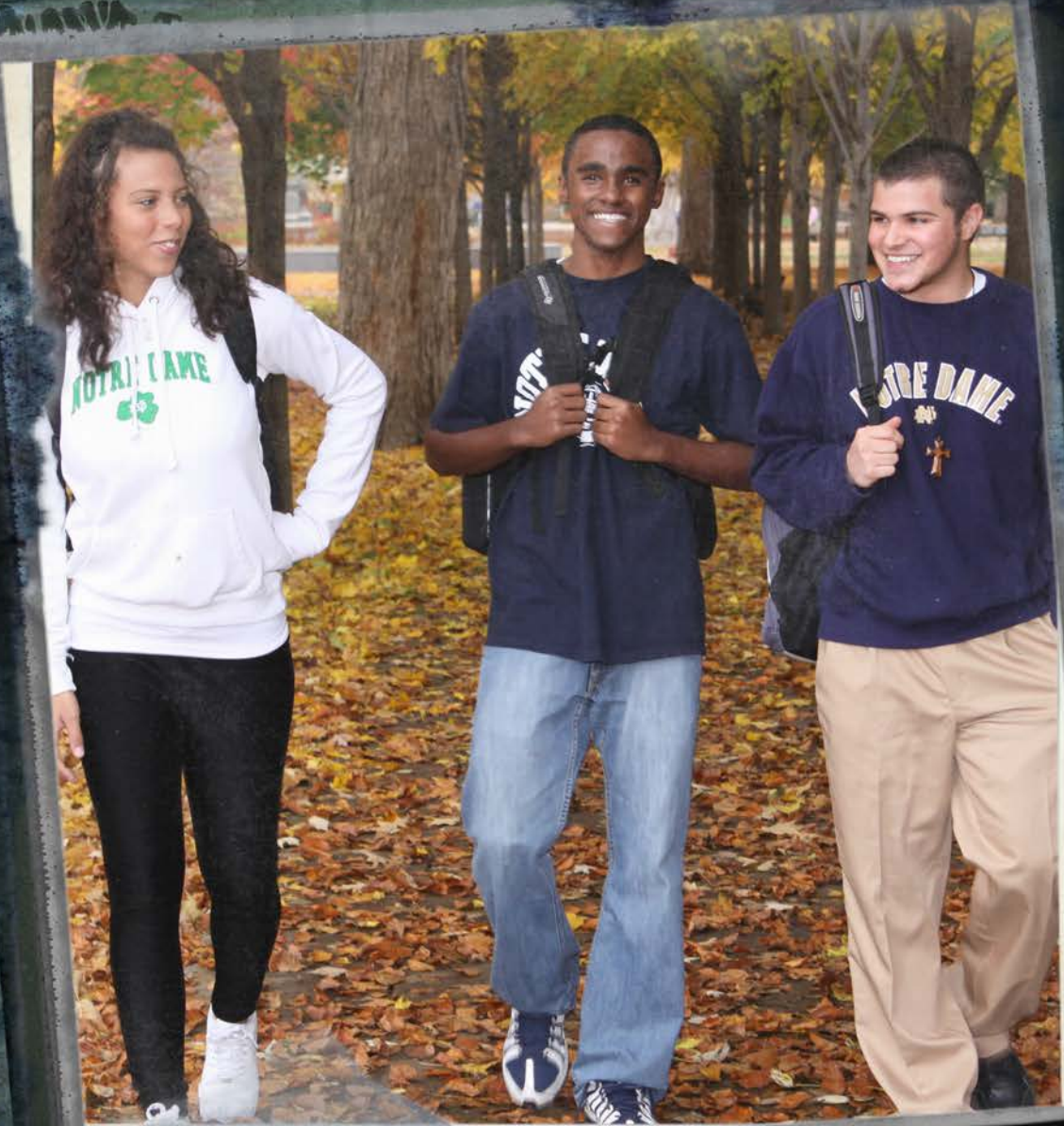


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Annexstad Family Foundation

was established by
Al and Cathy
Annexstad and
their family.

The foundation is
committed to
working together
with participating
colleges and
universities to
provide scholarships
principally to
deserving young
people who have
matured through
the Big Brothers
Big Sisters program.



Amy Abrahamson - Class of '05
Gustavus Adolphus College
Bachelor of Arts: Biology



Kelsey Feldman - Class of '06
Gustavus Adolphus College
Bachelor of Arts: Art Education /
Art History



Amanda French - Class of '07
Gustavus Adolphus College
Bachelor of Arts: History/
Sociology



Louis Trejo - Class of '07
Gustavus Adolphus College
Bachelor of Arts: Financial
Economics/Chemistry



Shawn Sanford - Class of '08
University of Notre Dame
Bachelor of Arts: African
Studies/African American &
Latino Studies



Carrie Naber - Class of '08
Gustavus Adolphus College
Bachelor of Arts: Criminal Justice



Bridgette Hemmesch - Class of '08
University of Minnesota
Bachelor of Science: Animal
Science/Pre-Veterinary Medicine



Jacob Hemmesch - Class of '09
University of Minnesota
Bachelor of Science: Agriculture
and Food Business Management



Brad Dingman - Class of '09
St. Cloud State University
Bachelor of Arts: Criminal
Justice



Kelly Roering - Class of '09
St. Cloud State University
Bachelor of Arts: Painting,
Photography, Print Making



Maureen Sullivan - Class of '09
University of Notre Dame
Bachelor of Arts: Psychology



Angie Foster - Class of '10
Minnesota State University,
Mankato
Bachelor of Science:
Community Health



Kady Johnson - Class of '10
Gustavus Adolphus College
Bachelor of Arts: English



Lisa Huynh - Class of '10
University of Notre Dame
Bachelor of Arts: Psychology



Stephany Osuji - Class of '10
University of St. Thomas
Bachelor of Arts: Marketing
Management



Stephany Hengel - Class of '10
College of Saint Benedict
Bachelor of Arts: Psychology

Graduates

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Study **HARD**, Have **FUN**,

1st Year

**Annexstad
Scholars**



and Make Us **PROUD!**

Christina Shelley

College: Indiana University
Major: Journalism, English
Dream Job: Book Editor




My college experience has been **GREAT!** It's so amazing to have the reins of my future in my hands, ready for a journey of my choice.

I BELIEVE

that, while it is important to work towards one's personal dreams, it is just as important to help others achieve theirs. The Annexstad Family Foundation helps students like me do something they may not have otherwise had the opportunity to do.

With my Big Sister's help, I've been able to grow into the woman I am today. I have gained confidence, kindness, and responsibility because of her.



Money, or lack of it, would have determined my future. The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has allowed me to **pursue my dreams!**

My BIG SISTER made education a priority and this had a great influence on me. Now I have been able to see a new future for myself.



**College
life has
been
GREAT!**

There is terrific
support and I
like the freedom
of figuring out
my own routine.

College: Winona
State University
Dream Job: Park
Ranger

**Sonya
Hernandez**

College: Gustavus Adolphus College

Major: Athletic Training

Dream Job: Athletic Trainer for a professional sports team

Jesse Newell

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I was
ecstatic

when I found
out that I had
received the
Annexstad
Family
Foundation
Scholarship.

Thank you for giving me
the chance

by putting the ball in my court.
This is a huge opportunity
and I am thankful from the
bottom of my heart.

If it were not for the
Annexstad Family
Foundation Scholarship, my
childhood dream
of attending a four-year
University would have never
become the reality I live today.

I am a student who now has every
door ahead of me open, numerous opportunities in
front of me, and college is the vehicle by which I can
realize those opportunities.

College: University of Minnesota

Major: Psychology, Physiology

Dream Job: A 'hands on' position
to give back to people



**David
Moreno**

The Best Part about the Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship is the fact that we're not just receiving an award. We are receiving love along with so many kind letters and care packages from an entire family who truly cares for all the recipients and hopes for their success in every aspect of life.

The Annexstad family has touched so many students in ways far **beyond** financial support, that thanking them could never be enough.

College: University of Notre Dame
Major: Architecture
Dream Job: Design buildings & homes



**Adam
Vargas**

It's hard
to find the
words
that would
even
begin to
thank
the
Annexstad
Family
Foundation
enough for
how
generous
they have
been.



Alex Toll



I hope to
one day become
a Big Brother to
make a difference
in another person's
life.

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Amanda Suhweier

If I came face-to-face with the Annexstads right now, I wouldn't be able to put into words the gratitude I feel. I thank God that they have **huge hearts** because, without this scholarship, I don't know if I'd be at this fine institution. This has made all the difference for me. I can assure them that their decision has not been made in vain.

College: University of Notre Dame
Major: Graphic Design
Dream Job: Undecided



My college
experience has been
great!

Financial freedom
has given
me more
educational
opportunities.
I'm excited to be
working towards my
future while
enjoying the
college lifestyle.



My Big Sister

helped me
become a
responsible adult.
She always knew
what to say to
encourage me and
cheer me up. In the
future, I hope to
help others like
she and the
Annexstad family
have helped me.



**Brianna
Gee**

College: Winona State University
Major: Undecided
Dream Job: Something in the medical field

The Annexstads
make so many kids'

dreams come true.

This scholarship has
opened doors for me. It
has allowed me to
experience and
explore things
that will help
me prepare
for the
future.

College: Minnesota State University,
Mankato
Major: Art & Graphic Design
Dream Job: Making commercials
or advertising

My college
experience
has been
phenomenal!

Financial freedom
has allowed me to
focus on studying
and attending
classes without the
stress of worrying
about how I'm
going to pay
for college.

Jennifer Polinder



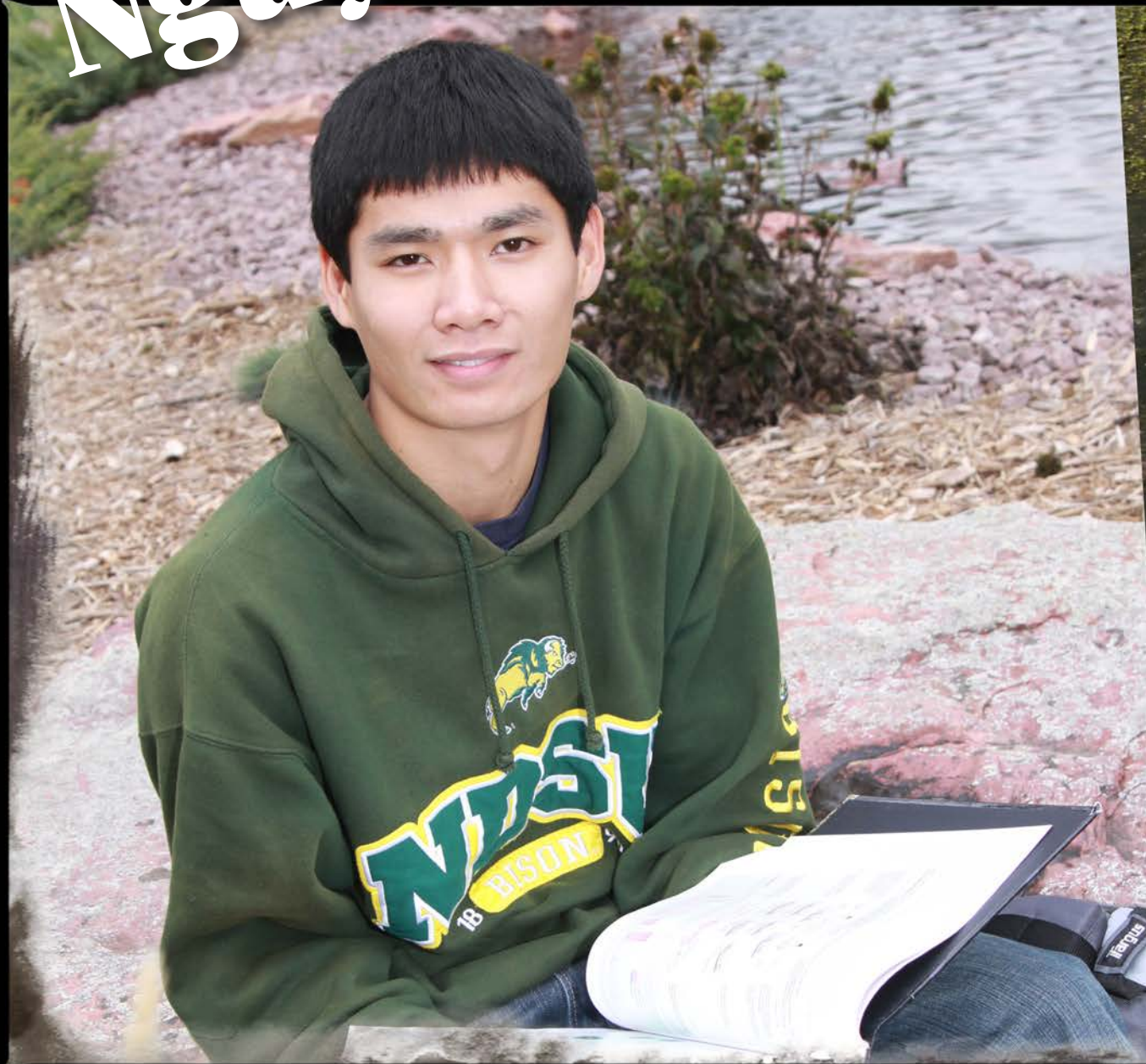
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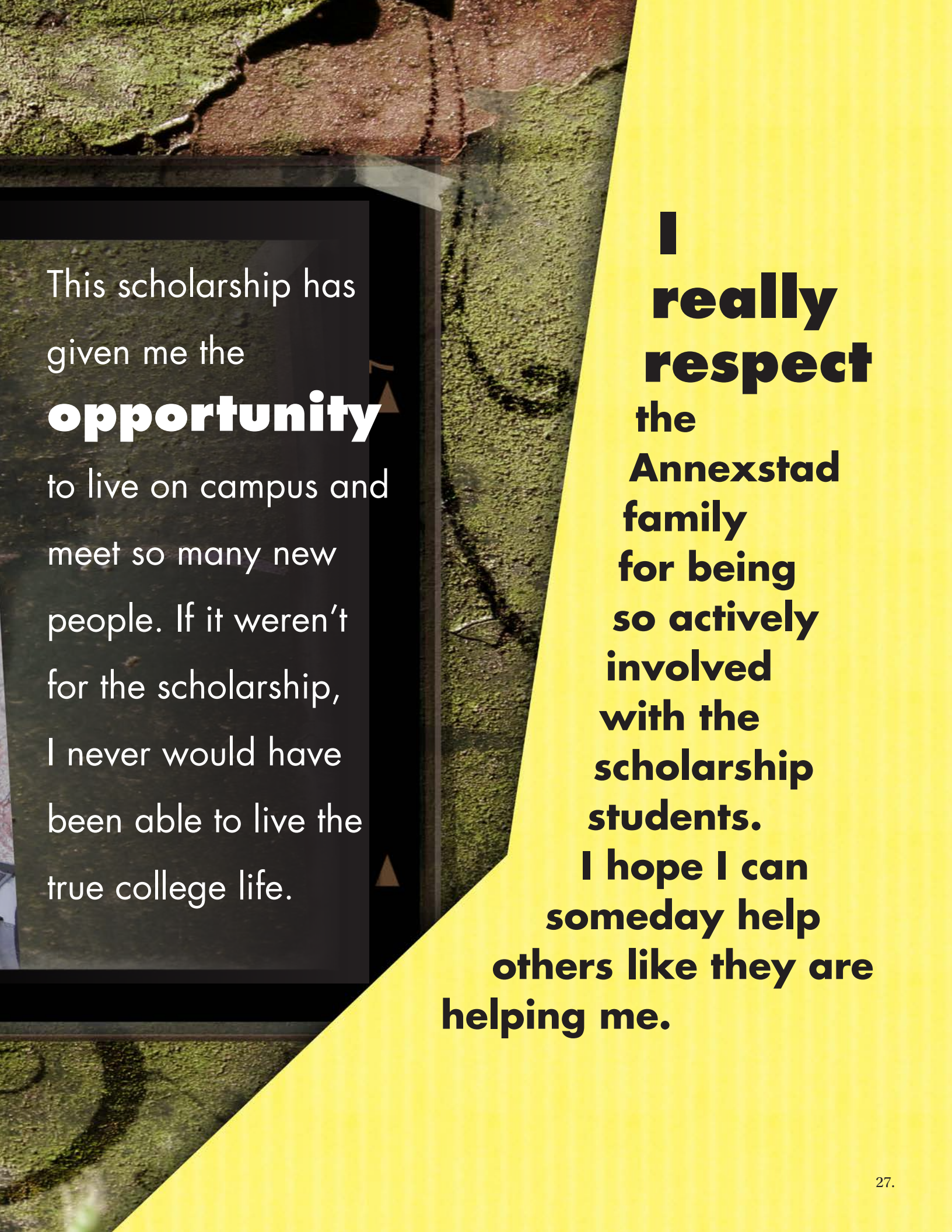
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College: North Dakota State University
Major: Pre-Pharmacy
Dream Job: Own my own business – Pharmacist



This scholarship has given me the **opportunity** to live on campus and meet so many new people. If it weren't for the scholarship, I never would have been able to live the true college life.

I really respect the Annexstad family for being so actively involved with the scholarship students. I hope I can someday help others like they are helping me.

I LOVE

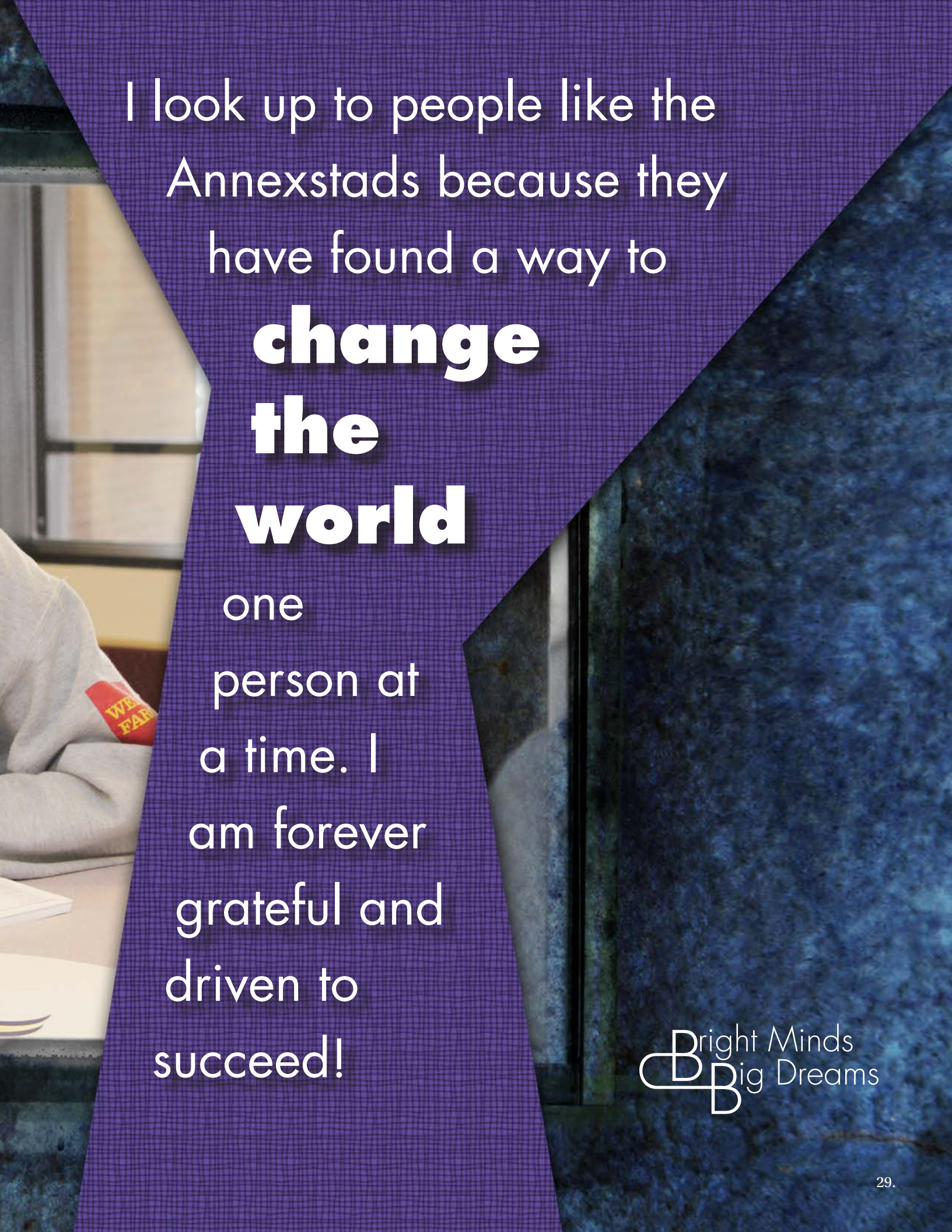
**that I now have
the option to make
something of myself
and am acquiring
the proper tools to
build my success.**

**Thank you for
helping me
believe in myself!**



Schwieger

**College: Minnesota State University, Mankato
Major: Nursing
Dream Job: RN Nurse working with elder people**

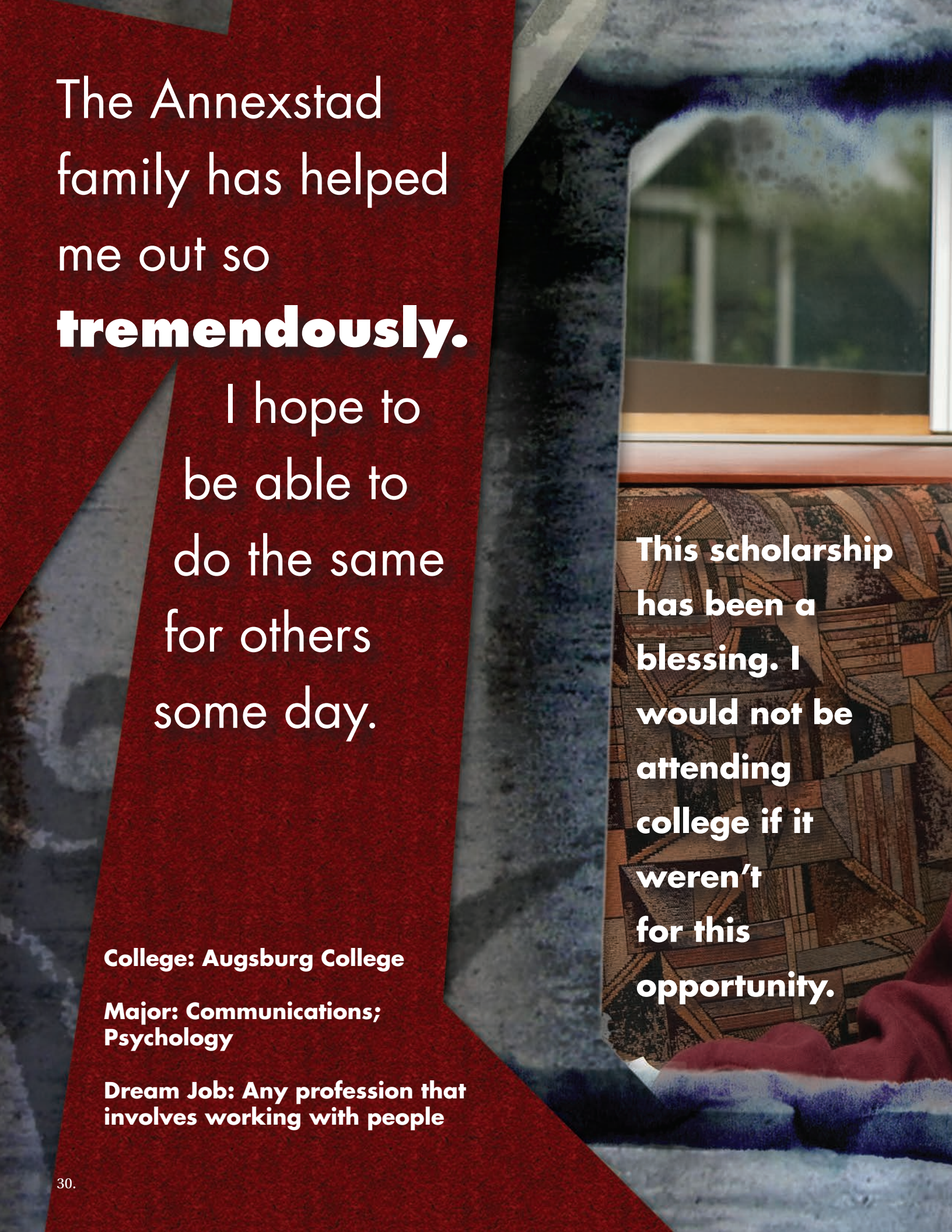


I look up to people like the
Annexstads because they
have found a way to

**change
the
world**

one
person at
a time. I
am forever
grateful and
driven to
succeed!

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The Annexstad
family has helped
me out so
tremendously.

I hope to
be able to
do the same
for others
some day.

College: Augsburg College

Major: Communications;
Psychology

Dream Job: Any profession that
involves working with people

**This scholarship
has been a
blessing. I
would not be
attending
college if it
weren't
for this
opportunity.**

Lucky Dirie



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I am on a path of learning

that is leading
to great things
in the future.

**I don't think there is any
way I can express in
words how grateful I am
to the Annexstad fam-
ily. They care so much
about every scholar-
ship student. I could
instantly see their true
goodwill the first time
I met them.**

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Welle

My Big Sister

helped inspire me
by being a very
good role model;
I still aspire
to that.

College: St. Olaf College
Major: Pre-Med/Philosophy
Dream Job: Professor or Doctor

Nick Nelson



College: North Dakota State University
Major: Business Management
Dream Job: Business Owner

**A
college
degree**

**will allow me to have
a career that I enjoy
day in and day out.**

**I am
so
thankful**

that the
Annexstad
family started
their Foundation.
I now have a
future that has
meaning.

**My Big Brother was a
positive role model and
influenced my decision to join the JROTC
(Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps),
which helped mold me into the leader
and motivated person I am today.**

I am truly **blessed and grateful** for the Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship. Never in a million years did I think I would receive something this great!

I didn't have a trust fund or money saved for college. I come from a low-income family, so those resources were not available to me.

College: University of St. Thomas
Major: Accounting
Dream Job: Accountant in a large corporation



Savannah

Hassan

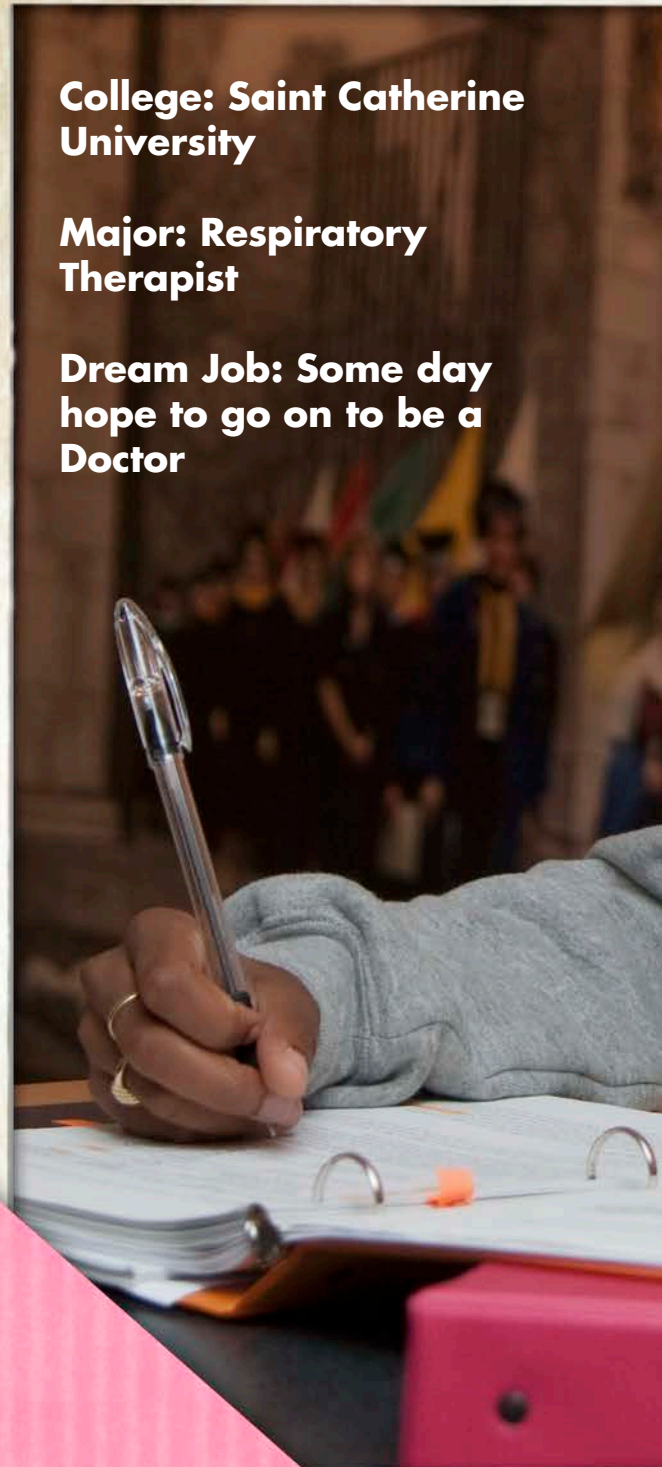
The Annexstad
Family Foundation
Scholarship is
one of the
**biggest
blessings**
I've received
in my
lifetime.

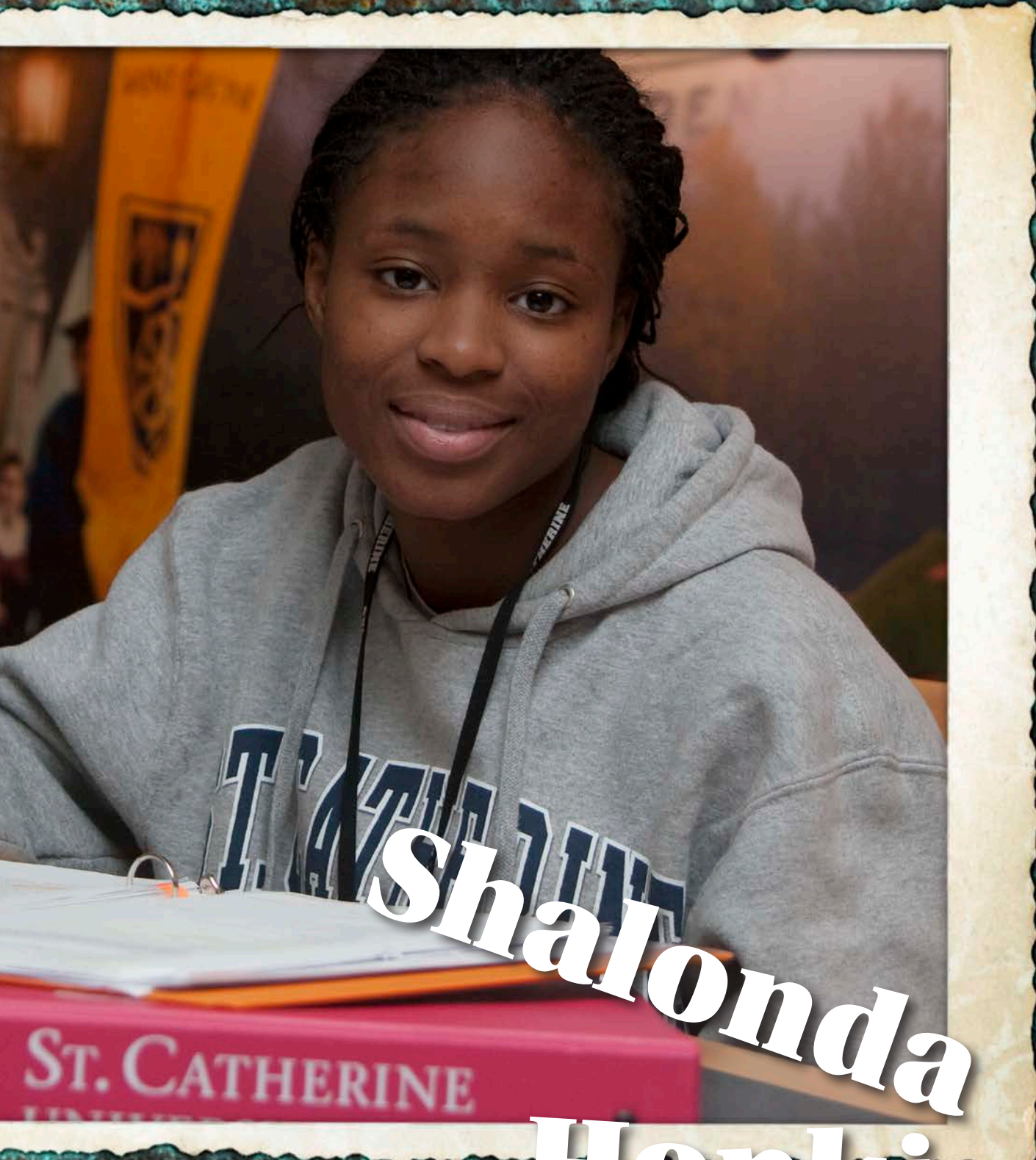
The best thing about
being awarded the
Annexstad family scholarship
is not worrying about how I'm
going to pay my tuition and the
debt that would accumulate.
I'm so grateful for this scholarship.

College: Saint Catherine
University

Major: Respiratory
Therapist

Dream Job: Some day
hope to go on to be a
Doctor





**Shalonda
Hopkins**

Through this scholarship, the Annexstads have shown me the importance of striving to be **my best** and to help others along the way.

My mentors took me to UGA sporting events and I quickly had a warm spot in my heart for this University. UGA ultimately turned out to be my first pick for a college.



Jennifer Iglesias



College: University of Georgia
Major: Education
Dream Job: Second Grade Teacher

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I would never have had the
opportunity

to attend a
school with
such tradition
and high
expectations
without the
help of the
Annexstad
Family
Foundation.



College: Spelman College
Major: Biology
Dream Job: General Surgeon



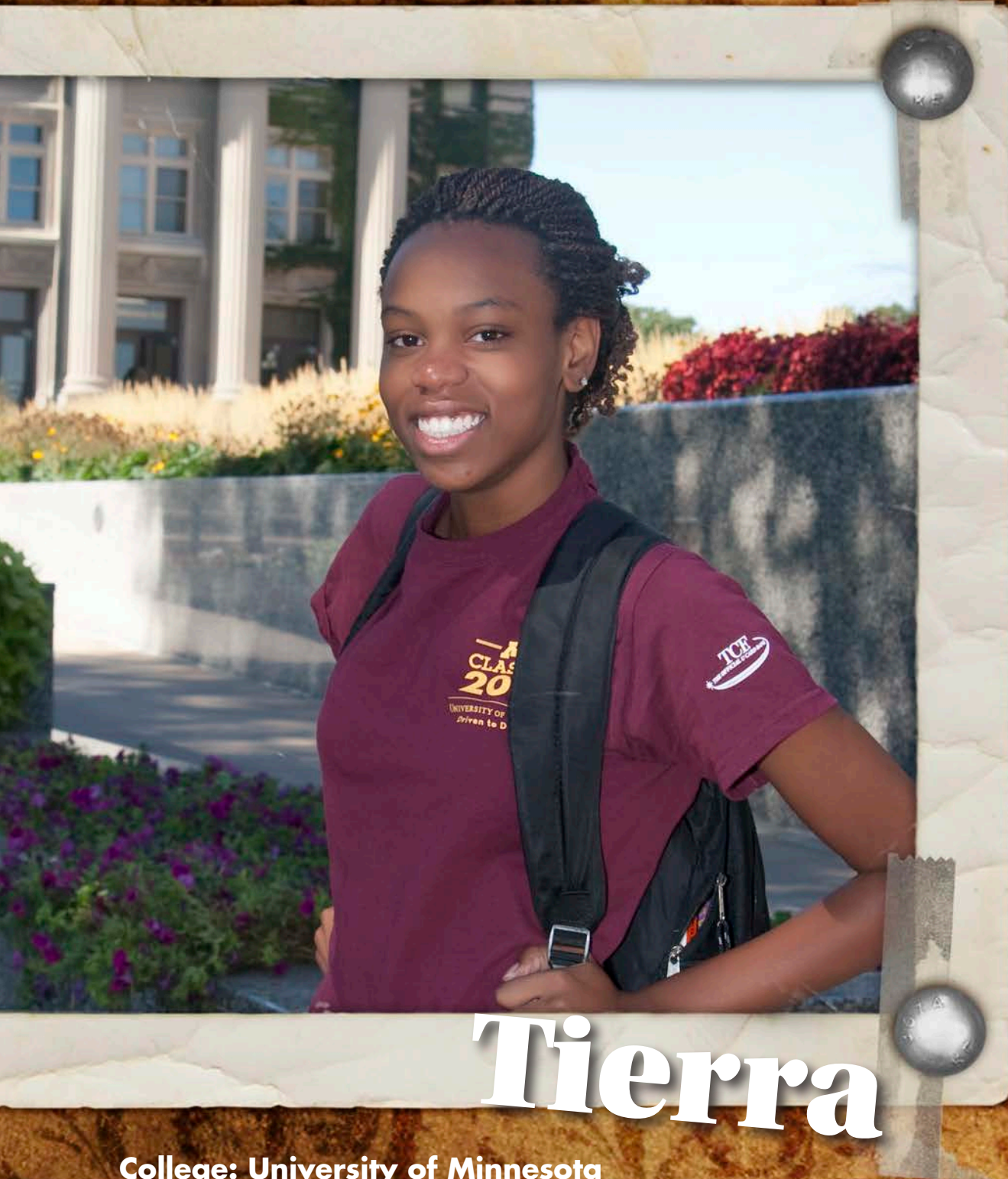
**I
want
to
develop
antidotes
to cure
diseases.**

**Francisca
Clayborne**

I am more
confident
because I know that
finances won't hold
me back from
succeeding.

**I'm
living
my life**
the way I've always
wanted. Going to a big
school like the
University of Minnesota is
fulfilling that dream!





Tierra

College: University of Minnesota
Major: Youth Studies
Dream Job: Advisor
or Counselor

I have a soft heart

so I love to help people in any way I can. The Annexstad family has been a good role model for me. I plan to give back to others by becoming a Big to a child in need.



College: Minnesota State University Moorhead
Major: Undecided
Dream Job: Undecided



My Big Sister

encouraged me to live my dreams, listen to myself, and to have faith. Because of her, I have the courage to keep trying for what I believe in.

Tiffany

Kerfeld

The best thing

about receiving the Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship is knowing that there are people willing to help me further my education.


I want to

thank the Annexstad Family Foundation for all their help and support. My college experience so far has been great, thanks to you!



College: University of Minnesota
Major: Undecided
Dream Job: Undecided

Lee



I am so appreciative of the
Annexstad Family
Foundation Scholarship.

I wouldn't be able to

**follow my
dreams**

and make
something of my
life if it weren't for
this opportunity.

The best thing

**about receiving the Annexstad Family
Foundation Scholarship is that they keep
in touch and check up on us to see how
we're doing in school, just like any member
of a family would. It's a great feeling to know
that they care about me and
my education.**

College: Hamline University
Major: Music Production & Marketing
Dream Job: Music Producing

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Donicia

I am so **thankful**
for the Annexstad
Family Foundation
Scholarship.

I have the
opportunity to get
an outstanding
education and the
financial freedom to
focus on my work.

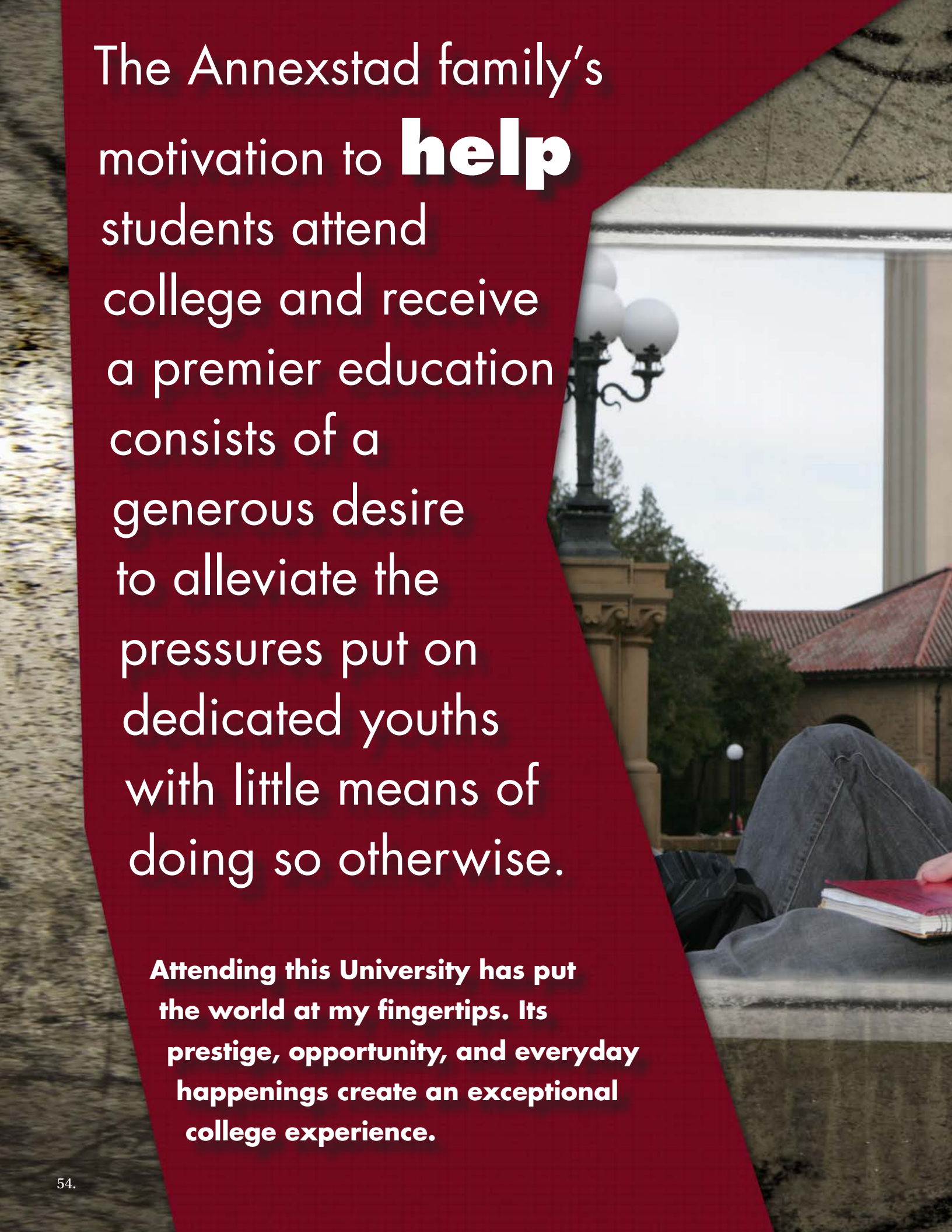
With my mentor's
support, I've realized that anything is
possible if I put effort into my work.

Gary



College: University of Notre Dame
Major: Business Management
Dream Job: Own Law Firm

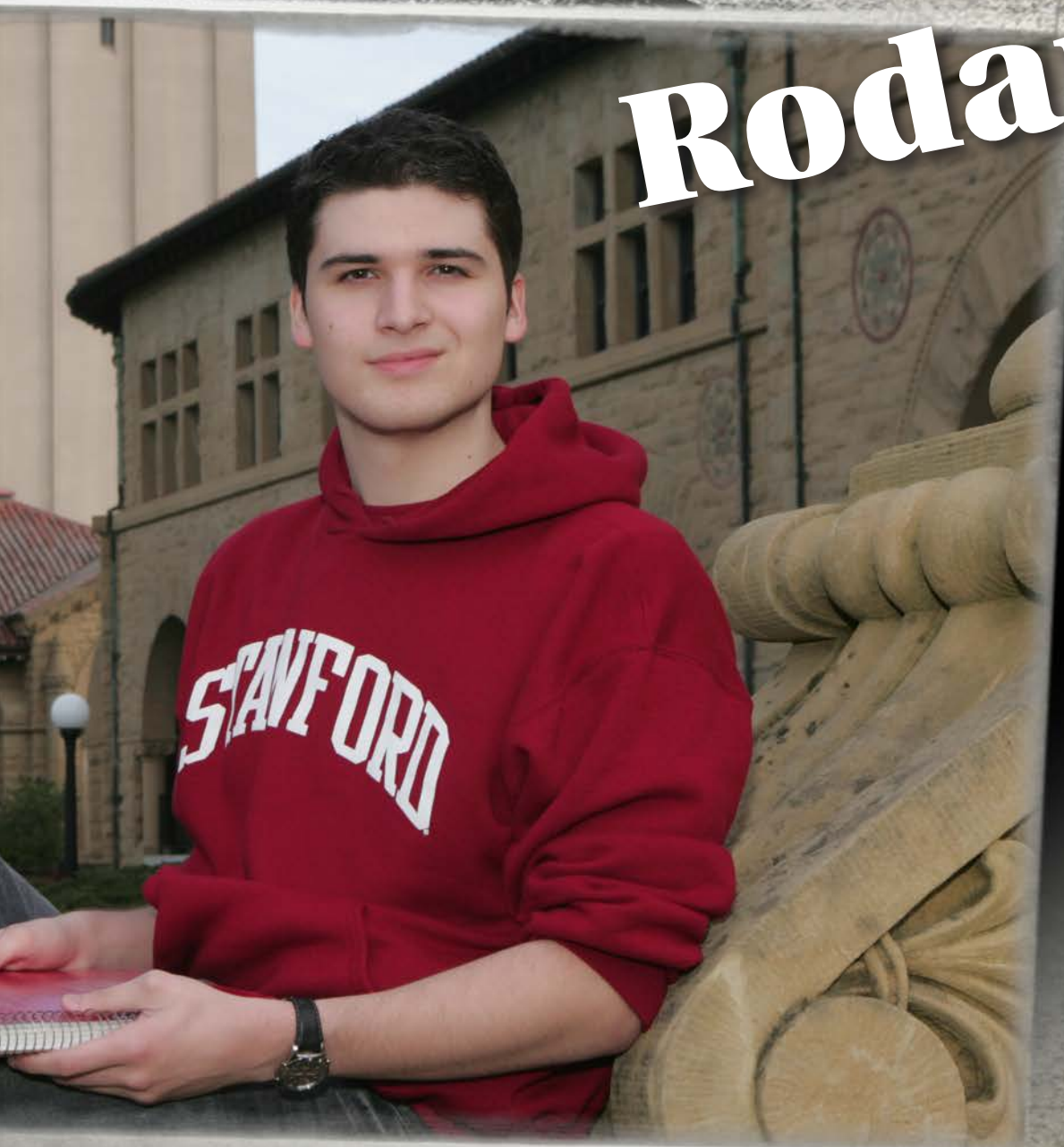
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The background of the page is a photograph of a university campus. In the foreground, a student is sitting on a concrete ledge, their back to the camera, wearing blue jeans and holding a red notebook. In the background, there is a large, light-colored building with a red-tiled roof, a black lamppost with three white globe lights, and some greenery. The sky is overcast.

The Annexstad family's
motivation to **help**
students attend
college and receive
a premier education
consists of a
generous desire
to alleviate the
pressures put on
dedicated youths
with little means of
doing so otherwise.


**Attending this University has put
the world at my fingertips. Its
prestige, opportunity, and everyday
happenings create an exceptional
college experience.**

Hayden Rodarte



College: Stanford University
Major: Classics, Archaeology
Dream Job: Attorney

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Receiving this scholarship has
been **life changing**.

I have found a direction and
drive coming back to school.
The education is priceless
professionally, but most
of all personally. I am
eternally grateful.

My experience

**at UMD has been outstanding. It has
changed my outlook on life and my
general disposition. Not too long ago, I
went through periods of homelessness
and carried a self-defeating attitude. Today,
my ambition to grow and excel is no longer
stifled by my circumstances, but revealed in
an arena where I can actively engage my mind.**

Branden Nation



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College: University of Minnesota, Duluth

Major: English

Dream Job: I want to write to change the world

The scholarship is a
**huge
blessing**

and will help me
as I plan to start
my professional
life.

My Big Brother

taught me good
manners, how to be
polite, and how to
be financially smart.
He has made a big
difference in my life.

**College: Minnesota
State University,
Moorhead**

**Major: English,
Education**

**Dream Job: English
teacher in Junior or
Senior High**

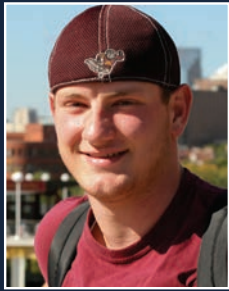


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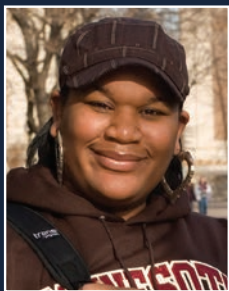


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Annexstad Scholars



Eldred Bach
University of
Minnesota



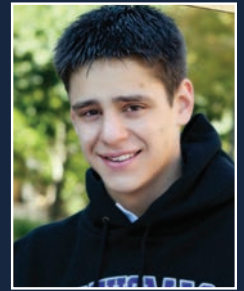
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University of
Minnesota



Serina Bellamy
University of
Notre Dame



Phong Chang
St. Olaf College



Cameron Cochram
University of
St. Thomas



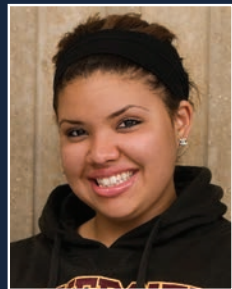
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Gustavus Adolphus
College



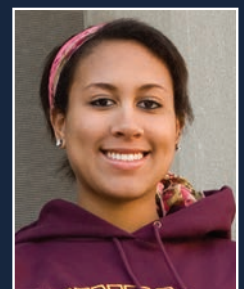
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Gustavus Adolphus
College



Veronica Dubose
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College



Sherry Durrah
University of
Minnesota



Zakiya Edwards
University of
Minnesota



Dionna Gary
University of
Notre Dame



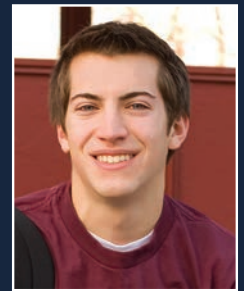
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St. Cloud State
University



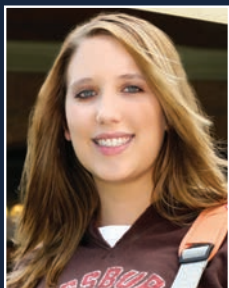
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University of
Notre Dame



Danielle Goodwin
Augsburg College



Alex Grant
University of
Minnesota



Leah Jacobson
Augsburg College



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University of
Minnesota, Duluth



Krystal Kassahn
St. Cloud State
University



Paris Koehler
Southwest Minnesota
State University

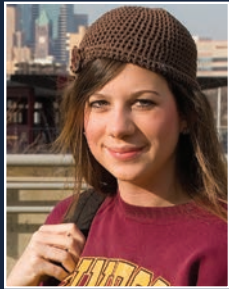


Michael Kramer
Gustavus Adolphus
College

On track to graduate



Michelle Kurtz
St. Cloud State
University



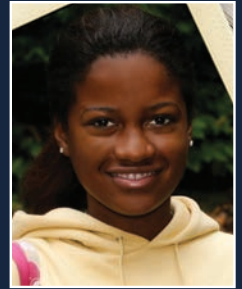
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University of
Minnesota



Christine McDwayne
University of
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Michael Martin
Minnesota State
University,
Moorhead



Tania Mathurin
University of
Notre Dame



Brittany
Nugent-Barwald
Winona State
University



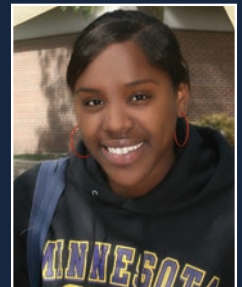
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St. Cloud State
University



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Minnesota, Duluth



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Minnesota State
University, Mankato



Jessica Smith
Minnesota State
University, Mankato



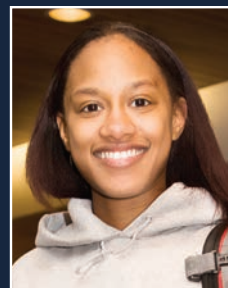
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St. Cloud State
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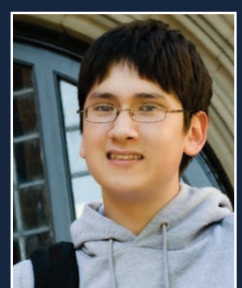
Tong Thao
Gustavus Adolphus
College



Mindy Ung
Gustavus Adolphus
College



Debra Walker
University of Minnesota



Mitchell Welle
University of
St. Thomas

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University of
St. Thomas



Cole Chapman
North Dakota State
University



Michael Cross
Saint Mary's
University



Ashley Dacy
University of
Notre Dame



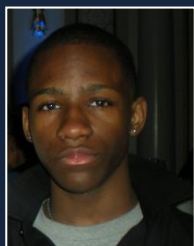
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Minnesota State
University, Mankato



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College



Brad Fouquette
Bemidji State
University



Shaaya Ellis
University of
Notre Dame



Walter Franklin
University of
St. Thomas



Andrew Fribush
University of
Notre Dame



Christopher Gentry
University of
Minnesota



Donte Green
Gustavus Adolphus
College



Isaac Harrison
St. Cloud State
University



Mohamed Hassan
University of
Minnesota



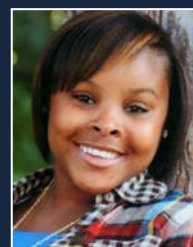
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St. Cloud State
University



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College of
St. Benedict



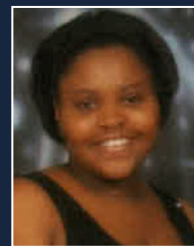
Gabe
Jacobs-Hurtubise
Augsburg College



Jamaica Johnson
Augsburg College



Chistina Kanz
Minnesota State
University, Mankato



Barbara Kasor
St. Cloud State
University



Seng Sai Kue
Hamline University

Scholars in 2010



Leif Lusty
University of
Minnesota



Guttu Maskalo
St. Olaf College



Robert Mungia
University of
Notre Dame



Rosa Nguyen
Augsburg College



Kayla Othoudt
University of
Minnesota



Chelsey Peterson
Winona State
University



Socorro Ramirez
Valdosta State
University



Travon Sellers
Minnesota State
University, Mankato



Tera Talley
Minnesota State
University, Mankato



Lindsey Teigen
Concordia College



Roger Ung
North Dakota
State University



Katherine Villwock
Winona State
University



Chavonn Williams
Carleton College



Shanique Williams
Minnesota State
University, Mankato



Brittany Wilson
University of
Georgia



Mao Xiong
University of
Minnesota



Zang Xiong
Bethel
University



Lindsay Yeske
Minnesota State
University,
Moorhead



Marcel Zeh
Morehouse
College

Not Pictured: Victor Hernandez - University of Notre Dame

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Nearly 140 students have
been awarded the Annexstad
Family Foundation
Scholarship since 2000!

There are 15
partnering Big Brothers
Big Sisters agencies



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Big Dreams



There are
16 graduates
to date!

40 of our nations most
prestigious colleges and
universities participate in
the Annexstad Family
Foundation Scholarship
Program

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Losing parents to untimely deaths in their youth, both Al and Cathy Annexstad experienced the power of mentoring as their communities and their families rallied around them in their formative years. Al was raised by a loving single mother who deeply appreciated how caring adults in her community reached out to Al and his siblings to help guide them on the right path in life. Likewise, Cathy benefited immensely from the encouragement and nurturing she received from family, friends, and neighbors following the untimely death of her mother. Indeed, Al and Cathy gained a deep, personal understanding and appreciation for how caring adults can impact a young person's life.



Family



Sensing a special opportunity to help young people who have been mentored through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, Al and Cathy established the Annexstad Family Foundation. The mission of the Annexstad Family Foundation is to provide scholarships for deserving Little Brothers and Little Sisters, young people who, in their words, have “bright minds, big dreams, and little means to make those dreams come true.”

The Annexstad family has created a lasting legacy that will significantly alter the lives of many young people.

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