia	1	Total	3
TOTAL	123			
ASIA				
Bangladesh	Moldova	12	TOTAL ENROLLED	794
Burma	Netherlands	1	OPT	143
Cambodia	Norway	5	TOTAL	937
China	Russian Federation	5		
Hong Kong	Serbia	2	Total Number of Countries	90
India	Sweden	5		
Indonesia	Turkey	4		
Japan	Ukraine	4		
Kazakhstan	United Kingdom	5		
	Total	68		

