

2011 2012 INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

Elizabeth & Wynn Kearney International Center

International Student Endowment

2011-12

The Gladys Olson and William Olszewski Scholar

Yu (Janet) Wu
Deyang, China
Nursing Major



"I'm honored to be awarded this scholarship. I'd like to thank my parents, professors and friends—their guidance and support has been invaluable throughout my journey. This recognition has given me the confidence and motivation to continually work hard and strive for the profession I have been aiming for."

The Carole & Dwain Petersen Scholar

Samia Tariq
Dhaka, Bangladesh
Chemistry (Pre-Pharmacy) Major



"Victory belongs to those who believe in it the most; never stop believing! This is what I have always believed and this is what prevented me from giving up in the most hopeless situations. I am thankful to the Endowment Scholarship Committee for providing such an opportunity for International students."

The Mary Taggart Scholar

David Bassey
Uyo, Nigeria
Mechanical Engineering Major



"Receiving this prestigious scholarship is a great honor for me and my family. This creates an avenue for my goal as an aeronautical engineer to be more attainable and provides me with the focus to succeed. Thus, this scholarship raises the standard of excellence to a new level for me."



The Louise Steele Syverson & Linda Steele Scholar
Han Lee
Seoul, Republic of Korea
Nursing & Human Biology Double Major

"I determined to dedicate my life to alleviating suffering through translational research. Receiving the Endowment Scholarship is such an honor and has greatly motivated me to pursue my goals. I will work hard to become the scholar that the MSU community expects of a Louise Steele Syverson & Linda Steele Scholar."



The Florence Sponberg Scholar
Rustom Zufarov
Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Accounting & Finance Major

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to International Student Endowment Committee for awarding me the Florence Sponberg Scholarship. It will help me to realize my short-term goals, and bring me closer to my long-term goals. The scholarship will make my dreams closer than they seem."



The Beatrice & Joseph Moosally Scholar
Vadim Firfa
Baeti, Republic of Moldova

"I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor. With this support I am well on my way to achieving my academic goals and hope that I will be able to make a difference for others in a way as meaningful as this scholarship has for me."

The Wally & Jean Jaax Scholar

Prakash Shakya
Kathmandu, Nepal
Automotive Engineering Technology Major



"It provides a tremendous happiness to know that the hard work I put into my studies and the community service have been acknowledged. The scholarship will motivate me to do even better in my academic endeavors and will provide relief to my parents at a time of particular family need."

The Dr. Kuhn H. Lee Scholar

Young Hee Cho
Busan, Republic of Korea
Biochemistry & Biology Double Major



"First, I want to express my gratitude to Kuhn H. Lee and the Endowment Committee. Not to mention financial support, this scholarship helped me gain confidence about my future, and it further motivated me to work harder for my goal. I really appreciate your giving me this valuable chance."



The Elizabeth Kearney Scholar
Isha Shrestha
Kathmandu, Nepal
Information Technology Major

"I am greatly honored to be an Endowment Scholarship recipient. I am thankful to the scholarship donors, the scholarship committee, and the Kearney International Center for their generous support and their confidence in me. This scholarship means a lot to me, and serves as an inspiration towards my future steps."



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear supporters of the Endowment and of International Students:

This brochure has two purposes. The first is to honor the nine Scholars pictured for their achievements, both academic and societal. It is always a

thrill to read the many applications for our scholarships because they yield such a wealth of riches: students with soaring GPAs; students who put their energies into making this campus and town better, more inclusive places; students whose parents have serious needs in their home countries; students whose dreams and aspirations inspire us. When we sort through these applications we usually come up with 18 or 20 whom we deem serious contenders. Then the hard work begins: winnowing this rich harvest down to nine. So, when you look through the brochure, understand that you are seeing some of the finest international students studying at Minnesota State Mankato.

The second purpose is to honor you. The fact that as donors, you are far and away repeat givers indicates your commitment to what you believe is a worthwhile cause: providing support for exceptional international students and recognition for their contributions.

Some of you have given to the Endowment for more than 20 years. Most of you have given reliably for at least 10 years. It is no exaggeration to say that the Endowment is your doing, your work. We owe you our deepest thanks. We salute you for what you have built.



Bill Olszewski
Chair, International Student Endowment Committee



REFLECTIONS

Since 1991, the Endowment has awarded 188 scholarships to students from 46 countries. Nepal leads the way with 40 scholarships; China has claimed 19, Pakistan 16 and Japan and India 10 each. A total of \$203,640 has been disbursed—and has had a significant impact on past Scholars.

“I left Mankato in 2004 to pursue a master’s degree in Computer Science at Texas A&M University. Immediately after my graduation in 2006 I got an offer to work with Cisco Systems in San Jose, California. I am currently a software engineer for Cisco Telepresence. I have found the courage and time to pursue (part time) a PhD in computer engineering at Santa Clara University. I hope to graduate in early 2014.”

— Sylvia N’guessan, Cote D’Ivoire, 2003-2004 Scholar

“It’s been an exciting journey since I first came to the United States in ‘97. I graduated with a degree in MIS, started working as a software engineer and then moved on to software project management. Currently I’m working for a company that makes software for clinical trials in the Big Apple! All this wouldn’t have been possible without the opportunities that Minnesota State Mankato gave me in terms of great teachers, friends and scholarships.”

—Nidhi Agrawal, Kathmandu Valley, 1998-1999 Scholar

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SUPPORTER STORY

Supporters Jill and Francois Hamze, donors since 1991, give to the Endowment Fund.

“Being donors is not only a privilege for us, but also the best investment in the developing countries from which this diverse group of students comes. Hopefully, returning to their countries of origin with a useful profession or employable skill will ultimately lead to less poverty in their communities. Also, having lived among the ordinary people of the United

States, they will be the best ambassadors for our country when they return home.

“On a personal level, having come to this great country as ‘foreigners’ ourselves (but speaking the same language) some 45 years ago, we feel we can identify with some of the challenges facing these students. Leaving home and country to pursue higher education in the United States exposes them to many unfamiliar situations including taking classes in English, their second language; loneliness; homesickness; a very different culture; acceptance by their peers, and so on. We feel very fortunate to be able to participate in this Endowment Fund.”

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT POPULATION, 2011-12

Total number of international students: 635
Total number of undergraduate international students: 490
Total number of graduate international students: 145
Total number of countries represented: 72
Students from Africa: 103
Students from Asia: 360
Students from Europe: 75
Students from the Middle East: 61
Students from the Americas, Australia and Oceania: 36