

AThe Annexstad Family Foundation SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



It is our heartfelt desire to fulfill the educational dreams for deserving Littles through the opportunity to earn a college degree as free from debt as possible. Through conversations with our Annexstad scholars, we have been inspired by their determination to overcome the challenges and struggles they face, which often place an unfair burden upon their young lives. We have long believed that higher education can be a great equalizer in life by providing a path to opportunity. We feel truly blessed to work with such supportive college and university partners, Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies, and a talented, committed group of scholarship students who will one day make a big difference in this world!

Al and Cathy Annexstad



Look at us now!

- 240 Annexstad Family Foundation Scholars
- 95 returning scholars for 2012/2013
- 56 new scholars for 2012/2013
- 45 graduates to date
- 52 college and university partnerships







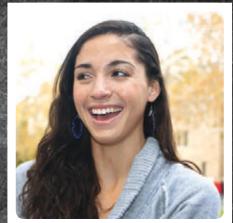




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2012 Graduates



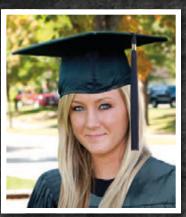
Eldred BachUniversity of Minnesota
B. A. Elementary Education



Veronica DuboseGustavus Adolphus College
B. A. Dance



Dionna GaryUniversity of Notre Dame
B. A. Sociology



Lisa PaulsonUniversity of Minnesota Duluth B. A. Physical Education/
Health Education



Brendan SjodinMinnesota State University, Mankato
B. S. Economics



Tong Thao
Gustavus Adolphus College
B. S. Geography



Oscar Gonzales
University of Notre Dame
B. A. Psychology and European Studies



Danielle GoodwinAugsburg College
B. A. Political Science/Spanish



Leah JacobsonAugsburg College
B. S. Social Work



Mindy Ung
Gustavus Adolphus College
B. S. Nursing



Ashley Dubose
St. Catherine University
B. S. Mathematics

Paris KoehlerSouthwest Minnesota State University
B. S. Justice Administration



Michael MartinMinnesota State University Moorhead
B. A. East Asian Studies



Tania MathurinUniversity of Notre Dame
B. A. Political Science/French



Mitchell Welle
University of St. Thomas
B. A. Philosophy/Catholic Studies

The Annexstad Family Foundation has offered me so much more than just a scholarship. The Foundation truly cares about my educational success. I cherish and still have every card marked with encouraging words, every Federated Challenge t-shirt, and the memories of the impactful encounters I've had with the Annexstad family and the Foundation staff. I'm blessed to have had the support of my mom and my Big Sister Donna every step of the way as well. As I graduate from St. Catherine University, I feel a great sense of accomplishment and hope for my future with many thanks and honor due to my wonderful support system.

Past Graduates



Amy Abrahamson - Class of '05 Gustavus Adolphus College B. A. Biology



Kelsey Feldman - Class of '06 Gustavus Adolphus College B. A. Art Education/Art History



Amanda French - Class of '07 Gustavus Adolphus College B. A. History/Sociology



Louis Trejo - Class of '07 Gustavus Adolphus College B. A. Financial Economics/ Chemistry



Stephany Osuji - Class of '10 University of St. Thomas B. A. Marketing Management



Courtney Bell - Class of '11 University of Minnesota B. A. Sociology of Law



Serina Bellamy - Class of '11 University of Notre Dame B. A. Japanese & Anthropology



Nadvia Davis - Class of '11 Gustavus Adolphus College B. A. Communication Studies Major/English



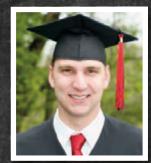
Bridgette Hemmesch - Class of '08 Carrie Naber - Class of '08 University of Minnesota B. S. Animal Science/ Pre-Veterinary Medicine



Gustavus Adolphus College B. A. Criminal Justice



Shawn Sanford - Class of '08 University of Notre Dame B. A. African Studies/ African American & Latino Studies



Brad Dingman - Class of '09 St. Cloud State University B. A. Criminal Justice



Zakiya Edwards - Class of '11 University of Minnesota B. A. Broadcast Journalism



Alexander Grant - Class of '11 University of Minnesota B. A. Chemical Engineering B. A. Travel and Tourism



Michael Kramer - Class of '11 Krystal Kassahn - Class of '11 St. Cloud State University Gustavus Adolphus College B. A. Communication Studies



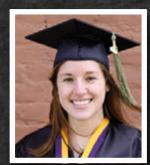
Jacob Hemmesch - Class of '09 University of Minnesota B. S. Agriculture and Food Business Management



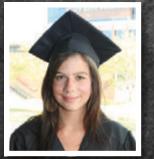
Kelly Roering - Class of '09 St. Cloud State University B. A. Painting, Photography, Print Making



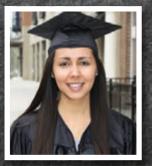
Maureen Sullivan - Class of '09 University of Notre Dame B. A. Psychology



Angie Foster - Class of '10 Minnesota State University, B. S. Community Health



Kimberly Long - Class of '11 University of Minnesota B. A. Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature

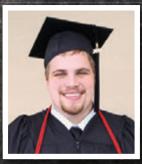


Christine McDwayne - Class of '11 University of Notre Dame B. A. Business Administration

Sherry Durrah - Class of '11 University of Minnesota B. S. Political Science (not pictured)



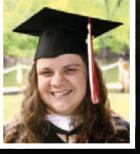
Michelle Papadakis - Class of '11 St. Cloud State University B. A. Business with a Human Resources Emphasis



Timothy Stulken - Class of '11 Minnesota State University Moorhead B. A. Education



Ryan Goman - Class of '10 St. Cloud State University B. S. Social Work



Stephany Hengel - Class of '10 College of Saint Benedict B. A. Psychology



Lisa Huynh - Class of '10 University of Notre Dame B. A. Psychology



Kady Johnson - Class of '10 Gustavus Adolphus College B. A. English



Melissa Swanson - Class of '11 St. Cloud State University B. S. Social Work

Bright Minds Big Dreams

I am so appreciative of everything the Annexstad Family
Foundation has done for me and all the other scholarship students
who have been helped. If it were not for this scholarship,
I would not be able to attend a four-year university.

College is what defines my future.

I thank the Annexstad Family

Foundation for helping me
take that first big step.



honest outgoing

Sierra Barger

Psychology

Lee Yang

Computer Science

outgoing trustworthy

funny

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SCHOLAR



I'm the first person in my family to go on to college thanks to the Annexstad Family Foundation. I don't have the financial worry that accompanies so many students, which is a huge relief. I applaud the Annexstad family for recognizing the potential in young people and helping them succeed in life.

It's hard to express in words how thankful I am for this opportunity. Gustavus is a great fit for me. I'm getting the chance to participate in the symphony and sharing my love for music with others.



attentive adventurous unique

Skye Bonati

Music

Anthony Atful
Physics/Music

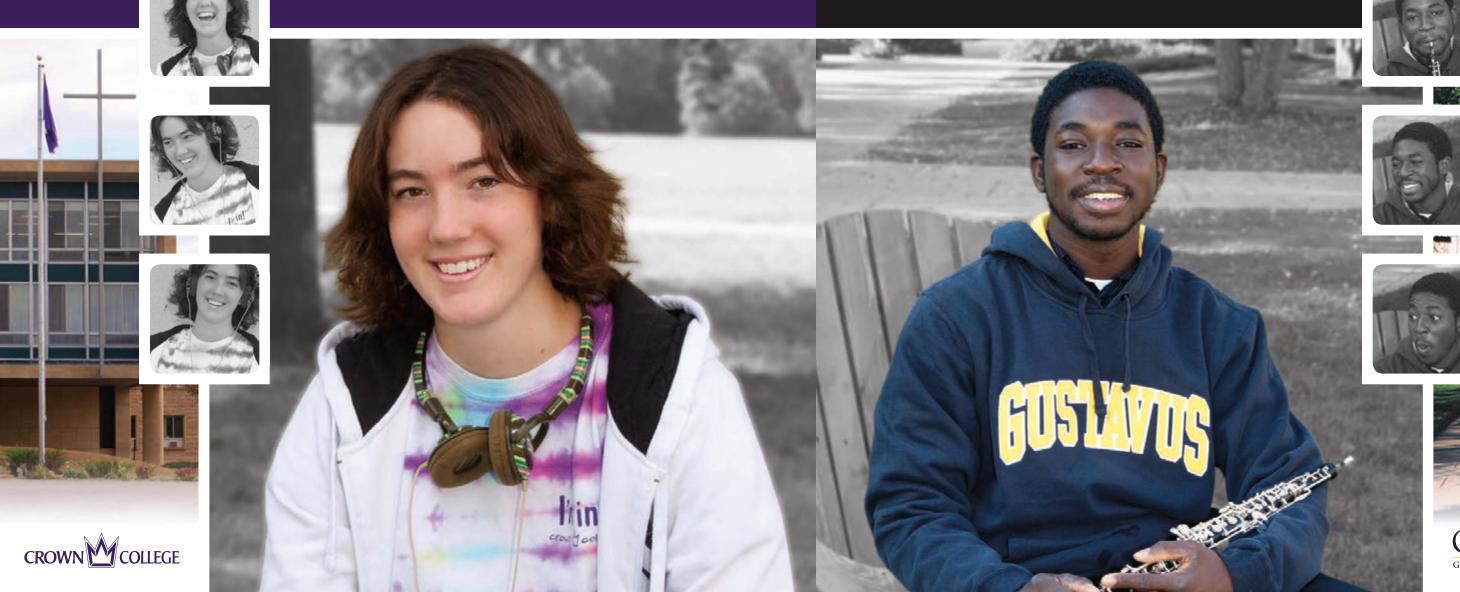
SCHOLAR

loyal

honest

11

indecisive





As an alum, my Big Brother introduced me to Gustavus when I was in 5th grade. Ever since then I decided that Gustavus was the only place I wanted to go. The Annexstad Family Foundation helped make my dream come true!

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It is rare to find people like the Annexstad family whose hearts are so filled with generosity. They have given me the chance to take a step in the right direction. There truly are people in the world who care about others.



Thank you for giving me such a wonderful opportunity! I hope to make my family proud. If it were not for the scholarship, I would not be able to attend such a wonderful school like Hamline University.

You made my dream come true! I am the first one in my family to go to college. I will never forget this!



family oriented open-minded eloquent



Biology; Environment Studies



Criminal Justice



interesting funny

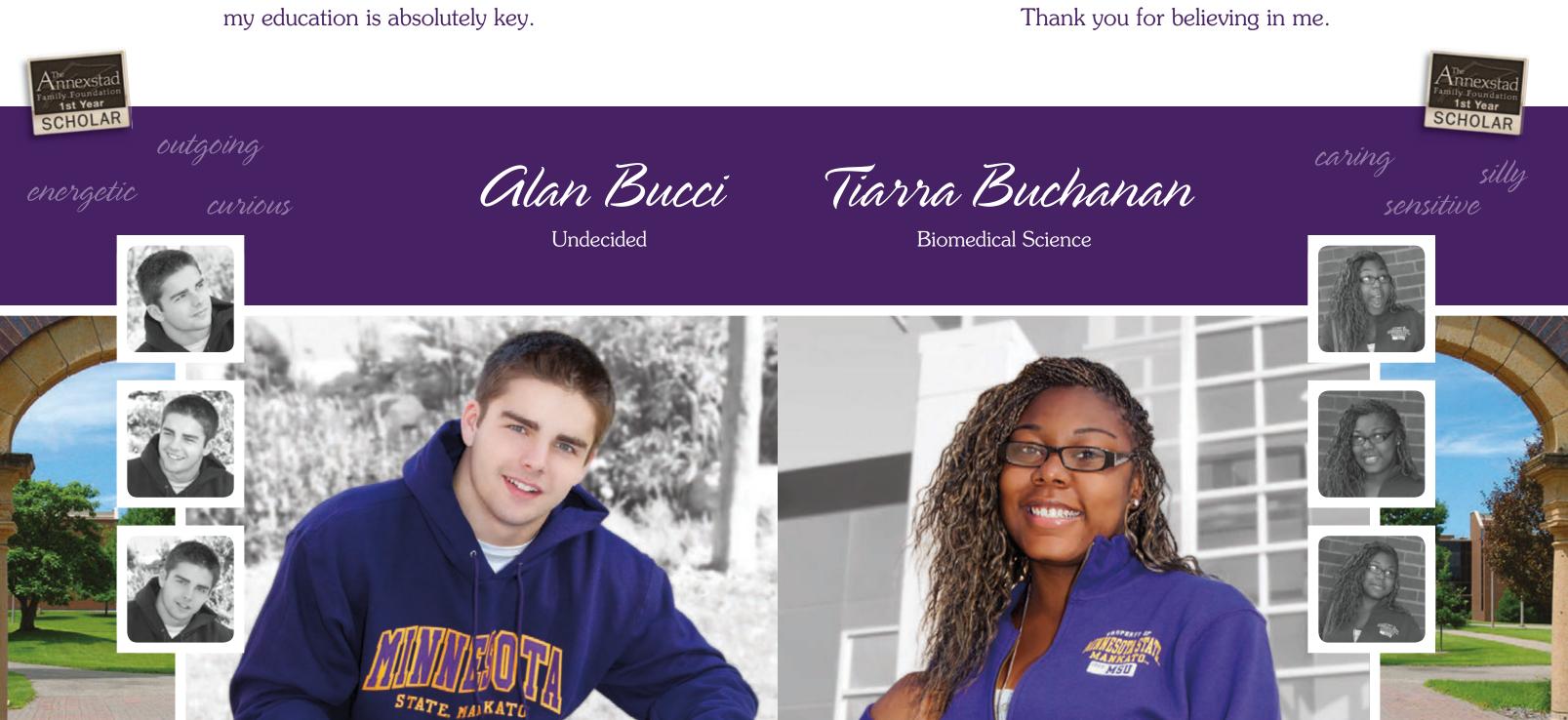


I gained a lifelong friend through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. My Big Brother showed me I am capable of a lot more than I ever imagined possible. He has told me that my education is absolutely key.

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

When I found out I received the scholarship,
I was speechless!
Thank you for believing in me

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY



I am a single mother, so it is vitally important for me to get a college degree in order to expand my knowledge and ability to get a good paying job. The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship is a huge blessing to me.

Having the support of the Annexstad family gives me great motivation to study hard and stay on track to finish school. Not many people get an opportunity like this!



MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

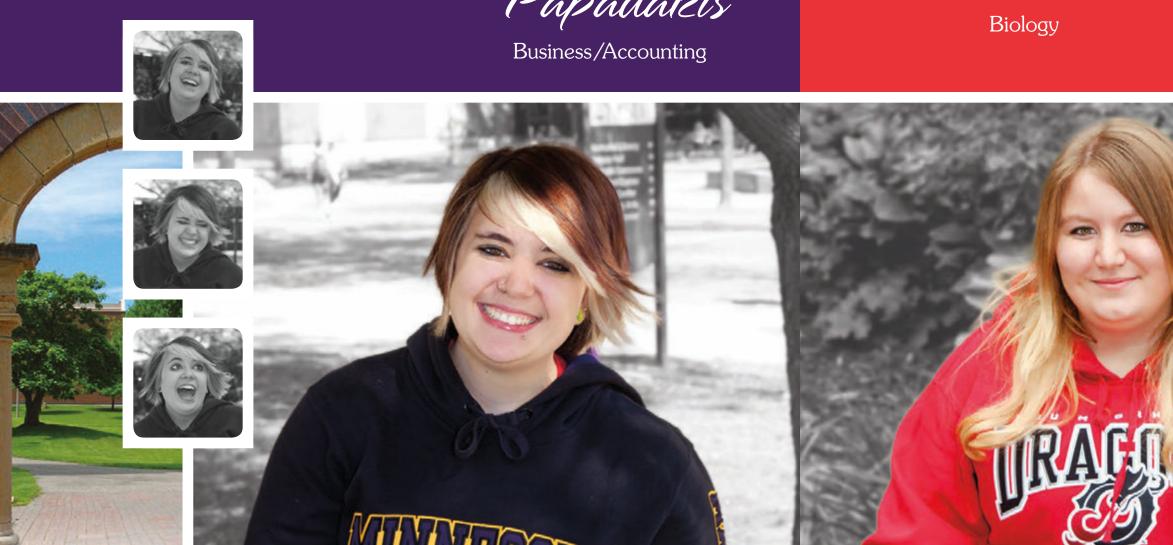
honest motivated independent

Mary Beth Papadakis

Amber Hettwer

Annexstad Family Foundation 1st Year SCHOLAR

responsible smiley tuni











I am so thankful to the Annexstad Family Foundation for this scholarship. I want to be able to contribute back to society in a positive way after I earn my four-year degree.

The Annexstads are wonderful people who are helping so many young people. They have helped me open the next chapter in my life. I couldn't be at St. John's University without them!



adventurous

bubbly outgoing

Terrace Johnson

Undecided

Devon Fleck

Communications



honest

eraetic



I have been determined to go to college since I was six years old and Spelman has been my dream school.

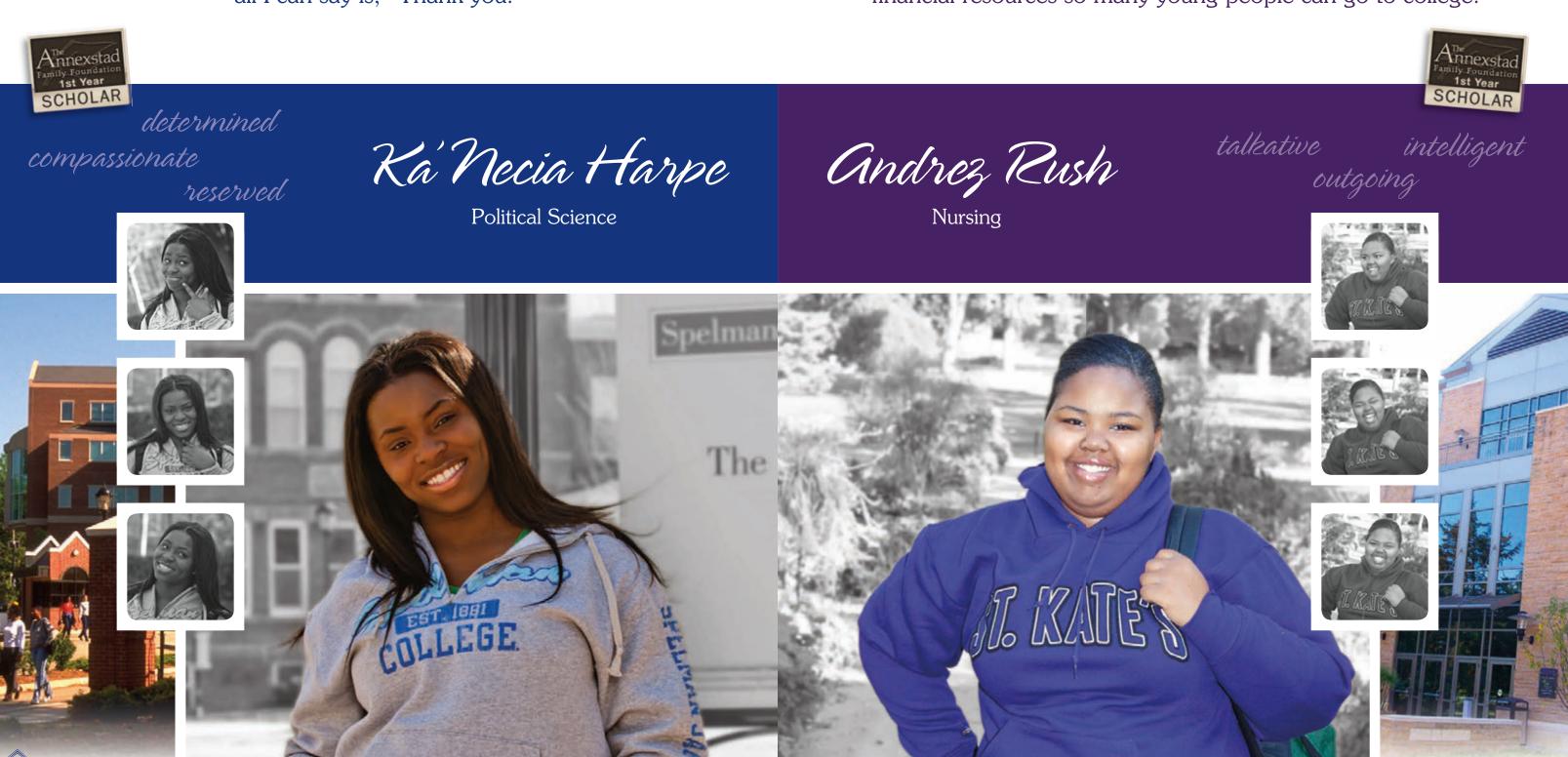
I have never met Mr. and Mrs. Annexstad, but all I can say is, "Thank you!"

Spelman College
A Choice to Change the World

If it were not for the heartfelt generosity of the Annexstad family, I would not be in college today at St. Catherine University. I want to thank the Annexstad Family Foundation for dedicating their financial resources so many young people can go to college.

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St. Catherine university



The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship will help me go somewhere positive with my life. It is so encouraging to see there are people in the world, like the Annexstads, who are dedicated to helping young adults get a good education.

I recognize the need to get a college degree in order to get a good paying job. I'm so thankful and relieved that the Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship program is helping me do that!



determined

Lynn Koester
Undecided

Sienna respectful outgoing
Santiago-Weichmann
Undecided

Tespectful outgoing
talkative

1st Year SCHOLAR





So many underrepresented youth in our country need support and guidance. Opportunities for advancement are not readily transparent. Having people, like the Annexstads, who are willing to support the youth in our society through the gift of education is truly admirable.

Receiving the Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship is one of the greatest gifts I've been given in my whole life.

I am so appreciative that others believe in me.



authentic

spontaneous

Robert Ortega

Film Production



Engineering

talented trustworthy humble

SCHOLAR



Thank you for helping me become a student at the University of Minnesota. I am excited to be on track for creating a successful future for myself. My dream is to become a plastic surgeon some day.

I love the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. It's made such a difference in my life. The Annexstad Family Foundation scholarship is the best thing that has ever happened to me!

I can never thank them enough.



curious

competitive helpi



Tyler McMillan

Communications

_Dunny sarcastic

tenacious

SCHOLAR



University of Minnesota



The University of Minnesota Duluth is a perfect fit for me!
I'm getting involved and meeting people. I feel so
much more connected than I did in high school.
The scholarship is a huge blessing in my life!

I believe that each of us will have challenges in life. It's important to face and overcome these challenges in order to become the person we are meant to be. I am now living my dream through the Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship. I will not take it for granted.



artistic

individualistic faithful

Gessica Parnow

Psychology

Hayley Roger
Undecided

inquisitive upbeat open to diversity

SCHOLAR



Notre Dame will provide me with the tools I need to excel in life.

The Annexstad Family Foundation is a blessing and is providing the help financially and the encouragement to help see me through these next four years.

I love the University of Notre Dame!

I can't thank the Annexstad Family Foundation enough for giving me this opportunity.

I won't allow anything to come in the way of my studies!



intelligent optimistic caring

Amber Barnes

Political Science

Tasmine Clement

Engineering

amiable

honest

persevering



SCHOLAR

I want to use the pillars of the Catholic teaching in any profession that I choose. I am overwhelmed by the support I've received from the Annexstad Family Foundation. Their belief in me has transformed into something I didn't see in myself.

I know my dreams will come true!

I am so blessed to have ended up at the
University of Notre Dame! My education will give me
the skills I need to truly make a difference in the world.
The Annexstad Family Foundation's care and support helped
me to realize my dreams and potential and has made
a big difference in my freshman year.

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1st Year
SCHOLAR

ambitious goal-oriented

Shanice Cox

Pre-Med/Anthropology

Hope Feist

Theology/Spanish

dedicated enduring caring





I am so excited to be attending the University of Notre Dame.

I want to learn new things and have new experiences that were not afforded to me in my community or my high school. I most likely would not be at Notre Dame if it weren't for this scholarship.

It feels awesome to be loan free. It's a beautiful thing!

There is such a strong sense of family and community at the University of Notre Dame; I feel like I belong.

I am so appreciative of everything the Annexstad family is doing for all the scholarship students.

It is so great!



scholan diligent reserved reliable

Yolandis McCaskill

Bio Medical Engineering

Eduardo Pronia

grounded

dreamer

determined

SCHOLAR

Architecture



I love that this is an 'interactive' scholarship. The fact that the Foundation keeps in touch with each student is very cool.

This scholarship program truly cares about each recipient.

The AFF medal I received made me feel welcome and cared for. Unbelievable!

I have been so blessed by the Annexstad Family Foundation. Without this scholarship, I wouldn't be able to continue on a path to realize the dreams I set forth to accomplish some day. I have aspirations of one day getting into politics. I want to do something big to help others in my lifetime.



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artistic interesting fiery

Kayla Powell

Bio Chemistry

Quan Rangel
Political Science

responsible loyal

trustworthy

SCHOLAR

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME





As Ghandi said, I want to 'be the change that I want to see in the world!' The Annexstad Family Foundation has given me the opportunity to attend a school that enlightens me academically, spiritually, and socially.

I would never have had the opportunity to attend the University of Notre Dame without a scholarship like this one. I'm thankful for my Big Brother who offered me support and an element of fun during a time in my life when I needed it most.



focused

quixotic

inquisitive



Mechanical Engineering



Business (Finance, Accounting)

outgoing tun

hardworking

SCHOLAR

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I am very thankful for this scholarship. Without it I would not have been able to attend such an amazing college. I would have also ended up with a large sum of college debt. I will always keep the Annexstad Family Foundation close to my heart as this means the world to me.

This scholarship has opened so many doors for me. It has given me the golden opportunity to gain independence and put myself out in the world to find out who I am.



honest hardworking

Mariah Momb

History/Biology

Devin Cazin

Journalism

lighthearted friendly

easy going

SCHOLAR

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I am eternally grateful for the gift that I have been given. I only hope to be able to return the favor in my future. When this happens, I know that it will be because of the Annexstad family. I am studying for a career in broadcasting. I'm currently working at the radio station on campus and I love it. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my dreams a reality!



creative thoughtful hardworking

Selena Leonard

Communications/Spanish



Mass Communications Broadcasting

enthusiastic easy going responsible

SCHOLAR





Alex Berryman University of St. Thomas



Cameron Cochram University of St. Thomas



Ashley Dacy University of Notre Dame



Shukri Dirye Augsburg College



Gretchen Hughes College of Saint Benedict



on track to graduate

Gary Hunt University of Notre Dame



Jennifer Iglesias University of Georgia



Jeffrey Dubose Gustavus Adolphus College



Walter Franklin University of St. Thomas



Andrew Fribush University of Notre Dame



Brianna Gee Winona State University



Gabriel Jacobs Augsburg College



Jamaica Johnson Augsburg College



Christina Kanz Minnesota State University, Mankato



Donte Green Gustavus Adolphus College



Mohamed Hassan University of Minnesota



Ong Her St. Catherine University



Sonya Hernandez Winona State University



Leif Lusty University of Minnesota



Gutto Maskalo St. Olaf College



Trent Moore University of Alabama



Brandy Hill University of Minnesota



Shalonda Hopkins Saint Catherine University



Tierra Howard University of Minnesota



Roberta Howard St. Cloud State University



David Moreno University of Minnesota



Robert Mungia University of Notre Dame

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Annexstad Scholars

Branden Nation University of Minnesota Duluth



Nick Nelson North Dakota State University



Jesse Newell Gustavus Adolphus College



Ciara Newton University of Minnesota



Lindsey Teigen Concordia College



on track to graduate

Alex Toll Minnesota State University Moorhead



Roger Ung Minnesota State University, Morris



Kevin Nguyen North Dakota State University



Jade Orlikowski Winona State University



Kayla Othoudt University of Minnesota



Leon Perry Southwest Minnesota State University



Adam Vargas University of Notre Dame



Megan Welle St. Olaf College



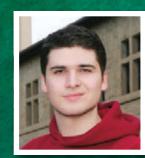
Chavonn Williams Carleton College



Chelsey Peterson Winona State University



Jenny Polinder Minnesota State University, Mankato



Hayden Rodarte Stanford University



Lorin Schwieger Minnesota State University, Mankato



Shanique Williams Minnesota State University, Mankato



Brittany Wilson University of Georgia



Mao Xiong University of Minnesota



Travon Sellers Minnesota State University, Mankato



Christina Shelley Indiana University Bloomington



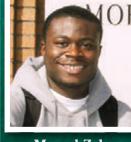
Jasmine Shortt Spelman College



Tera Talley Minnesota State University, Mankato



Zang Xiong Bethel University



Marcel Zeh Morehouse College

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Thank You Notes

Dear Friends at the Annexstad Family Foundation,

I cannot say enough about this great organization! You all have been such lights in my life and I am thankful that God put you all in my path.

For four years, I have been the recipient of the Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship. For four years, I haven't had to worry about how I will pay for college or school-related expenses because I was blessed to have a great portion of it paid for by this wonderful scholarship. A huge weight has been lifted off my shoulders, so I am able to focus primarily on raising my daughter and doing well in my studies. "Thank you" doesn't quite convey my gratitude.

I also want to thank you for your thoughtfulness. It is such a good feeling when a care package arrives in the mail each semester. The yummy goodies and useful odds and ends are a real treat! I still have every holiday card from Al and Cathy since my freshman year and the spring greeting cards that encourage me to keep up the good work and finish strong, inspire me to persevere and reminds me that you all really care about me and my success. I will never forget the impact the Annexstad Family Foundation is having on my life. I love you guys. I know you love me, too.

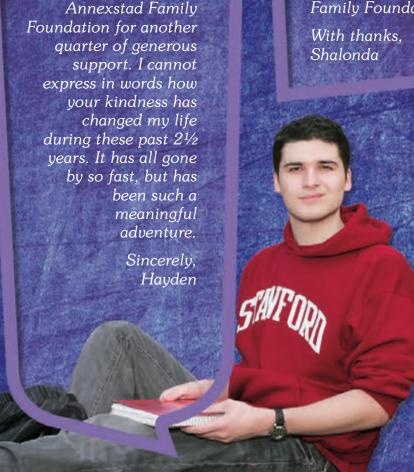
God bless you! Ashley

I absolutely adored your card and wonderful final exam "Power Package!" Thank you so much for all you do and continue to do. Thank you for granting me the opportunity of being awarded as an Annexstad scholar! You are truly one of my greatest support systems.

God bless you! Shanice

I realize every day what a blessing it is to have your support and encouragement. You have not only provided monetary support for my education, but I have benefited from getting to know the other student recipients of your scholarship. It is great to know that other students such as myself are here working toward the same goals. I am so grateful to be a recipient of the scholarship; your network of support is great!

May God continue to send blessings your way, Amber



I want to thank the

Dear Annexstad Family Foundation,

I am so appreciative of this scholarship and the many opportunities that are coming my way. Without the scholarship, I would have been spending my spring and summer looking for the school I can afford rather than the school I want to go to. I am more excited than ever for college and I can't wait to embark on this next journey in my life.

Sincerely, Allan Dear Mr. and Mrs. Annexstad.

You are like angels out of heaven. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend college with the Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship.

Thank you for the generous care package. It was a real boost to see a big package in my mail box! I am very grateful for all that you have done for me and my family. The Annexstad family is full of caregivers and individuals who make a difference in people's lives. Thank you for everything that you do. I will continue to work hard and continue to make you proud.





Bright Minds

Big Dreams

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New Scholars in 2012



Adam Al-Hammad North Dakota State University



Elena Arellan University of Redlands



Tyler Barthel Bethel University





Haley Coller Gustavus Adolphus



Mariah Dubose St. Olaf College



Terrence Ellis Saint John's University



Shaye Fields University of St. Thomas



Carissa Franklin University of St. Thomas



Tiffany Hill University of Minnesota Duluth



Kianna Hillier Minnesota State



University Moorhead



Elizabeth Spaulding Gustavus Adolphus College



Duncan Swanson North Dakota State University

College and University Partners

Auburn University Augsburg College Bemidji State University **Bethel University Boston College** Carleton College Clark Atlanta University College of Saint Benedict College of St. Scholastica Concordia College Crown College Georgia Institute of Technology Gustavus Adolphus College Hamline University **Hampton University** Harvard University **Indiana University Bloomington** Loyola Marymount University Luther College Minnesota State University, Mankato Minnesota State University Moorhead Morehouse College **New York University**

North Dakota State University Saint John's University Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Southwest Minnesota State University Spelman College **Stanford University** St. Catherine University St. Cloud State University St. Olaf College University of Alabama University of California, Berkeley University of Colorado Boulder University of Georgia University of Minnesota University of Minnesota, Crookston University of Minnesota Duluth University of Minnesota, Morris University of Notre Dame University of Redlands University of St. Thomas University of Wisconsin-Madison Valdosta State University Winona State University

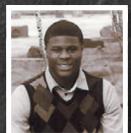


Samantha Nelson North Dakota State University



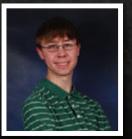
Kirsten Skjonsby St. Cloud State University







Paul Manzi University of Redlands





Introducing Annexstad Family Foundation Leaders for Tomorrow NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

To keep America on top, our nation needs leaders in the future who fully understand what America must do to compete and win. The Leaders for Tomorrow scholarship program will make a significant investment in developing America's future leaders from the ranks of deserving young people who have come from very humble and challenging beginnings. The Annexstad Family Foundation will partner with a group of carefully chosen colleges and universities that are among the nation's most prestigious institutions of higher learning. These great schools will identify, educate, and nurture a special group of highly talented young people into tomorrow's leaders.

Participating institutions are currently engaged in selecting the 2012 Leaders for Tomorrow Scholars.

Leaders for Tomorrow Scholars will be named each year.

College and University Partners

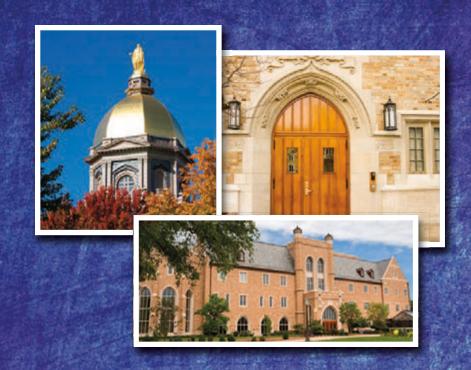
Boston College

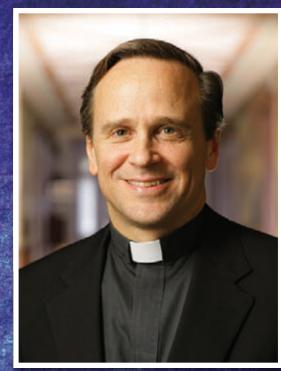
Columbia University **Duke University** Georgetown University Georgia Institute of Technology **Harvard University** Minnesota State University, Mankato Morehouse College Northwestern University Spelman College **Stanford University** University of California, Berkeley University of Chicago University of Georgia University of Michigan University of Minnesota University of Notre Dame University of Pennsylvania Vanderbilt University Washington University in St. Louis **Yale University**

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Minnesota State University, Mankato believes big ideas can come from humble beginnings. We deeply appreciate the Annexstad Family Foundation's commitment to helping exceptional students with significant financial need turn their big ideas into life-changing, world-shaping realities. We are proud of our association with the Annexstad Family Foundation.

Dr. Richard Davenport, President Minnesota State University, Mankato Given the encouragement to pursue dreams and the resources to discover and develop talents, every young person has the potential to excel in his or her pursuits. By offering scholarships for post-secondary education, the Annexstad Family Foundation provides hope and confidence to deserving students. At the University of Notre Dame, we are proud to be affiliated with an organization that shares our commitment to being a source for good, particularly to educating our world's future leaders.

Rev. Gohn J. Genkins, C.S.C., President University of Notre Dame





About the Annexstad Family

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 as a child 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.

Board of Directors

Al Annexstad – President/Co-Founder
Cathy Annexstad – Vice President/Co-Founder
Tom Annexstad – Vice President/Director of Development

Patti Marinovich – Secretary/Treasurer
Shane Annexstad – Trustee
Morgan Marinovich – Trustee
A. Daniel Lewis – Trustee

Dick Sherwood – Executive Director

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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