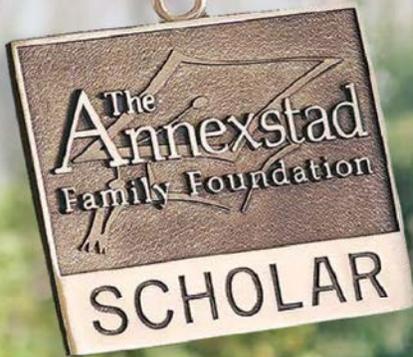


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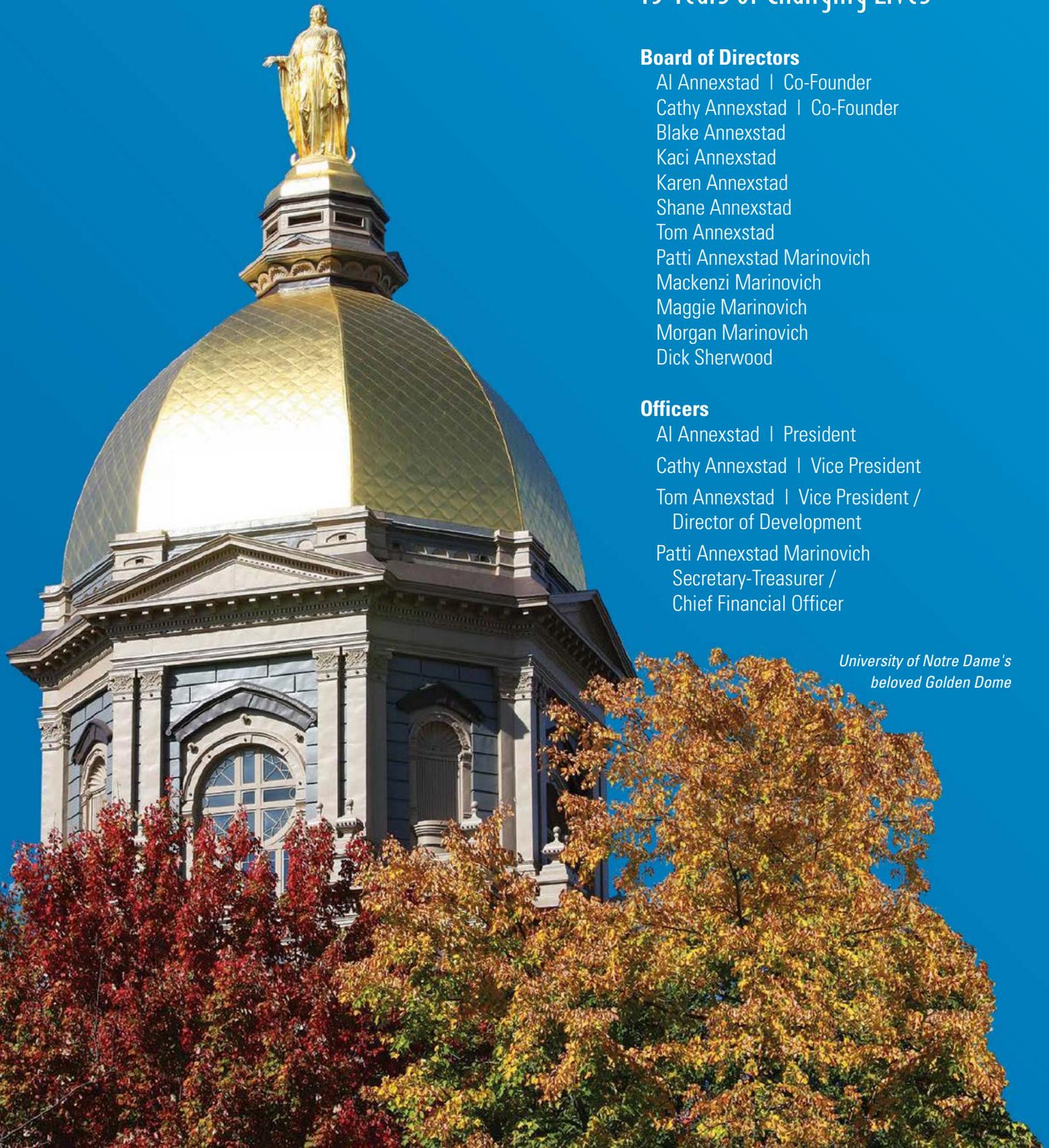
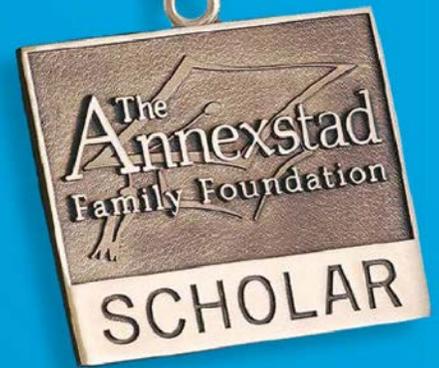


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Building a Legacy of Future Leaders

“Supporting the collegiate dreams of nearly 900 Scholars has meant the world to us,” shares founders Al and Cathy Annexstad. “Who would have ever thought we would have had the opportunity to help send nearly 900 students to college? It is absolutely incredible to watch these Scholars and Graduates excel at school and see what they have done with their lives after graduation. It brings tears to our eyes because we are so proud of them, and because we know that they are influencing a greater change in our world. Some of them are now doctors, attorneys, scientists, engineers, business men and women and non-profit leaders. They are bettering their community and their own personal lives as well as the lives of their families. Our Scholars are so diverse in their upbringings and in the challenges they have had to face. Once they receive the gift of going to college, they are able to use their God-given talents and financial freedom to enroll in challenging courses, volunteer in their communities, compete for research projects, work internships or study abroad. This freedom allows our Scholars to follow their passions. When they graduate, they have impressive resumes of accomplishment that help them launch their careers. Nearly 900 Scholars are following their hearts as they become our future leaders.”



Giving Hope and Opportunity to Bright Minds with Big Dreams

- An Overwhelming Majority of Annexstad Scholars Graduate Debt Free!
- 92% of Annexstad Scholars Graduate in 4 Years
- 95% of Annexstad Graduates are Gainfully Employed or Pursuing Advanced Degrees
- 897 Scholarships Awarded to Date
- 91 New Scholars in 2017; 95 Awarded in 2018; 103 Awarded in 2019
- 385 Graduates to Date
- 63 Participating Colleges and Universities

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholars are exceptional people filled with exciting dreams and passion for helping others because of the encouragement and support they have received. "We know that if we can help these bright minds earn an incredible education, they will change the world!"

After Al and Cathy both experienced the untimely loss of a parent in their youth, their families and communities rallied around them. These amazing mentors helped support their dreams. It is the Annexstads' focus to pay forward their support for these selected Scholars to broaden their horizons. Higher education, say the Annexstads, is the great equalizer in life.

Sensing a special opportunity to help young people who have endured extraordinary challenges in life, Al and Cathy established The Annexstad Family Foundation and set its mission into motion in 2000. "We believe that out of the ranks of young people who are the brightest of the bright, the neediest of the needy, and the toughest of the tough will come our nation's rising stars," shares Al. Nineteen years and nearly 900 Scholarships later, the Annexstads have given a set of educational wings to many young people who demonstrate remarkable promise. "We believe in helping those students who seek a bright future and will work incredibly hard to make it happen," adds Al. "Knowledge can be gained, but a person either has energy and passion or they don't. The odds are stacked against our Annexstad Scholars. They may have been raised by a single parent, battled tragic accidents or illness, come from low-income neighborhoods or perhaps were homeless."



Front Row (l-r): North Dakota State University Vice Provost Laura Oster-Aaland and President Dean Bresciani; Middle: Scholars Ashley Rude and Rebecca Haller; Back: Emilio Lamba, Whitney Gronvold and Kirkland Zitzow.



Front Row: (l-r) University of Mississippi Scholars Laurel Lee and Gloma Milner with Cathy Annexstad, Al Annexstad, Karen Annexstad and Francisco Santos; Back Row (l-r): Tan Le, Rotavious Taper, David Pfaehler, Blake Annexstad, Tom Annexstad and Ajah Singleton.

When faced with these challenges, Annexstad Scholars are determined individuals with a thirst for knowledge that can't be quenched. These are students who deserve an opportunity to go to college and learn how to make our world a better place. In fact, over 90% of Annexstad Scholars are the very first in their families to go to college, with more than half coming from single-parent homes. Every one of them is exceptionally bright and has overcome significant personal hardship in their young lives. Our Annexstad Scholars are on track to earn their undergraduate degrees in four years, with 90% of them achieving this goal – that's incredible. And virtually all Annexstad graduates are gainfully employed in their chosen fields or are pursuing advanced degrees.



University of Redlands (l-r): Scholars Kenia Gonzalez, Isaac Rodriguez, Fernando Herrera, Ariel Herrera, Leslie Vargas and Kimberly Rios-Hernandez

We are tremendously proud of our Scholars' accomplishments and the ways they have chosen to use their educations in service to their communities."

Cathy continues, "When we first meet these Scholars, most of them are so shy and uncomfortable in their own skin. After a couple of years, these same Scholars are so confident, poised and gracious – it's an incredible transformation! We travel to spend time with as many of our Scholars as we can every year, and they

Washington University in St. Louis (l-r): Assistant Provost Anthony Tillman and Scholars Natalia Molinatti, Andrea Chambers and Alexis Tinoco.

University of Pennsylvania (l-r): Scholars Michael Krone, Program Administrator Elin Wahman, Bhavya Shah, Yareqzy Munoz and Carlos Garcia.



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Karen and Tom Annexstad with 2019 Hope and Inspiration Scholarship recipient, Isaac Oakes (middle).



Gustavus Adolphus College Scholars (l-r): Eh De Cem Say and Megan Simmons.



Texas Christian University Scholars (l-r): Charity Mason, Janae Jackson and Romane Mays.

all come to meet us. They tell us how much it means that we visit them. We didn't know that it would mean so much to them, but they end up emailing and texting us photos of themselves in their school sweatshirts or working on whatever project or job they are doing. We are so proud of them. We believe in them. We really have become an extended family to many of them."

It is important to the Annexstad Family Foundation that a majority of Scholars graduate in four years because it then gives the Foundation more opportunities to help more students. Cathy continues, "We give them an Annexstad Family Foundation Scholar medallion to congratulate them on receiving the Scholarship. When they receive this honor, we can see the gratitude in their faces." Patti Annexstad Marinovich, CFO and Secretary-Treasurer notes,

"We are deeply committed to the notion that out of the ranks of exceptionally bright young people who have overcome immense hardship in life can emerge future leaders for America." Tom Annexstad Vice President and Director of Development shares, "My parents have long harbored a vision that higher education is the surest pathway to success for many young people who come from very challenging backgrounds. Giving these Scholars this gift can move mountains, enhance opportunities and grow big ideas into the kind of world everyone wants to live in."



"Our Scholars have the potential to excel in life. All they need is the opportunity. We help them hit the ground running."
– Al and Cathy Annexstad

Above: Vanderbilt University Scholars Olivia Franklin and Donovan Carr. Below (l-r): Michigan Technological University Scholars Alyssa Smith, Mike McGee, Ashley Brown, Spencer Collard, David Soderman, Xena Cortez, Allison Storm, Artur Pilatov and Jemel Thompson.



An Enduring Inspiration

Alice Annexstad and Gustavus Adolphus College

As one of America's most prestigious liberal arts colleges, Gustavus Adolphus College holds a special place in the hearts of the Annexstad family. It was on this historic campus where a young Al Annexstad spent a good deal of his childhood. Soon after losing Al's father when Al was only five, the newly widowed Alice Annexstad moved her family into the small town of St. Peter, Minnesota, to begin a new life. Alice went to work in the food service department at Gustavus Adolphus College where, for the next four decades, she worked alongside Mrs. Evelyn Young serving nourishing meals to generations of "Gusties."

Alice was revered and loved by Gustavus students, faculty and administration not only for her fabulous cooking, but also for the kindness she showered onto the community. As a child, Al explored nearly every inch of this scenic campus, often helping his mom. Inspired by those endearing memories and the countless sacrifices that his mother made for her family, in 2000, Al and Cathy decided to establish The Annexstad Family Foundation. Without hesitation they chose to begin their mission at Gustavus Adolphus College.

"Gustavus' mission is to be a community of persons from diverse backgrounds who respect and affirm the dignity of all people, while also preparing them for fulfilling lives of leadership and service

in society," shares Rebecca M. Bergman, President of Gustavus Adolphus College. "For over 150 years, we have been working to uphold the vision of its founders and, in 2000, the College paired with The Annexstad Family Foundation, sharing our mission to provide a world-class education to individuals who otherwise would not have the opportunity due to financial hardship. That partnership has led to 23 students graduating from Gustavus and then going on to live out the mission of both Gustavus and the Foundation by making their lives count."

Kirk Carlson, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment at Gustavus Adolphus College has been there since the beginning of The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship. He shares, "Gustavus is deeply honored to be the birthplace of The Annexstad Family Foundation's mission. In those first years, dedicated leaders in the Gustavus community stepped forward to help make the Annexstad's vision a reality, among them past Presidents Dr. Axel Steuer, Dr. James Peterson and Reverend Dennis Johnson. They were joined by my mentors Owen Sammelson and Mark Anderson in

Below: Alice Annexstad's portrait hangs prominently in the Charles Jackson Campus Center celebrating her 40 years of hard work.



Gustavus thanked The Annexstad Family Foundation in 2014 by naming the area that extends west on campus from the Christ Chapel to the Linnaeus Arboretum, the Annexstad Mall. "This is quite an honor for Cathy, myself and our family," Al praised. "This honor is magnified many times over by the success we see our Annexstad Scholars having at Gustavus as they continue on the path to productive and rewarding lives."

our admissions and financial aid functions who helped shape the model for the Annexstads' Leaders for Tomorrow National Scholarship. Today, under the leadership of President Rebecca Bergman, Gustavus remains committed to supporting the vision and mission of The Annexstad Family Foundation. Since our founding in 1862, Gustavus Adolphus College has offered students of high aspiration and promise an outstanding education regardless of their background."

In 2012, The Annexstad Family Foundation expanded its mission, partnering with a select group of America's most distinguished colleges and universities to launch their Leaders for Tomorrow National Scholarship. The Foundation believes that when you pair America's premier institutions of higher learning with exceptionally bright first-generation college students who have overcome extraordinary hardships, one day these scholars will emerge as future leaders in their chosen fields.



Kirk Carlson – Assistant Vice President for Enrollment at Gustavus Adolphus College

Kirk continues, "Programs like The Annexstad Family Foundation's Leaders for Tomorrow National Scholarship make it possible for talented young people to open doors that they may not have imagined previously. We've seen this lived out on our campus and beyond as Annexstad Scholars join us here as young people, take advantage of the opportunities they're given and support they're offered and go on to do wonderful things, in ways big and small. Whether it is, for example, working on Wall Street, educating youth as public school teachers, interning in Washington D.C. or working in non-profit advocacy, Annexstad Scholars go on to do wonderful things.

"I hope that Al and Cathy and the entire Annexstad family know how grateful we are to benefit from having The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship programs on our campus. I imagine that the Annexstads feel great pride in the accomplishments of their students and the deep satisfaction of serving as a wonderful example of what it means to be servant-leaders as they provide so many opportunities for the next generation of deserving students who will leave college prepared to change the world."



Honoring Excellence

Marie Eustice Scholarship

Born in 1906, the beloved Marie Nicholson began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse after graduating in 1927 from Mankato State Teachers College with a teaching certificate. In the schoolhouse, Marie taught eight different grades of math, science and English until 1938 when she married Bill Eustice. Marie raised their two children, Cathy and Bill Jr., until she returned to her love of teaching in 1953. Two years later, she transitioned to a fourth-grade classroom at a school in Belle Plaine, Minnesota.

Marie excelled as an educator thanks to her admirable work ethic and her ability to reach children of many different ages. Her caring approach to academics involved preparing her students for lifelong learning, while she developed long-lasting relationships with the families she served along the way. In the late 1950s, Minnesota established a requirement that all teachers must have bachelor's degrees. To earn hers, Marie commuted an hour each way to what is now Minnesota State University, Mankato on nights and weekends, all the while she continued to teach full-time. On a wintry December morning in 1959, just before graduation, Marie tragically lost her life in a car accident.

In 2012, as Minnesota State University, Mankato bestowed honorary doctorate degrees upon Al and Cathy Annexstad for their contributions to humanity, President Davenport posthumously awarded to Marie Eustice her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. As he presented her diploma to Cathy and her brother, Bill, there was hardly a dry eye in the house.

That same day, Minnesota State University, Mankato announced The Annexstad Family Foundation Marie Eustice Scholarship. Every year, a selected student in their junior year pursues the two-year Elementary Education Professional Program completely debt-free. It is given to a deserving student who has not faced the easiest path in life, but who possesses outstanding potential to become an extraordinary elementary education teacher... just as was dear Marie.

In 2019, we congratulate George Vang, the third recipient of the Marie Eustice Scholarship. George shares, "It's been a dream of mine to become a teacher ever since I met my ninth grade teacher, Ms. Enderle. She motivated, inspired and empowered me to become a better leader, student and future teacher. I also admire my mother who came to the states, married young and raised me and my 10 siblings. I am constantly pushing myself to become a better student and teacher. I loved field experience, and this past spring I traveled to Costa Rica to learn about the students and culture. My goal is to become an English teacher. I would like to teach English to second language learners of all ages. We all have a story to tell, and we all have knowledge that has yet to be unlocked. Thank you for this incredible opportunity to be part of the Annexstad Family. This means the world to me and has forever changed my life. I promise to work hard on becoming a better teacher every day."

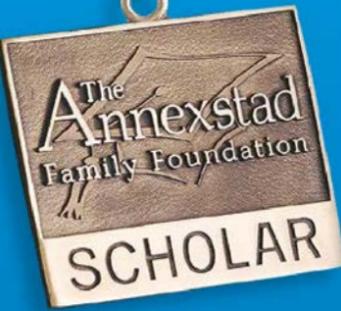
Marie Nicholson Eustice, mother to Cathy Annexstad and Bill Eustice, Jr.



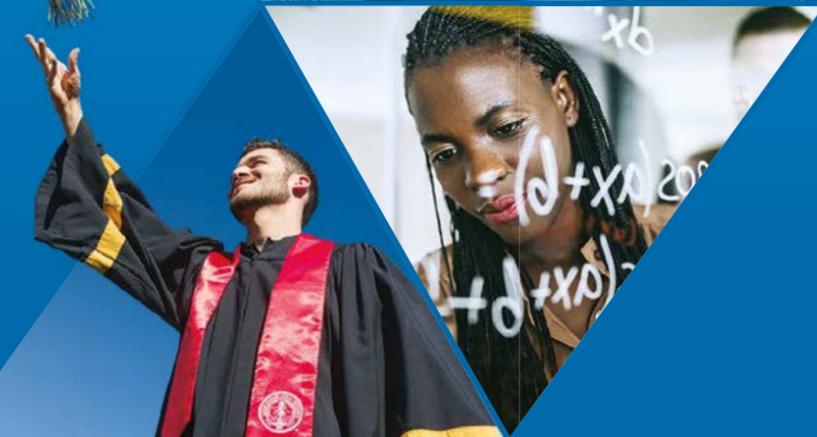
The second and third Marie Eustice Scholars, Vanessa Buth and George Vang.



The first Marie Eustice Scholar, Terra Jorgensen.



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Annexstad Family Scholarships

Leaders for Tomorrow National Scholarship Program

Working with a select group of America's most revered institutions of higher learning, the Leaders for Tomorrow National Scholarship Program makes a significant investment in developing America's future leaders from the ranks of deserving young people who have come from very humble, challenging beginnings. The schools identify, educate and nurture highly talented young people into tomorrow's leaders.

At the core of the program, the hand-selected Scholarship recipients show a great deal of character, grit and intelligence. The program invests in extraordinary future leaders who will make a huge difference in our country and the world. The Foundation collaborates with a group of carefully chosen colleges and universities that are among the nation's most prestigious institutions of higher learning to cultivate what America needs most: exceptional people who will one day measure their success not merely in personal terms, but in terms of how they have contributed to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens.

Candidates for this Scholarship are exclusively identified by participating colleges and universities. Leaders for Tomorrow Scholars earn their undergraduate degrees as free from debt as possible.

Horatio Alger Association

Al and Cathy Annexstad Scholarship

In 2010, Al Annexstad was the recipient of the Horatio Alger Award, one of America's highest civilian honors, given in recognition of his inspiring life story of achieving personal and professional success despite a challenging upbringing. The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans bears the name of the renowned author Horatio Alger Jr. whose tales of overcoming adversity through unyielding perseverance and basic moral principles captivated the public in the late 19th century. The Association was organized to recognize men and women of outstanding achievement and to remind Americans of the limitless possibilities that exist through the free enterprise system. Deeply moved by this recognition, Al and Cathy chose to pay it forward by establishing a scholarship at Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Spelman College, the University of Georgia and the University of Notre Dame. The Foundation has since established additional scholarships at Gustavus Adolphus College, the University of Alabama, the University of Minnesota and the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. These prestigious institutions select recipients from their ranks who reflect the spirit of the Horatio Alger Association and the deep personal desire that the Annexstad family has to position higher education as a powerful force for positive social change.

*Open to see the impressive list of
Annexstad Family Foundation Scholars* ➤

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Front Row (l-r): University of Alabama Scholars Molly Morgan, Emily Trawick, Meg McGuire, Ana Sinyavina, Rosemary Hartline and Kailey Lones. Back Row: Austin Goodwin, Javier Figueroa, Program Administrator Elin Wahman, Jackson Andrews, Wyatt Bennett, Taylor Roberson and Nicholas Gangwer.



Right (l-r): Patti Annexstad Marinovich with University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Scholars Elishadai Yilma, Abbeygail Nguyen, Jocelyn Sol-Lopez and Program Administrator Zack Haas.

The Annexstad Family Foundation Veteran Student Scholarship

As a military veteran, Al Annexstad recognizes the sacrifices our service men and women make for our country. He and Cathy believe our veterans are a vital resource to our nation and that they, too, can benefit from higher education. To this end, they fund 25 Scholarships for veterans at the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, California.

Al and Cathy Annexstad Hope and Inspiration Scholarship

The Annexstads have never forgotten their hometown roots. In appreciation for the goodwill extended to them in their youth, the Annexstads endowed a college Scholarship at St. Peter High School in hopes of helping change the lives of some deserving young people who have not experienced many of life's blessings.

Annexstad Family Foundation Hope and Inspiration Scholarship at Northern Michigan University

The Annexstads established a Scholarship at Northern Michigan University to help bright young people who have had to overcome difficult challenges. The Foundation partners with Northern Michigan University and Kingsford High School in Michigan's Upper Peninsula on this Scholarship program.

Annexstad Family Foundation Hope and Inspiration Scholarship at Rabun County High School

In the spirit of goodwill and charity, the Annexstads established a college Scholarship at Rabun County High School in the North Georgia mountains. The program assists deserving students who have overcome significant hardship in their young lives.

"Forces for good," begins Serra Tsethlikai, Alumni Board Member for the University of Notre Dame as she honors Al and Cathy Annexstad with the Dr. William P. Sexton Award – the institution's highest honor given to non-alumni. "For over eighteen years, Al and Cathy Annexstad and their family have truly been forces for good at Notre Dame. During this time, they have helped Notre Dame fulfill the dreams of over 100 deserving students through their Leaders for Tomorrow National Scholarship. Notre Dame is proud to participate in this program with over 60 of America's most distinguished colleges and universities."

Serra then shared a story of how Al and Cathy met in high school, how they both experienced the untimely death of a parent and how they benefited from the love and nurturing of their family and community. Serra noted, "While in college, Al received a tap on the shoulder and was asked to work at Minnesota-based Federated Insurance Companies. That contact changed their lives and launched Al's career. His ingenuity and hard work resulted in being named Federated Insurance's Chairman and CEO. He retired from Federated following a nearly 50-year career." Serra took a moment to reflect upon the 900 Scholars whom The Annexstad Family Foundation has helped achieve their dreams of a college education. "It was as if Al and Cathy were tapping these students on the shoulders and changing their lives."

In 2000, The Annexstad Family Foundation launched their mission at Gustavus Adolphus College in memory of Al's mother Alice. Cathy and her family's longstanding belief in the mission of the University of Notre Dame soon led to the establishment of the Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship at Notre Dame. Encouraged by Father Bill Lies, former head of the Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns, the University named Shawn Sanford its first recipient of the Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship in 2004. Al and Cathy were deeply moved by Shawn's triumph over tremendous adversity.

Shawn Sanford was a bright, young woman who had endured uncommon hardship which included multiple foster home placements. She dreamed of a better life. Shawn's diligence and determination, an active and constructive mentor and support from the Annexstads helped her evolve into a star and Notre Dame alumna in 2008. Shawn's mentor, Attorney Lauren Robinson, noted, "Shawn's ascension is a product of substantial investments, financial and human capital – investments that Shawn fully leveraged through her sweat equity and through her heart,

hunger and hustle." Shawn's successful evolution is a testimony to The Annexstad Family Foundation's mission of the synergistic impact of higher education and adult mentoring.

Since Shawn's initial Scholarship, a successful partnership has resulted in over 100 awards at Notre Dame with 52 graduates and counting. Al and Cathy believe that extraordinary talent often arises from extraordinary circumstances and the Foundation recognizes students who have overcome hardship on their way to college. The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarships symbolize hope and opportunities to amazing young people, many of whom believed that a college education was an unreachable dream. The Annexstad's achievements have touched the hearts of many alumni and friends of Notre Dame who collectively selected Al and Cathy for this distinguished award. Fittingly, Shawn was present at the William P. Sexton award ceremony in April 2019 at Notre Dame. The opportunity to share this moment with Shawn is a tremendous tribute to the vision the Annexstad family set forth many years ago.



Congratulations to Al and Cathy Annexstad for receiving the Dr. William P. Sexton Award in April 2019, the University of Notre Dame's highest non-alumni honor. Established in 2001, the honor is given to those who have contributed outstanding service to the University of Notre Dame and whose lives exemplify the spirit of Notre Dame – it's Catholic values, commitment to academic excellence, and strong focus on becoming a force for good.

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University of Notre Dame

Reverend John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. President



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We at the University of Notre Dame are deeply grateful for our continued partnership with The Annexstad Family Foundation. Together we are able to transform lives and help to form the leaders of tomorrow, as we provide opportunities for first generation college students and those from low-income families who might not otherwise be able to afford a Notre Dame education. We are committed to ensuring that every Notre Dame student has the best possible experience – learning from and interacting with world-class scholars and teachers, participating in research, studying abroad, forming friendships and becoming part of the campus community, and developing fully their unique gifts and talents. Congratulations and thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation for your continued commitment to the success of these students and for all you are doing to prepare leaders for our nation and the world.

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Gustavus Adolphus College

Dr. Rebecca M. Bergman President

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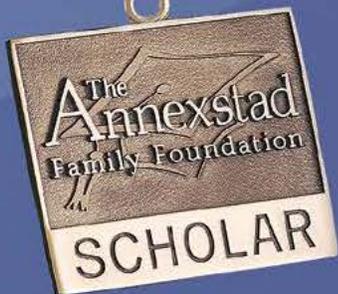
Gustavus Adolphus College is proud to be the first institution to partner with The Annexstad Family Foundation. Through this rich union, the Annexstads help us make the dream of education a reality for talented students regardless of their background or economic status. We are honored to continue to build on the legacy of access as we equip students with the skills and ignite in them the passion to address the world's great challenges.

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*University of Alabama Graduates (l-r):
Austin Goodwin, Ana Sinyavina,
Molly Morgan and Austin Ryals.*



Graduates

The
Annexstad
Family Foundation
Class of 2019

Bethel University

Grant Mortenson ▶

2015-2019

B.A. Computer Science

The Annexstad Family Foundation has generously given me financial freedom and the opportunity to focus on my studies and my future in ways I couldn't imagine. I have a Cochlear implant in my left ear and a hearing aid on my right ear, which creates social and communications challenges. My dream is to become an Information Technology Administrator for a local company where I can ensure the tools my coworkers use are functioning properly and effectively, which in turn allows us all to invest in our local community.



Ehkhudah Zar ◀

2015-2019

B.A. Relational Communication and Theatre, Acting and Directing

I am very thankful for your continued partnership with Bethel and in giving me a future. This summer I am interning at Theater Mu as well as working for the Frogtown/Summit-University. Thanks to your Scholarship, I have focused on my studies while enjoying the full college experience. I hope to give back to the university someday and help a student reach their goals with a Scholarship.



Boston College

Eric Encarnacion ▶

2015-2019

B.A. International Studies

Few moments will make me as proud as to see my mother smile when I walk across that stage and receive my diploma. Thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation for giving me the opportunity to be a college graduate. You have changed my life and now my reality seems brighter than my younger self could have ever dreamed of.



Carleton College



Ahmed Abdirahman ◀

2016-2019

B.A. Cognitive Sciences

The Annexstad Family Foundation lifted the financial burdens that were clearly affecting my academics and allowed me to fully tackle any obstacles. The possibility of graduate school is much closer because of your help. I plan on working for a few years to help my younger siblings have the same opportunities I had and help as many underprivileged students attend school as possible.

Zene Finch ▶
2015-2019
B.A. Studio Art

I recognized higher education as a symbolic delineation between a world of scarcity and a world wherein I am empowered. I spent my teen years in the foster care system feeling completely lost, but receiving The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has afforded me the financial and psychological resources vital to tending to the pieces of myself that needed healing. I am better off physically and spiritually for having received your generosity. Thank you!



Concordia College



Britany Williams ◀
2013-2018
B.A. Biology and Psychology

I just wanted to say thank you so much for this opportunity that has been provided to me through The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship. I honestly wouldn't have been able to go to college any other way. I also appreciate the extension to my Scholarship so that I could take a semester off when I had my son during the fall semester of 2016! It really means a lot, and your generosity will never be forgotten.

Duke University

Alexandra Sánchez Rolón ▶
2015-2019
B.A. Psychology and Gender Studies

The Annexstad Family Foundation has made me feel worthwhile, strong and loved. I will always be thankful to the Foundation and will always think of them as my family. Thank you for your incredible generosity!



Emory University



Ariona Lee ◀
2015-2019
B.S. Anthropology and Biology

Words cannot express how grateful I am to the Annexstad family. I appreciate the words of encouragement, your visits and the exam care packages that I would receive during finals every semester. Your Scholarship has allowed me to pursue and complete a collegiate degree at the university of my dreams. My heart is full of gratitude to all of you.

Tanique McDonald ▶
2015-2019

B.S. Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology

Thank you for believing in me and granting me the opportunity to pursue my dreams. I will always cherish your generosity and support.



Georgetown University



Mistura Junaid ◀
2015-2019

B.S. Foreign Service in International Relations

Thank you so much Annexstad Family Foundation for the opportunities you have given me over these past four years. Your Scholarship has meant that I have been able to devote myself to numerous extracurricular activities and fully immerse in Georgetown life instead of worrying about my financial situation. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. I am forever grateful for you giving me the freedom to realize my dreams.

Steven Lujan ▶
2015-2019
B.S. Anthropology

I will positively impact the lives of other people the way that you, The Annexstad Family Foundation, have impacted my life. I was afforded so many more prospects due to the greatness of your family.



Georgia Institute of Technology



Raymond Chester ◀
2015-2019

B.S. Nuclear and Radiological Engineering

Thanks to The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship, graduating debt-free was an unfathomable dream that you made into a reality.

Gonzaga University



Loren Carrillo ▶
2015-2019

B.A. Political Science

I'm excited to join the growing Annexstad Alumni Family and look forward to staying in contact with everyone involved. I received a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Taiwan after graduation. I promise to make you proud.

Gustavus Adolphus College



Grace Love ◀
2015-2019

B.A. Biology and Religion

I've wanted to go to college my whole life, but I had financial and family challenges that I thought were going to prohibit me from doing so. I grew up living with my single mother who had many health struggles. Without The Annexstad Family Foundation, I wouldn't have gone to college. Your family showed genuine care for me and my progress. I cannot thank you enough.

Emma Robbins ▶
2015-2019

B.A. Financial Economics

As a first-generation college student, being able to attend a school as distinguished as Gustavus is such a proud accomplishment. I am not sure what my career path will entail, but I know that I will attend graduate school to further my education and expand my career opportunities. I plan to give back to the community, just as The Annexstad Family Foundation has done for me.



Brian Mayén ◀
2015-2019

B.A. Spanish, Political Science, and Latin American Studies

I have supported myself since I was 16 and have always been motivated to go to college because of its potential opportunities. Because of The Annexstad Family Foundation, I have had the opportunity to work with our community partners and ESL learners by bridging the existing gap with Gustavus students who demonstrate their trans-cultural competence. Currently, I am working for a non-profit organization, CLUES, as an Employment Counselor under the MFIP program, the state's version of the federal welfare program, TANF, in Minneapolis. One day I will obtain a master's degree in human rights.



GRADUATES

Harvard University



Caleb Ringkob ◀
2015-2019
B.S. Biomedical Engineering

Thank you for helping me achieve a world-class education, one that will allow me to use my biomedical engineering degree to develop meaningful advancement in medical technology. I want to yield tangible relief for those who suffer debilitating pain, just as my dad who suffered and passed from ALS. The indescribable pain of losing a father inspires me to dream of ways to revolutionize the medical field. I seek to be an innovator who works collaboratively to alleviate the many ailments that continue to confront families across the world.

Indiana University, Bloomington

Frances Egeler ▶
2014-2019
B.A. Liberal Studies

I was raised by a single mother who battled chronic illnesses that affected her ability to maintain employment. Having attended 14 different schools with bouts of homelessness, I realized that a college education could provide me with future career stability. I am deeply touched by your generosity and that complete strangers would take an interest in me. I plan to give back to disadvantaged youth and let them know that I believe in their future.



Michigan Technological University



Ashley Brown ◀
2014-2018
B.S. Computer Network & System Administration

The Annexstad Family Foundation means the world to me, and your Scholarship was the only reason I was able to go to college. I lived on my own and was even homeless at one point, but as I overcame this obstacle, I have used it as motivation. My favorite quote is from Ella Fitzgerald: "It isn't where you came from. It's where you are going that counts." You have made me realize this statement and it is one of the biggest lessons that I have learned. After graduating, I have worked in the data center at Los Alamos National Lab. In the future, I plan on helping students who were in my situation find ways to live their dreams.

Xena Cortez ▶
2014-2018
B.S. Scientific and Technical Communication

As a child, I faced economic disparity, a turbulent family atmosphere, and intermittent homelessness. I knew I could overcome these obstacles by being a smart student and pursuing a degree. While at school, I suffered from a traumatic brain injury that left me without a sense of smell, conductive hearing loss and post-concussion syndrome. Despite this, I graduated with only one more semester than originally planned. Without The Annexstad Family Foundation, my life would look a lot different. Your generosity was a kickstarter for my social mobility, and I can never thank you enough. To have a family like yours see me struggling, and find a way to help me, you will be with me for the rest of my life, and I will do everything I can to pay it forward.



Scholarship Superstar

Chelesa Fearce

"My college experience has meant so much to me. Spelman is filled with women who are persistent, intelligent and passionate. These women reinforce the values of sisterhood, which can be seen through mentorship and being a great friend. My sisters at Spelman mentored and loved me, just as much as I have loved them.

You gave me access to amazing women who are empowered to change the world. I am thankful each day for the opportunity to do the same. It will be several years before I finish my medical education, but I am grateful for the sense of relief that your undergraduate Scholarship has given. I hope to provide a similar sense of relief to my future patients."

Shortly following graduation from Spelman College in 2017, Chelesa began her career at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, as a Postgraduate Researcher.

This fall, Chelesa is pursuing her MD/PhD at Yale School of Medicine. "In my future, I intend to uphold these values by being a mentor and friend to other young women and minorities. There are not many women or people of color at the top of careers in science and medicine. I aspire to become chair or dean of an academic institution, as well as a physician and scientist. I want to show other children from underserved communities that they can and will become anything they set their minds to. I cannot think of a greater reward than to inspire others."

Spelman College is proud to have **Chelesa Fearce** as a 2017 graduate with a B.S. in Biochemistry.

Spelman College

Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell President

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Spelman College applauds The Annexstad Family Foundation's commitment to socio-economic diversity in higher education. Spelman's mission is to educate Black women to become global leaders. Generous contributions the Annexstads make allow Spelman students, half of whom qualify for PELL grants, to succeed in completing a college degree at a leading liberal arts college.

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Alyssa Smith ▶

2015-2019

B.S. Exercise Science

I was inspired by the idea of effecting change. I couldn't fix the health problems my family faced, but I believed I could make a difference in the lives of others. I have overcome many challenges, and, even with three jobs on campus, there were times where life hit hard, and your incredible Scholarship helped me breathe easier. I am attending University of Wisconsin – Madison for a Master's in Occupational Therapy and potential PH.D in Occupational Therapy/Neuroscience.



Minnesota State University, Mankato



Vannessa Buth ◀

2018-2019

B.S. Elementary Education

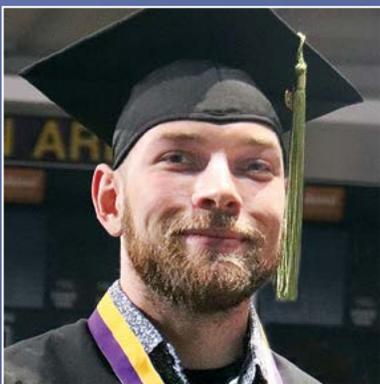
I wish to express the deepest and fullest gratitude to The Annexstad Family Foundation for allowing me not only to educate myself, but also for giving me the tools to better serve the hometown I know and love.

Payton Creger ▶

2014-2018

B.S. Computer Engineering Technology

I am so incredibly grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation. You have helped me stay debt-free and allowed me to focus on my education. After a few years of working, I hope to be able to give back to your Foundation to help other kids like me have the opportunity to go to college. It was an amazing experience for me, and I want others to have the same experience that I had.



Blake Grove ◀

2014-2019

B.S. Family Consumer Science, Dietetics

I have always had a passion for learning and working hard to achieve my goals. My life is so much better because the Annexstad family chose me to support. I couldn't have done it without you! I am going to get my Master's in Sports Nutrition along with completing my Dietetic Internship at Ole Miss. Thanks for everything!



George Vang ◀

2019

B.S. Communication Arts and Literature

My journey to college and ultimately graduation has been challenging financially, emotionally and culturally. After my grandfather and niece passed away, I needed to work to send home money to help my family. Your Scholarship allowed me to believe in my dream, student teach in Costa Rica and become an educator myself with hopes of empowering my students to become leaders.

Northern Michigan University

Logan Galindo ▶

2014-2018

B.A. Music Education

I have overcome many obstacles throughout my life, including teen pregnancy, poverty, ostracism, working three jobs in high school, self harm and severe depression. My biggest motivator in my life is my seven-year-old son, Ayden. He is attending school in my hometown, and I drive home every weekend to see him. Being away from him to attend college has been stressful for both of us, but I am excited to share my next chapter with him. Your Scholarship has been amazing, but it's being a part of your family that has helped me achieve more in my life. It is nice to know that I have this large extended family that is invested in my accomplishments.



Courtney Qualley ◀

2015-2019

B.S. Business Management

The Annexstad Family Foundation has given me the ability to go to college without any stress of owing a huge debt or working multiple jobs. I promise to work really hard and eventually find a career where I can mentor others. In the future, I would love to be able to support a student like the Annexstad family did for me.

St. Cloud State University

Kang Moua ▶

2014-2018

B.S. Social Work

The Annexstad Family Foundation has helped me so much, both with my college tuition and by sending care packages during midterms and finals. Earning your Scholarship has pushed me to work harder for my family, my friends, my mentor and especially for myself.



Spelman College



Monique Monroe ◀
2015-2019
B.S. Mathematics

My family and I greatly appreciate your support in funding my education. Because of your Scholarship, I was able to focus on my studies. You gave me an incredible peace of mind for which I am extremely grateful.



Niké Shimobi-Obijuru ▶
2015-2019
B.A. English

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has been an amazing financial resource that has helped me attend my dream school, Spelman College. Thank you for your incredible generosity.



Alesha Westbrook ◀
2015-2019
B.S. Health Sciences

As a childhood cancer survivor, I never thought that I would have the financial opportunity to attend college. The Annexstad Family Foundation has granted me the opportunity to attend the school that I have always dreamed of and become the woman that I am today. I am forever grateful for your support and encouragement that you have given me these past four years.

Stanford University

Azucena Marquez ▶
2015-2019
B.A. History

The Annexstad Family Foundation gave me the opportunity to attend my dream school and to grow both professionally and personally in ways I had not imagined. Knowing that I had a group of people encouraging me, connecting me to other students who are also interested in pursuing a J.D. and willing to answer any questions I had, made my time at Stanford the most amazing experience. Thank you for empowering me to graduate and become the person I am today.





Paula McCloud ◀
2015-2019

B.A. Communication; B.A.H. African and African-American Studies

You have done for me more than you can imagine. You have gifted me the most blessed opportunity of fulfilling my promise of pursuing my education that I made to my late mother. Without your generosity, I would have never been able to study at Stanford and I would have never been able to find and pursue my passions of serving others. I am forever grateful to you all!

University of Alabama

Austin Goodwin ▶
2015-2019

B.A. Advertising and Communication Studies

To say I wouldn't be where I am now without The Annexstad Family Foundation's support is an understatement. You understand that talent is distributed evenly, but opportunity is not. The opportunity they gave me was nothing short of a blessing that shifted the tides of my life and gave me the chance to make waves. I am forever grateful for the potential you saw in me from the beginning.



Molly Morgan ◀
2015-2019

B.S. Chemical Engineering

Thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation for giving me the opportunity to pursue my education without financial burden. Your support motivated me to do my best throughout college and will continue to motivate me as I begin my career as an engineer. My dream career would not have been possible without your Scholarship and support in pursuing my degree. Thank you for investing in my future.

Austin Ryals ▶
2017-2019

B.S. Commerce and Business Administration

I am so thankful to The Annexstad Family Foundation for the financial and emotional support they provided me. You helped me achieve my dream of attending the University of Alabama and provided me economic comfort that I have never experienced. I will forever be grateful to you for your support.



University of St. Thomas



Dr. Julie Sullivan President

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The University of St. Thomas is grateful for The Annexstad Family Foundation’s commitment to first-generation and low-income college students. We are grateful to work with them to make a St. Thomas education a reality for young people who have faced great challenges and want to embrace leadership opportunities and make a difference in the lives of others. We are dedicated to educating life-ready, values-based leaders who can persuasively communicate, see connections and solve complex problems in a rapidly changing world. The Annexstad Family Foundation’s commitment will help ensure that this opportunity remains accessible to students and families who need it most.

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Ana Sinyavina ◀

2015-2019

**B.S. Commerce and Administration Business Management,
specialization in Global Business and Entrepreneurship**

The Annexstad Family Foundation has transformed my life. Your generous financial and mental support has allowed me to not only get a degree from the University of Alabama, but to build a lifelong network of classmates, professors, University representatives and, most importantly, the Annexstad family.

University of California, Berkeley

Shay Urrea ▶

2015-2019

B.A. Business Administration

I wish I could be there to hug you all. Through your compassion, the trajectory of my life has changed immensely. As I move forward throughout my career, I will carry your loving spirit with me knowing that it was your generosity that has helped me become the person I am today. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.



Hilda Zarate-Cervantes ◀

2015-2019

B.A. Letters and Science, Legal Studies

When I was accepted into UC Berkeley, it still seemed like just a dream. I thought it was intangible due to financial insecurity. With The Annexstad Family Foundation, my dream became a reality. Now here I am, four years later, with a degree and ready for the world. Thank you for the opportunity and the support; I am eternally grateful. Thank you so much for being part of my journey and helping me achieve my dream.

University of Chicago

Courtney Cook ▶

2015-2019

B.A. Biology and Psychology

I come from a low-income, rural community in Indiana. I simply could not even have dreamed about achieving my goals without being able to study at University of Chicago without any financial barriers. Your Scholarship has helped lessen the financial burden of college and has therefore allowed me to take the steps necessary to reach my goals. I could not be more grateful to be given these opportunities.





Husam Haj ◀
2015-2019
B.S. Economics and Statistics

The Annexstad Family Foundation has supported me financially and mentally throughout my undergraduate years. You have always been there for me with constant love, support and thoughtful care packages reminding me that I was part of a bigger family. Since high school, I have been very involved with Chicago Debates, a non-profit that raises funds, and promotes and organizes six tournaments a year. As I begin my career, I will continue volunteering with Chicago Debates and helping future students discover their path to success.

University of Georgia

Nicholas Murray ▶
2015-2019
B.S. Finance

Thank you so much for allowing me to attend a university like the University of Georgia. Without your help, I wouldn't be where I am today. The impact that your family has had on my life has equipped me with the tools to make an impact in my community. I am forever grateful to you.



Tyler Murray ◀
2015-2019
B.S. Computer Systems Engineering

You have truly changed my life! Without The Annexstad Family Foundation's scholarship, I would not have been able to attend college. I have met the most incredible people who are lifelong friends and I have open more doors than I ever thought was possible. Words cannot describe how grateful I am. You have inspired me to help others in the future as you have helped me!

University of Michigan

Barbara Venson ▶
2015-2019
B.A. Psychology

Receiving The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship means everything to me because it allowed me to be the first in my family to attend college. Despite all of my life's challenges, I will persevere and hold my head high with confidence.



University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Jasmine Brown ▶

2015-2019

B.S.B. Management Information Systems

I am truly grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation. They have not only provided me with access to an education, but to a new and better life.



University of Mississippi



Tan Le ◀

2015-2019

B.S. Exercise Science

Thank you very much Annexstad family for giving me the opportunity to focus on my studies and not have to worry about my finances. I was able to spend more time studying and less time working. I am very grateful to you.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Afi Apefa Bello ▶

2015-2019

B.A. African, African American, and Diaspora Studies

I am very honored and grateful to be an Annexstad Family Foundation Scholar. My family immigrated from West Africa when I was a little girl to provide a better future for their children. I saw my education as a way to get closer to my dreams and your Scholarship played a tremendous role. I will never forget your support throughout these four years. Thank you for believing in me.



Martin Hottel ◀

2015-2019

B.S.B.A. Business Administration and B.A. Music

I've learned in life that I have the option to either be pitiful or powerful, but I can never be both at the same time. There's fear, there's faith, there's loss and there's grace. I've seen it from both sides, and this is what it means to be alive. Trials and tribulation are what have made me stronger, and it is the grace of God shown through people and programs like The Annexstad Family Foundation that have allowed me to make it to where I am today. For that, I am forever grateful!

University of Redlands

Dr. Ralph W. Kuncel President



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The University of Redlands is deeply appreciative of The Annexstad Family Foundation and its continued partnership in developing future leaders on our campus. Through the Foundation's generous Scholarships and personal support, we have witnessed firsthand a notable difference for these deserving recipients. While the recipients have experienced tremendous hardships, they are among our most dedicated and hard-working students, and we see that they are able to embark into successful lives and careers as a result of the Foundation's investment in their educational journeys at Redlands.

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Scholarship Superstar

Nina Pelletier

"College provides the freedom and independence to become who we want to be," believes Junior Nina Pelletier. Adopted at the age of four from a Russian orphanage, Nina understands what it means to have the chance to be an American. However, at the age of 14, her home life changed, and she was put into the foster care system. Instead of giving up as she was moved from family to family, she was motivated to study harder and make an impact on the world. "My past pushed me to do my best!" she adds.

As a foster high school student, she knew that she had to figure out a financial plan. She did not have the luxury of a parent to fill out financial aid paperwork or cosign a loan — she was on her own. Winona State University linked her with The Annexstad Family Foundation Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship, fulfilling her dream of a higher education. "I cannot thank the Foundation enough; your Scholarship is giving me the opportunity to graduate debt-free."

On campus, Nina has used her interest in the justice system to take on a leadership role as the Treasurer of the Mock Trial.

As a Legal Studies major with a Psychology and Communication Studies minor, Nina wants to become an advocate for kids in the foster system: bettering the system that most kids get stuck in, fighting for better justice and building better opportunities for them. She hopes to earn her master's degree in Criminal Psychology and continues to volunteer at the Winona Humane Society and Hope Harbor, a residential program that provides families with an opportunity to heal from past hurts and destructive behavior.



*Winona State University is proud to have **Nina Pelletier** majoring in Legal Studies while minoring in Psychology and Communication Studies. She expects to graduate in 2020.*

Elicia Dennis ▶
2013-2018
B.A. Sociology

The opportunity to attend Notre Dame has been the greatest gift of my life and it would not have been possible without the financial support I received from The Annexstad Family Foundation. It made my dreams of attending college a reality. I have endured so much to receive my degree, and I couldn't be prouder or more grateful. Notre Dame has hired me as their Web Content Strategist managing 80 websites. I am so excited for my future!



Brianna Hagans-Johnson ◀
2015-2019
B.B.A. in Accountancy

I am inspired by my brave grandmother and mother. Growing up there were many times that we did not have a roof over our heads, so we lived in homeless shelters. Being a first-generation Scholar, I have had a huge weight lighted off of my shoulders thanks to your Scholarship. This was the first time in my life that I did not have to worry about my financial situation every second of the day. My post-graduation goals include a career at PwC as a Forensic Consultant in New York, followed by getting my MBA. My ultimate goal is to create a homeless shelter for single mothers that resembles an apartment complex. I want to partner with nearby companies to teach financial literacy, law offices to help with custody battles and fight against abusive significant others, psychologists to promote healthy ways of dealing with trauma and much more. I want to make sure that the kids and the parents are taken care of and have the tools they need to succeed.

Ruben Inzunza ▶
2015-2019
B.S. Mechanical Engineering

Attending Notre Dame was better than I had hoped for, and having The Annexstad Family Foundation supporting me allowed me to focus on my professional and personal interests. I cannot thank the Annexstad family enough, and I hope to pay it forward to deserving students. I am ready to take the first step in my career, and I am enabled to do so thanks to you.



Cristian Magdaleno ◀
2015-2019
B.A. Program of Liberal Studies

I was raised by a single mother who moved us to California to escape poverty and drug-related crime. The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has provided me with a glimpse into the true spirit of giving back. I never imagined that I would have the support of an entire organization while pursuing my degree. You have provided me with comfort and a sense that there are people in the world who are willing to give their efforts to impact the lives of others. I am forever grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation for their kindness.



Logan McAbee-Thomas ◀
2015-2019
B.A. Psychology

I am truly grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation. They have not only provided me with access to an education, but to a new and better life.

Tristan McGrath ▶
2015-2019
B.A. Psychology and Russian

I have always wanted a career in public service. I contemplated both military service and a career as a lawyer, before I decided upon a career in law enforcement as a police officer. One can argue that a police officer does not need a college degree, but I could not disagree more. I believe we need both highly educated and highly motivated police officers serving and protecting our neighborhoods. It was this heartfelt belief that motivated me as I pursued my degree at the University of Notre Dame. With a degree in Psychology, my education has granted me a greater insight into how the growing problem of mental illness is harming our communities nationwide and what law enforcement can do to help the mentally ill receive the help they desperately need. With a degree in Russian, I am equipped to better communicate with the growing Russian community in my hometown of Sacramento, California. Later this summer, I plan to enroll in the Sacramento Police Academy to complete my education and finally begin my career in public service. I want to express the deepest and fullest gratitude to The Annexstad Family Foundation for allowing me not only to educate myself, but also for giving me the tools to better serve the hometown I know and love.



Juliana Tiscareno ◀
2015-2019
B.B.A. Information Technology Management

My single mother raised me and my three brothers, sacrificing everything for our futures. Notre Dame has been an enriching adventure, and I am so thankful to the Annexstad family for their generosity in helping me become my family's first college graduate.



Makayla Vasquez ▶
2015-2019
B.B.A. Business Analytics and Film, Television, and Theatre

After four years of hard work, I am finally able to call myself a graduate of one of the greatest universities in the country. I am the first in my family to obtain a four-year degree, and it was made possible partly because of the generosity of the Annexstad family. While a simple "thank you" will never be enough to convey the feeling of gratitude I have for Al and Cathy, it is a great start. Thank you for helping to make a dream of mine come true.



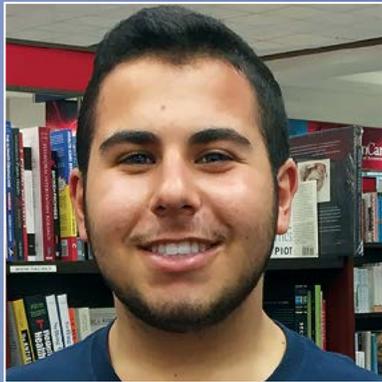
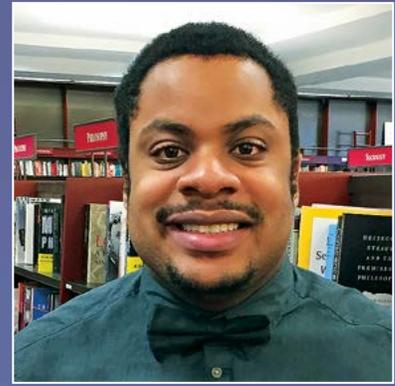
University of Pennsylvania

James Fisher ▶

2015-2019

B.A. French and Francophone Studies

A favorite quote of mine is, "Failure is a better teacher than success." Thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation for the support and the opportunity to graduate from the University of Pennsylvania.



Michael Krone ◀

2015-2019

B.A. Political Science and Economics

I am so grateful for the opportunities that The Annexstad Family Foundation has provided me. You gave me the financial freedom to realize my full potential, excel academically, become student body president and engage in the performing arts. Thank you for the unforgettable experiences that I will always remember.

University of St. Thomas

Andrew Dolge ▶

2015-2019

B.S. Computer Science

I am a lifelong learner, and The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has enabled me to pursue my education without the financial anxiety of how to pay for it. I am pursuing a career as a software developer where I use A.I. and other technologies in challenging our world to use them in an ethical manner.



Taylor Weeks ◀

2015-2019

B.A. English, Communication and Journalism

Thank you so much for not only helping pay for my education, but giving me the opportunity to form valuable relationships, grow as a leader on campus, participate in clubs and organizations and enjoy my four years. I am extremely grateful!

Vanderbilt University

Charles Miceli ▶
2015-2019
B.A. Economics

Thanks to The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship, I have been able to turn my dreams into realities and have the ability to continue to walk down the path of success. Thank you!



Kadie Smolock ◀
2015-2019
B.A. Public Policy

The Annexstad Family Foundation gave me the opportunity to enter into a part of society and the opportunity to grow into the best version of myself. I will now continue to grow for the rest of my life.

Washington University in St. Louis

Natalia Molinatti ▶
2014-2019
B.A. Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology

Thank you so much for your support throughout the last five years, especially the time off of school to recalibrate after losing my stepfather. You welcomed me back with the same loving support I had before I left. I am proud to be a member of the WashU community and extremely grateful for the opportunities you gave me.



Naimah Turner ◀
2015-2019
B.S. Biology

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship means everything to me, as it has allowed me to pursue higher education and have experiences that I wouldn't have had otherwise. My personal and academic growth is due in large part to you, and I would sincerely like to thank everyone involved.

Briana Wynn ▶
2015-2019

B.S. Mechanical Engineering

Thank you for your generosity in funding my education and for the opportunity to study at Washington University. I have found that the people here are utterly fantastic and genuine in all their efforts toward helping each other succeed.



Winona State University

Crystal Becker ▶
2015-2019

B.S. Elementary Education

College was out of the question for me – there were too many obstacles to overcome – but I took a chance and was accepted. A few weeks into my freshman year, I received an email that changed my life. I had received The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship. You have relieved my financial burden so I could pursue my dreams of becoming a teacher. How can I ever thank you?



Zaria Smith ◀
2015-2019

B.A. Psychology and Communications

I was told that college was never an option for me. As a first-generation African American young woman, I have endured many obstacles, from homelessness to family members being incarcerated. Without you I would be in debt; instead I can show my six siblings that anything is possible if you work hard and believe. Thank you!

Yale University

Jaclyn Price ▶
2015-2019

B.A. Political Science

I can't emphasize enough what your Scholarship means to me. I'm graduating from my dream school debt-free, allowing me to return to my home state and work as a public-school teacher. I am paying it forward to the community that I love so much and hope to inspire future Scholars to pursue their collegiate dreams.



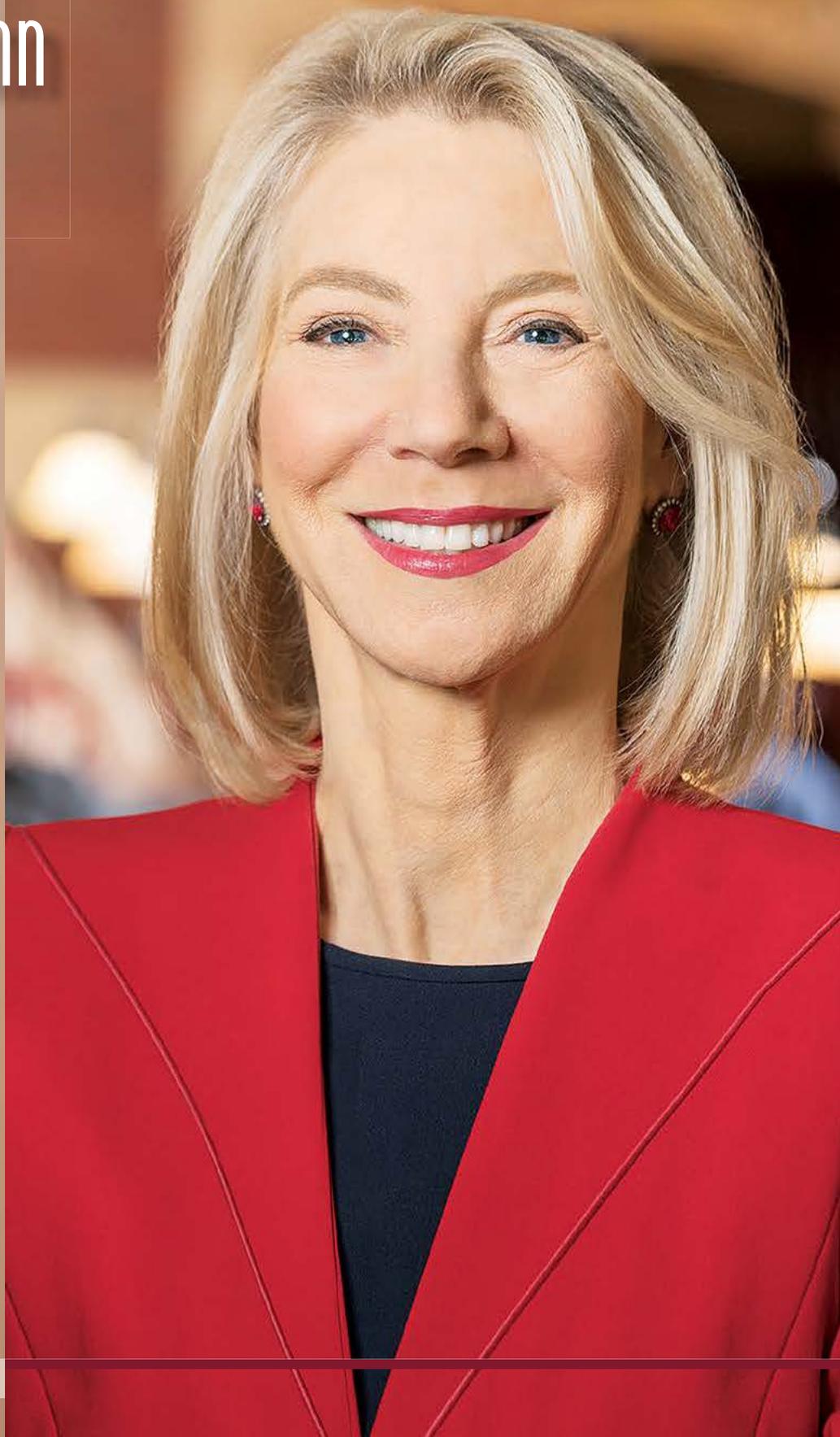
University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Amy Gutmann President

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As a first-generation college student, I will never take for granted just how life-changing access to quality higher education can be. Here at the University of Pennsylvania, inclusion and affordability are our highest institutional priorities. Driven by a commitment to bring the most talented students to Penn regardless of means, we are proud to partner with The Annexstad Family Foundation in our efforts to equalize opportunity and expand our diverse community of scholars.

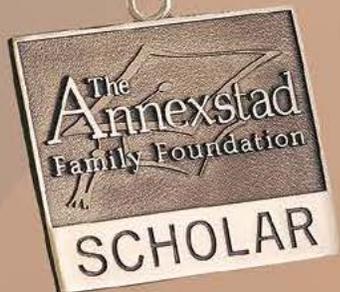
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Scholars at the University of Minnesota Scholarship Luncheon (l-r): Alicia Durkee, Arleth Pulido-Nava and John Sevilleja; Back row: Patti Annexstad Marinovich and Goldy Gopher.



Scholars



The
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Class of 2019

Bethel University

Andrew Osagiede ▶**2018-2022****Major: Psychology**

I am utilizing my education to work in the field of mental health. I am certain that Bethel will equip me for my future through its core values. Your generosity has made it possible for me to attend college, and it is a huge blessing to receive The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship. Thank you for everything!

**Ratsamee Thosaengsiri** ◀**2018-2022****Major: Mathematics with Education Licensure 5-12**

Through my education, I want to find resources that I can use to help families in need of help, regardless of their immigration status. I believe that Bethel will help my dream come true. But all of this would not happen without your amazing support. I promise to make you proud!

Boston College

**Anthony Vieti** ▲**2018-2022****Majors: Math, Physics and Finance Minor**

The generosity and faith The Annexstad Family Foundation has in young people is so wonderful. My hope is for it to be contagious. Thank you for your incredible generosity!

California State University, San Bernardino

**Katrina Estacio** ◀**2018-2022****Major: Nursing**

I will be forever grateful for the opportunity The Annexstad Family Foundation has given me. I promise to always do my best and hope to be able to support someone else in the future.

Jennifer Hanson ▶**2018-2022****Major: Nursing**

I am extremely grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation for their generosity. You are allowing my dreams to become a reality. I am excited to continue my Nursing education and eventually give back to my community.



California State University, San Marcos



Trinity Duenas ◀

2018-2022

Major: Child and Adolescent Behavior

Becoming a Registered Nurse has always been a passion of mine, and I always knew I would need to receive a higher education to pursue my passion. I cannot thank The Annexstad Family Foundation enough for their support and generosity in helping students like me with the financial help towards the career I've always wanted.

Carleton College

Sagal Ahmed ▶

2018-2022

Majors: Political Science, International Relations and Economics

My dream job is to be directly involved with the politics of Somalia. My independent research investigates the Somali economy, tribal conflicts and trade/foreign contracts, specifically relating to the participation of the U.N., its sub-councils, IMF, World Bank and humanitarian institutions. There are many Somali women who are overlooked and are never given the chance to showcase their intelligence, talent and what they can contribute. Thank you for investing in our future.



Oswaldo Cota ◀

2018-2022

Majors: Latin American History, Sociology and Anthropology

My parents have given up everything for my family and me to reach for the American Dream. Their spirit and diligence has taught me to pursue justice and equality for people who need it most. Thank you to the Annexstad family for giving me this exciting opportunity to achieve the career that I've always wanted and hopefully help thousands of individuals reach for their dreams.



Clemson University

Darryl Capleton ▼

2018-2022

Major: Civil Engineering

Nobel Peace Prize winner Albert Schweitzer once said, "At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." Thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation for taking a chance on me and lighting that flame!



Karen Briz ▶

2018-2022

Major: Language and International Trade

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has given me the opportunity to attend college debt-free. Knowing that I don't have to worry about finances while already carrying a heavy workload has brought me so much strength and confidence about my future. I am so grateful to the Annexstad family.





Noah Harper ◀
2018-2022

Majors: Horticulture and Business Administration

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has helped me in unimaginable ways and kept me off the dark path of drugs and violence. Thank you for your consistent and generous support.

College of Saint Benedict



Lydia Sumrall ◀
2018-2022

Majors: Biology and Peace Studies

This Scholarship took away an overwhelming financial burden in my life. I am extremely thankful for this, but even more thrilled and excited about the one-on-one support and connections that have come from others associated with this Scholarship, representative staff members and other students.

Duke University



Lynette Butron ▲
2018-2022

Major: Biology

I cannot begin to express my gratitude toward The Annexstad Family Foundation. You have transformed the adversity I've faced into opportunity. Because of you, I have gained a new perspective on my past and transformed it into a source of growth. The support you have provided me has been pivotal in my success at Duke. Thank you for your inspiring support.



Vanessa Real Williams ▶
2018-2022

Major: Public Policy

I am forever indebted to The Annexstad Family Foundation for your generosity. Your Scholarship will not only benefit me, but also countless citizens after I achieve my undergraduate degree.

Emory University



Elif Kilic ◀
2018-2022

Major: Linguistics

I am honored by the financial support that you have graciously gifted me. Without such opportunities, accessing the education required to pursue my dreams would have never been possible – and for this, I am incredibly grateful.

Shana ▶
2018-2022

Majors: Applied Mathematics and Statistics

The Annexstad Family Foundation provides me a chance to earn a better life for my family. When I thought all the doors were shut, a window leading to higher education and infinitely more opportunities opened, guiding me to a much brighter future.

Georgetown University



Stephanie Haddad ◀
2018-2022

Majors: Arabic and Psychology

I am beyond grateful for the Scholarship that I have received through The Annexstad Family Foundation. I want to do the most with my undergraduate career as possible and put the Scholarship to good use and prove that I truly deserve it in the first place.



Alaika Suffrena ▶
2018-2022

Major: Chemical Engineering

Nothing is impossible because the word itself is the phrase "I'm possible." Thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation for your support during my time at Georgia Tech.

Georgia Institute of Technology



Mary Benjamin ◀
2018-2022
Major: Economics

I am so grateful for your investment in my education. Having your support is so encouraging. My family and I thank you for this wonderful opportunity. I hope I can continue to grow with the help of The Annexstad Family Foundation.

Gonzaga University



Hannah Hansen ▶
2018-2022
Major: Chemistry

I am very thankful for The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship and cannot begin to describe what an honor it is to be a recipient. I hope I can someday make an impact on people's lives like you have in mine. Right now, I am planning to go to engineering school after I graduate from Gustavus. I'm not quite sure what area of engineering I will pursue (possibly biomedical), but I really enjoy the math and science involved in the field of engineering.

Gustavus Adolphus College





Ashleigh Metcalf ▶
2018-2022
Majors: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Chemistry

I love to learn, so I knew that I wanted to continue my education past high school. I hope to further my knowledge and make an impact in the world. I hope to make something of myself and for myself. My family keeps me motivated to continue my education, along with my love for learning. I am the first one in my immediate family to attend a four-year university. My mother is quickly following in my footsteps and just graduated from a community college near home. I can honestly say that I would not be able to have continued my education without the support of The Annexstad Family Foundation. Thank you for supporting me through this journey in life. Currently, I am deciding between going to medical school to become a doctor or continuing my education and becoming a forensic scientist.



Kelly Harden ▲
2018-2022
Major: Anthropology

Because of the generosity of The Annexstad Family Foundation, I have the opportunity to live a life that feels too good to be true. Thank you for this tremendous opportunity!



Eh De Cem Say ▶
2018-2022
Major: Nursing

The Annexstad Family Foundation gave me the opportunity for a better education. This allows me to fulfill not only my dreams but also the dreams of my parents who never got the chance for a better education. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity and investing in my future. I am forever grateful for your generosity.



Megan Simmons ▲
2018-2022
Major: Elementary Education with a Math Endorsement

I have wanted to be a teacher since first grade. After graduation, my plan is to find a teaching job in the Midwest then return for a Master's in Education and Administration to eventually become a principal. I will strive every day to be the best teacher. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my dreams attainable.

Hillsdale College

Micheal Lee ▶
2018-2022
Major: Politics

I have a natural hunger for knowledge. If it is God's plan for me, I would be honored to serve as the President of the United States. I will pursue a career in politics and law, and I hope to make an impact on the world. I will always be grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation for supporting my future.



Scholarship Superstar



Rebecca Haller

Rebecca is an incredibly talented musician who also has a passion for medicine. Armed with her clarinet, she has performed for multiple guest artists while with the NDSU Wind Symphony and Orchestra, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the President's United States Marine Band. Last May, the North Dakota State University Wind Symphony was invited to play in the Czech Republic.

With a focus of becoming a radiologist, Rebecca's diligence and her love for helping people has made her a very effective leader at NDSU. Her academic research has focused on synthetic organic chemistry, about which she has made multiple presentations and is finalizing her research paper. Last summer, she spent two weeks in Ecuador in a remote village building septic tanks to preserve water and teaching English.

"The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has allowed me to attend college and pursue a rigorous degree program," shares Rebecca. "If it weren't for your generosity I wouldn't be able to focus on my education. Instead, I would be constantly worrying about how to pay for all the expenses. Someday, I hope to take your inspiration and set up a scholarship fund of my own to support promising students."

While attending NDSU, Rebecca volunteers at a food pantry and organizes an outreach concert for a small school encouraging other talented musicians.

North Dakota State University is proud to have **Rebecca Haller** majoring in Clarinet Performance while minoring in Chemistry and Biology. She expects to graduate in 2022.

Scholarship Superstar

Janaya Brown

Janaya's motivation can be summed up in two words: dreams and struggles. "Ultimately, my goal is to become a professor so that I can be a representative for young women of color in higher education. As a woman of color in a STEM field, there are very few people who look like me. As a result, when I struggle, I feel that there are very few people who will fully understand my situation. That feeling of isolation reminds me exactly why I chose my dream. It motivates me to push forward so I can be that relatable person for someone else."

"The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has given me the opportunity to attend the University of Notre Dame. They have given me significant financial peace. Knowing that this family cares enough about human beings to be willing to aid students in bettering themselves is tremendous! It makes me proud to be able to share my story and pay it forward in helping future scholars believe in their dreams."

Janaya's goal to become a university professor will mean that she will be in school for quite a while. But before starting her graduate program, she hopes to become an Ace Teaching Fellow at Notre Dame where she will develop the skills and knowledge to serve some of the most under-resourced schools in the United States.

Janaya has worked for the Energy and Sustainable Development Design Research Lab at the University of Notre Dame, which has taken her abroad to Uganda to co-design concentrated solar energy panels. This past summer, she received the Vincent P. Slatt Fellowship for Undergraduate Research in Energy Systems and Processes where she again worked on research projects focused on developing solar energy for Uganda.



*The University of Notre Dame is proud to have **Janaya Brown** majoring in Aerospace Engineering and Energy Studies with expected graduation in 2020.*

Indiana University, Bloomington

Richard Harris ▶
2018-2022
Major: English

I hope to study abroad in Korea or Japan to learn more about their cultures and influence U.S. diplomacy in East Asia. As a first-generation college student, I want to thank the Annexstad family for supporting future generations to discover their best selves and revolutionize their fields.



Clayton Underhill ◀
2018-2022

Majors: Spanish, International Studies with a Human Rights concentration

I pursue excellence in my life through the things I do. Knowing that there are goals to work towards motivates me to give my everything. I am incredibly thankful to be an Annexstad Scholar. My focus is to work within the legal sphere of human rights and international law. After graduation, I hope to join the Peace Corps before applying to law school.

Michigan Technological University

Artur Pilatovs ▶
2018-2022
Major: Sound Design

As a first-generation student, attending college was a huge dream for me and my parents. The Annexstad Family Foundation has allowed me to fulfill my dream and allowed me to live up to my potential. I have been given a gift that has enabled me to attend a great school and specialize in acoustics so that I can develop speakers, headphones and microphones with world-renowned companies like Shure or AKG.



Jemel Thompson ◀
2018-2022

Major: Environmental Engineering

I am so grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation because they not only gave me financial support for my education, but also the security and stability so I can just focus on doing well in my courses. After finishing my degree, I want to get my master's in Environmental Engineering and work with the Department of Natural Resources or the Department of Environmental Quality in Michigan.

North Dakota State University

Whitney Gronvold ▶
2018-2022
Major: Social Science Education

I decided to attend college to better myself as an individual, set myself up for the future and find my passion. Kindness is truly the greatest gift, and, through the kindness of the Annexstad family, I have been able to pursue an education to better myself and my future. Thank you for helping me make an impact on the world.





Kirkland Zitzow ◀
2018-2022
Majors: Computer and Electrical Engineering

Thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation for the wonderful opportunity they have given me. I want to further my education and build things to make the lives of everyone around the world better. I like to think about the big picture of our planet as a whole, and I want to work on something that will help the entire Earth.

Northern Michigan University



Hailey Currie ▲
2018-2022
Major: Business Management

The Annexstad Family Foundation has not only provided me with the funds to accomplish my education, but they also gave me a support system I can depend on. I cannot thank the Annexstad family enough for the support they have given me to help me achieve my goals to study Business and hopefully go on to get my MBA.

Pomona College



Devon Baker ◀
2018-2022
Major: Public Policy Analysis

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship was the defining factor that made me absolutely certain that attending an elite college was right for me. I am so grateful to have a supportive family both at Pomona and through the Annexstad family that has the upmost faith in my ability to succeed and be a force of good in the world.

Saint John's University

Joseph Figueredo ▶
2018-2022
Major: Global Business Leadership

I am truly grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation. They have not only provided me with access to an education, but to a new and better life.



Spelman College

Jala Hawkins ▶
2018-2022
Majors: Mathematics and Secondary Education

Your Scholarship has made my dreams a reality, and I do not know how to show how significantly you have impacted my life. Your Scholarship has restored my faith; it has taught me patience; it has motivated me to be bold and courageous in all my attempts. I have developed grit and learned to chase after every goal relentlessly. I want to give inner-city kids like me, the same hope you've given me. Thank you a million times over!





Ikyia Kenyatta ▲

2018-2022

Major: English

I would like to extend my greatest gratitude to The Annexstad Family Foundation for opening their arms to me. I genuinely appreciate your generosity and dedication to my education. We are always told that it takes a village, and now I can happily say that my village has expanded.

Aryanna Lawson ►

2018-2022

Major: Psychology, Pre-Med Track

Thank you for trusting and believing in me. Not a lot of people have faith in other people. I am a person who believes everything happens for a reason and I know that this was a blessing from God. Thank you, Annexstad family.



Stanford University

Lee Duan ►

2018-2022

Majors: Classics and Economics

Thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation for providing your generous Scholarship. I truly appreciate all your time, help and support! Because of you, I've been able to fully pursue my interests at college with a great network of professors, staff and friends to help me succeed. I truly appreciate this opportunity and cannot thank you enough.



Kayla Williams ►

2018-2022

Majors: Political Science and Statistics

I am extremely grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation for everything they have done for people like me. Thank you for seeing potential and value in me to the point of investing in my future. I promise to make the most of this opportunity here at Stanford, and to pay it forward whenever I can.



Texas Christian University



Janae Jackson ◀

2018-2022

Major: Political Science

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has been such a gift to me. I can focus on my studies rather than worry about the financial burden of college. I am beyond thankful to you; your Scholarship has been one of my greatest blessings!

Wyatt Bennett ▶
2018-2022
Major: Finance

I would like to thank you, Annexstad Family Foundation, for your abundant generosity. Your belief in helping future generations like me is inspiring.



Ty Goodwin ▲
2018-2022
Major: Finance

John F. Kennedy said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." With my degree, I hope to one day create a successful business and pay it forward to future generations.



Alivia Gore ◀
2018-2022
Majors: English and Creative Writing

I am beyond thankful for the generosity from The Annexstad Family Foundation. Your Scholarship allowed me to attend my dream school and to pursue my passions. Without your educational investment, I would not have met all the wonderful people who have changed my life and have realized that my art can be more than just a hobby.



Emily Trawick ◀
2018-2022
Major: Public Relations

I am truly grateful and honored to receive The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship. You have impacted my life tremendously and have opened the door to so many opportunities. I cannot thank you enough.

University of California, Berkeley



Luis Jazo ◀
2018-2022
Major: Environmental Engineering

The Annexstad Family Foundation has provided me with more than just a Scholarship, they've given me a chance to change my life. For this I am eternally grateful. Growing up, I had few positive changes in my life. But thanks to the Annexstad family, I have opportunities I never dreamed of, and I am going to make the most of them.

Scholarship Superstar

Winter Widdifield



Winter demonstrates how a positive outlook can change a circumstance. For those who cross her path, Winter will be sure to strike up a conversation and make one feel welcome to a group. During a campus visit by the Foundation, Winter invited Clemson staff, Foundation representatives and her peers to experience her work study position in Clemson's main library. In her role, she helps her peers navigate the expansive building and locate materials while squeezing in moments to study for her next genetics exam.

"The Annexstad Family Foundation is the only reason that I was able to continue going to college. When I started college, I had gathered up enough money and loans to go to college for one semester. I truly had no idea how I was going to continue my education. Two months in, I was told that I had been given The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship – it was my dream come true! I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity that you have given me.

"What motivates me is that someday I want to be able to repay the favor to The Annexstad Family Foundation. I want to be able to finish college and go to graduate school and show the Annexstads that they made the right decision by giving me a Scholarship. I also want to be able to give the same opportunity to other students that I was given.

"My dream is to specialize in pediatrics to help young patients and their families best understand the care provided. I have also been looking at graduate schools for American Sign Language education or to study children and Child Psychology."

Clemson University is proud to have **Winter Widdifield** studying Genetics and minoring in American Sign Language and Psychology, graduating in 2021.

Scholarship Superstar

Gabrion Johnson

Gabrion is a survivor. He stays motivated by believing in himself and acknowledging all the trials and obstacles he has faced to get to where he is today. He believes, "Whenever I get to the point where I feel like I can't go on, I tell myself, 'You've been through too much already, and there are too many people depending on you to quit now. You must go on.'"

"Words cannot explain what The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has done for me," shares Gabrion. "I can say this without a shadow of doubt: I would not be in the position I am today. The opportunities that the Annexstad Family have created for me are priceless. I am beyond grateful."

Gabrion will graduate in May of 2020 with a degree in Financial Planning and a Consumer Economics minor. He wants to become a Financial Advisor and assist in creating generational wealth for his future clients.

Already, Gabrion has begun supporting the next generation. He established the Gabrion Johnson Pay It Forward Scholarship gifted to a graduating senior from his high school band program wanting to attend higher education. The only requirement for the scholarship is to pay it forward, in any way possible, when you are able.



*The University of Georgia is proud to have **Gabrion Johnson** majoring in Financial Planning and minoring in Consumer Economics with expected graduation in 2020.*

Giezi Contreras ▼

2018-2022

Majors: Neuroscience and Biological Sciences

Throughout high school, I faced obstacles that made me doubt my ability to attend college. The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship reignited my hopes and dreams for the future. I plan to attend medical school to become a neurologist and research the impact of culture on brain development and mental health.



Destiny Mishler ►

2018-2022

Major: Business Economics

As a first-generation college student, education has always meant so much to me. Upon graduation, I hope to work in venture capital. I have dealt with life-threatening food allergies since the age of three, so to invest in the “free-from” food and beverage industry is very meaningful to me. I am so grateful to the Annexstad family. Your financial support allows me to focus on my undergraduate studies.

University of Georgia



Ashley Cintron ▲

2018-2022

Major: Early Childhood Education

Without The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship, college would not be possible for me. The level of gratitude I have to the Annexstad family cannot be described in words. Thank you for putting your faith in me. I will not let you down!



Codey Garcon ◀

2018-2022

Major: Religion

Thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation for your generosity. My dream is to teach religion on a collegiate level and give students an educational experience that they haven't experienced before.

Jay Ivey ►

2018-2022

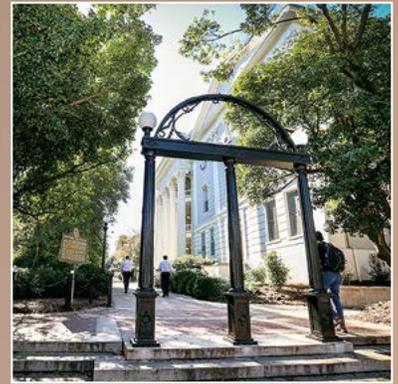
Major: Agribusiness

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship reminds me that I actually do have people cheering me on from the sidelines to succeed!



Alondra Lopez ▶
2018-2022
Major: Psychology

Receiving your Scholarship directly impacted my decision and ability to attend UGA. Being at this university has allowed me to have greater access to resources and opportunities; moreover, after my first year at UGA, I am more motivated now than ever to pursue my passions.



Thanh Nham ◀
2018-2022
Computer Systems Engineering

Without The Annexstad Family Foundation, I would have never had the college experience. I hope to one day make an impact and difference in a community through technological advances.



Holly Worden ◀
2018-2022
Major: Biology

I've always known that I wanted my career choice to help the lives of others. With my interest in science, I decided to pursue Pre-Med at the University of Georgia. I hope to go into the medical field and positively impact the lives of many with my education! Thank you for your support.

University of Michigan



Sophia Mason ◀
2018-2022
Major: Cell and Molecular Biology

I want to be a researcher and discover things about health and biology that will make an impact on the scientific community. Your Scholarship has provided me with financial support in a critical time. I want to go to graduate school and maybe pursue a PhD so I can continue to do research and grow my future.

Hailee Spencer ▶
2018-2022
Majors: Biopsychology, Cognition and Neuroscience

My hope is to find a job doing something that makes me happy, like becoming a pediatrician and working with families in my community. Knowing how proud my own family is of me keeps me motivated. I am grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation for believing and supporting me.



University of Minnesota, Twin Cities



Abbeygail Nguyen ▶

2018-2022

Major: Cellular and Organismal Physiology

Seeing my mother work hard motivates me to show the world that our family has what it takes to thrive. Thank you for awarding me your Scholarship. My mother was deeply touched that someone realized our struggles and decided to lend a hand.



John Sevilleja ▲

2018-2022

Major: Physiology

I was born in the Philippines where I saw poverty, sickness and human indecency. I want to pursue a medical career in hopes to mend the broken, heal the sick and prevent suffering. Words cannot describe my appreciation to the Annexstad family. I am forever grateful for the tremendous aide you have given me. I want to bring happiness to the world so that others do not have to endure any suffering.



Arleth Pulido-Nava ◀

2018-2022

Majors: Biology, Society and the Environment

It is incredible to be recognized with this tremendous and life-changing Scholarship that enables me to pursue a higher education. Thanks to you, I plan to make academics my priority to ensure that I have a good GPA and can potentially go to graduate school. I thank you for the opportunity of a lifetime!



Jocelyn Sol-Lopez ▲

2017-2021

Major: Child Psychology

My parents brought me to this country to offer my sisters and me the best lives possible. I want to show them that their sacrifice in coming to a new country was worth it. Thank you, Annexstad family, for believing in me and giving me the support so I can continue to strive for the best. Thank you for opening doors to continue with my education at my dream school without worrying about financial barriers.



Fue Xiong ◀

2017-2021

Major: Kinesiology

I was thrilled to hear that I was selected for The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship. As a first-generation student, this is a very big deal for my family and me. Thank you for your support!



Elishadai Yilma ▲
2018-2022
Major: Pre-Business

Thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation for supporting me as a student at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities!

University of Mississippi

Ajah Singleton ►
2018-2022
Major: Biomedical Engineering

Thank you so much for all of the opportunities afforded to me due to The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship. You have made the possibility of college a reality.



Kaden Spellmann ◀
2018-2022
Majors: Economics and Mathematics, French minor

I cannot thank The Annexstad Family Foundation enough. I wouldn't be where I am without you. I always knew that God would provide for me if it was His plan for me to go to college, and He did so through the generosity of the Annexstad family. I have been given the opportunity of an education, and I've learned what it means to be selfless. Thank you.



Yamahjai Lewis ►
2018-2022
Major: Biomedical Engineering

The Annexstad Family Foundation has made it possible for me to receive a high-quality education while also relieving my family and me of the stress of the price of my education. I cannot thank you enough for investing and believing in me and my potential to be great. Hopefully, I can inspire and support someone the way you have for me.



Matthew Bisner ◀
2018-2022
Majors: Political Science and Peace Studies

As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." I want to fight injustice and become a leader in achieving a greater balance between justice and compassion in the world around me. I cannot convey my gratitude for the amazing support by the Annexstad family. They saw in me a bright mind and big dreams, and I can't wait to take the world by storm!

University of Notre Dame

Scholarship Superstar

Gloma Milner



Gloma always wanted to go to college, but it wasn't until her junior year in high school that she discovered what she wanted to study. One of her friends had a pharmacy internship and, after learning about it, Gloma knew this was going to be her focus. Her deep curiosity about the world and her passion for achieving goals combined beautifully with her love of science and a desire to help others.

As a Pharmaceutical Science major, Gloma is also a mentor for University of Mississippi's early-acceptance program and a community assistant in her residence hall. Gloma shares, "It's wonderful being a positive influence on younger students by helping them throughout their college experience."

"The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has granted me the freedom to pursue my interests at a four-year out-of-state university without the pressure of student loans. Without you, I would have attended my hometown community college. Instead, I have an incredible support network that is ready to congratulate me when I cross the finish line."

Gloma will complete her degree in May 2021, finish professional pharmacy school in 2024, then begin her certification to work as a nuclear pharmacist. Gloma is serving her community through her church volunteer programs and teaching elementary school students about germs in an after-school program. In the future, her dream is to make contributions to The Annexstad Family Foundation and support future Scholars.

*The University of Mississippi is proud to have **Gloma Milner** majoring in Pharmaceutical Sciences with an expected graduation in 2021.*

Scholarship Superstar

Austin Goodwin

"I love learning, and being the first in my family to go to college was always a big motivating factor for me," shares Austin. "My 'college family', especially The Annexstad Family Foundation, has meant the world to me. They have given me the emotional and financial support to help me succeed. To say I wouldn't be where I am now without the Annexstads' support is an understatement. The Annexstad family understands that in the world, talent is distributed evenly, but opportunity is not. The opportunity they gave me was nothing short of a blessing that shifted the tides of my life and gave me the chance to make waves – I am forever grateful for the potential they saw in me from the beginning."

A recent graduate from the University of Alabama, Austin has completely embraced his position as Creative Director of Tanner Consulting in South Florida, where he is further developing his advertising and business management skills. Now equipped with a degree and the financial independence he has always craved, he is looking forward to giving back to others who want to make a name for themselves and have the tenacity and spirit to do so. "Kindness begets kindness, and I will see to it that more people like me will receive the opportunity and support they never had."



*Congratulations to 2019 University of Alabama Graduate **Austin Goodwin** on receiving his B.A. in Advertising and Communication Studies.*



Giovanni Folkes ▶
2018-2022
Majors: Science and Business

I aspire to attend medical school and become an OB/GYN. My mother keeps me motivated because she has sacrificed a lot in order for me to pursue my goals. I want to say thank you to the Annexstad Family Foundation for giving me the opportunity to attend this elite university. You've allowed me to pursue my dreams and reach heights that I could never imagine. I intend to give back to the Flatbush community that I grew up in so that I can help other low-income, inner-city students access education from elite institutions.



Karry Hammond ▲
2018-2022
Major: Finance

My grandfather's last words were, "Karry, I've worked and given my all for your future. All I ask of you now is to make it your own. Promise me." He instilled a determination and drive in me to be curious and learn. He motivated and inspired me to be more tenacious, courageous and hard-working. You are helping me fulfill my grandfather's and my wish, and I will be forever grateful. My future holds so many opportunities along with a journey to become an entrepreneur. I hope to pay it forward and work towards enabling students like myself to receive the education they deserve while also providing tools and resources to help students fulfill their career goals.



Shae Himmelberger ◀
2018-2022
Major: Business, Finance

What The Annexstad Family Foundation has done for me, helping fund my education and lightening my debt, is a feat of generosity that I hope to carry on for others. I want to become an investment banker with hopes of founding a media organization dedicated to journalism, research and scholarship – something of a STEM program for humanities – to present to the world an entirely new paradigm of engagement with the greatest ideas mankind has ever generated.



Ellyn Jarrell ◀
2018-2022
Major: Business

Ever since I was a kid, I have always dreamed of going to Notre Dame. But, after my parents passed away in 2012 I almost lost sight of this goal. Thanks to the wonderful people in my family and the generosity of The Annexstad Family Foundation I am now studying to become a pediatrician. I know I can really make a difference in kids' lives one day. Thank you!

Seaira Knopoff ▶
2018-2022
Major: Environmental Science

Notre Dame was an offer I could not refuse, and I am so eager for the opportunities presented to me and my peers. I hope to work as a wildlife veterinarian. The species we have on Earth are so precious and deserve respect for their lives, their homes and ecosystems. With the help of the Annexstad family, one less financial obstacle stands in my way from pursuing my education and my dreams to help save our beautiful planet and its creatures.





Gregory Miller ◀
2018-2022

Majors: Applied Computational Mathematics and Statistics, and Economics

I wanted to attend college to fulfill my desire to achieve but, more importantly, to escape poverty. Your Scholarship is more than just a gift; it is a safety net that allows me to focus on my studies without the distraction of financial anxiety. I plan to pursue constitutional law, and hope to someday be arguing cases in front of the Supreme Court representing marginalized communities to guide their journey to one of triumph rather than defeat.



Joan Ngai ▲
2018-2022

Majors: Architecture and Chinese

From a young age, it has been instilled in me that education can open the doors to so many opportunities, especially for first-generation Americans. I am so thankful to the Annexstad family for allowing me to pursue a higher education and relieving my financial burden. I am studying majors that I love and have dreamt of pursuing since I was little. Someday I hope to be in a position where I can give back to future students so they can pursue higher education like the Annexstad family has done for me.



Kiely Novak ◀
2018-2022

Majors: Neuroscience and English

It was a blessing when I found out that I had received your Scholarship; I am forever grateful. You have made it possible for me to pursue my career and have a successful future. I hope to research and find possible cures, medications and new programs for people suffering from addiction, M.S. and mental disabilities.

Taylor Parker ▶
2018-2022

Major: Environmental Studies

The struggles that my family and I have gone through along with the success and motivation of my friends and peers keeps me motivated. They are extremely proud of me, and that reminder helps push me to work hard when I encounter stressful days. The Annexstad Family Foundation

Scholarship has given me the ability to pursue an exceptional education that I would not be able to receive otherwise. You have given me hope for my future and my family. I plan to use my education to help create a better world for future generations.



Tommy Pham ▶
2018-2022

Major: Neuroscience and Behavior

As a first-generation student, I understand that there are a lot of expectations and a tremendous pressure to succeed in college. After graduation, I plan on going to medical school with the intention of helping and serving others as a physician. I hope to dedicate my life to helping and supporting others as so many people have supported me on my academic journey.



Cynthia Pierre ▶
2018-2022
Major: Anthropology

I am honoring my parents by going to college. They died in my early teens and had worked hard so that I could have the best education. Thanks to the Annexstad family, I can live our dream. I hope to travel to Rome and do some research about Ancient Rome. I love learning about the area and time period. Maybe I might write some books so that others might love Ancient Rome too.



Yvette Pino ▶
2018-2022
Majors: Theology and History

Neither of my parents completed college, yet they encouraged me from a young age to pursue higher education. I am very grateful to the Annexstad family for their generous Scholarship. I want to teach other people to love God and, if not, at least to help them understand the Catholic Church better.



Ashley Presley ▲
2018-2022
Major: Psychology

College has opened the doors for me to explore my passions. As a first-generation student, I hope that I can help further human rights and gender equality in the world. My family gives me the drive to be the force of change that will last generations. Your Scholarship has given me the ability to focus more on my goal of helping others while receiving a college education from one of the world's most prestigious colleges. I want to continue my education and write published articles in the psychopathology community. I hope that because of my education I'll be able to conduct research that will give those with a mental illness hope for safer, more effective treatments.

Helton Rodriguez ▼
2018-2022
Major: Biology

Being a first-generation American and college student, I am supported by family, faculty and friends to succeed. My initial visit to Notre Dame was a meant-to-be holistic love; it just felt right to go here. My focus is to go to medical school, become a cardiologist and live fully independent. I recognize the importance of a helping hand and how even just one small push can help someone go a long way.



Jordan Theriault ▶
2018-2022
Major: English

The Annexstad Family Foundation has allowed me to acquire new knowledge, relationships and experiences that have made me a better man – a man more eager to give back to society and support his family. I am so grateful for The Annexstad Family Foundation.



Hillsdale College

Dr. Larry P. Arnn President

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Hillsdale College was founded in 1844 by men and women grateful to God for the inestimable blessings resulting from the prevalence of civil and religious liberty and intelligent piety in the land. They believed that the diffusion of sound learning was essential to the perpetuity of these blessings and therefore founded and endowed the college. We are grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation for continuing this work through their financial support of students who wish to receive a comprehensive education focused on developing the mind and improving the heart.

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Nicholas Trittipio >

2018-2022

Majors: Economics and Applied Computational Mathematics

Finances and the cost of school were major issues for me when applying to colleges. The Annexstad Family Foundation lifted a major financial burden off of me, and I could not be more grateful. With my education I want to become an actuary as well as correct unjust stereotypes and help the underserved to have equal opportunities. I want to be a change for good in the world.



University of Pennsylvania



Carlos Garcia ▲

2018-2022

Major: Economics

Your generous gift has made it possible for me to attend one of the best schools in the world. It is because of gifts like yours that young people across America can work hard and reach these pinnacles. Thank you!



Bhavya Shah ◀

2018-2022

Majors: Biology and Economics

I am truly grateful for The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship. Without your help and support, I would be barred from obtaining a college education and escaping poverty.

University of Redlands



Kenia Gonzalez ◀

2018-2022

Major: English Literature

I want to thank The Annexstad Family Foundation for helping me attend the college of my choice. I come from a low-income background where money was always an issue. But thanks to you, I am can achieve my goals without any undue stress to my family. I am forever thankful.

Isaac Rodriguez >

2018-2022

Major: Biochemistry

I want to thank The Annexstad Family Foundation for your support. I appreciate that you have seen through my hopes and dreams and given me the opportunity to shine bright into the real world. I will always put forth my best efforts. The day you read about one of my accomplishments, it will not just be a story about a young boy who made it, but also a story about one of the Annexstads' many miracles.



University of St. Thomas



Andrew Herzog ▲
2018-2022
Major: Neuroscience

I wanted to be part of a safe and nurturing community that would help me to grow intellectually and spiritually while making the most out of this period of transition into adulthood. Your Scholarship is a gift I am honored and grateful to receive. It has been a true blessing. I hope to go on to medical school and find the most meaning and satisfaction from my work.



Ismail Nur ►
2018-2022
Major: Undecided

I am pursuing a college degree so I can find a position in the workforce that will allow me to help those in need. I cannot thank the Annexstad family enough for their generosity and support. There is no gift better than the gift of a college education. Because of The Annexstad Family Foundation, I hope that one day I too can start a scholarship foundation and be responsible for helping youth graduate college.



Donovan Carr ►
2018-2022
Majors: Computer Science and Economics

I am so humbly honored to receive this scholarship to further advance my education here at Vanderbilt. I would like to thank The Annexstad Family Foundation for the gratitude and kindness as it has paved the way to success for many students like myself. If it were not for them, I would not be where I am today.

Vanderbilt University



Olivia Franklin ◀
2018-2022
Major: Human and Organizational Development

Thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation for all that you do for your Scholars. I know that I personally would not be able to be where I am without the help and generosity of people like those in this organization, and I hope you all realize just how much your efforts mean to students like myself. I feel honored to be an Annexstad Scholar and very much appreciate this organization.

Washington University in St. Louis

Mykyta Stokalyuk ►
2018-2022
Majors: Economics and Mathematics

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship is a means for me to receive the life-changing education needed to succeed in the modern world. Thank you for your support.





Jakyra Williams ◀

2018-2022

Major: International and Area Studies

The Annexstad Family Foundation has helped give me an amazing opportunity, and being a leader in my community is important to me. Being able to attend WashU as a low-income student and hold positions of leadership is a large part of the reason I know I can be a leader in my future as well. Thank you so much!

Western Carolina University

Jade Shuler ▶

2018-2022

Major: English Education

I am very honored to have been given this Scholarship. If it were not for the Annexstad family, I would not have been able to attend higher education due to financial hardship. You have given me the perfect opportunity to become everything that I have wanted for myself.



Winona State University



Nathan Curtis ◀

2018-2022

Majors: Finance and Economics

My motivation comes from being a good example for my two younger sisters. The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship changed my perception on life. I always believed that the way to success was not dictated by others but was only achieved by pulling yourself up. Your Scholarship made me realize that there are good people out there that are willing to help individuals like myself. I hope to achieve a successful and fulfilling career where I can be a good leader, not only to my family, but also to the rest of the community.

Helena Zarate ▶

2018-2022

Major: Social Work

I moved around quite a bit growing up, so it's hard for me to try and fit in. However, I am very excited to try new clubs at school and make long-lasting friendships. The Annexstad Family Foundation's Scholarship has helped me enjoy the full college experience, trying different activities and opportunities for personal growth. I couldn't be more thankful for your Scholarship and your support. I appreciate everything you have done for me, and I can't thank you enough!



Patricia Mae Adaya ▶

2018-2022

Major: Undecided

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has given me hope. My future goals and dreams are tangible and within reach. Such generous financial support frees me from the worries of paying for college expenses and instead allows me to focus on how I can best use my college education to help others. Thank you so much!



Elaina Foley ◀

2018-2022

Majors: Political Science and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

I am so grateful for the opportunity to study at Yale because of the generosity of The Annexstad Family Foundation. Because of your gift, I am able to access and utilize so many resources which have never been available to me before.

Bethel University Scholars (l-r): Janessa Bjorgo, Grant Mortenson, Hsa Hsay Hser, Lizzie Sanchez-Sanchez, Ekhudah Zar and Andrew Osagiede.



*Dr. William P. Sexton Award Ceremony (l-r):
Al Annexstad, Notre Dame alumna Shawn Sanford and Cathy Annexstad*



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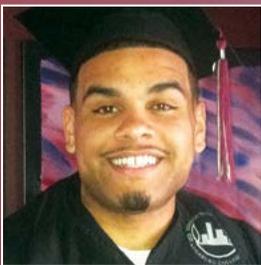
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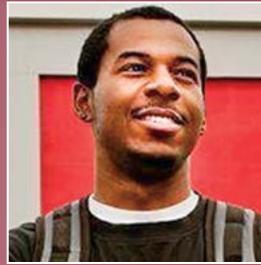
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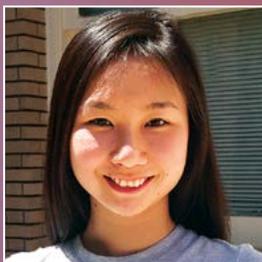
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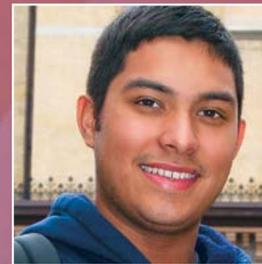
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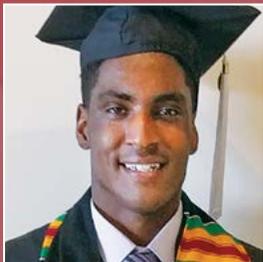
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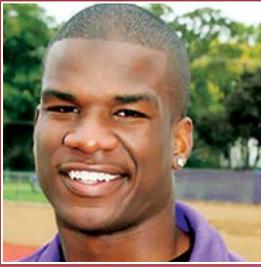
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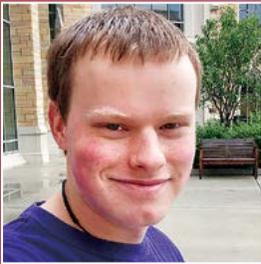
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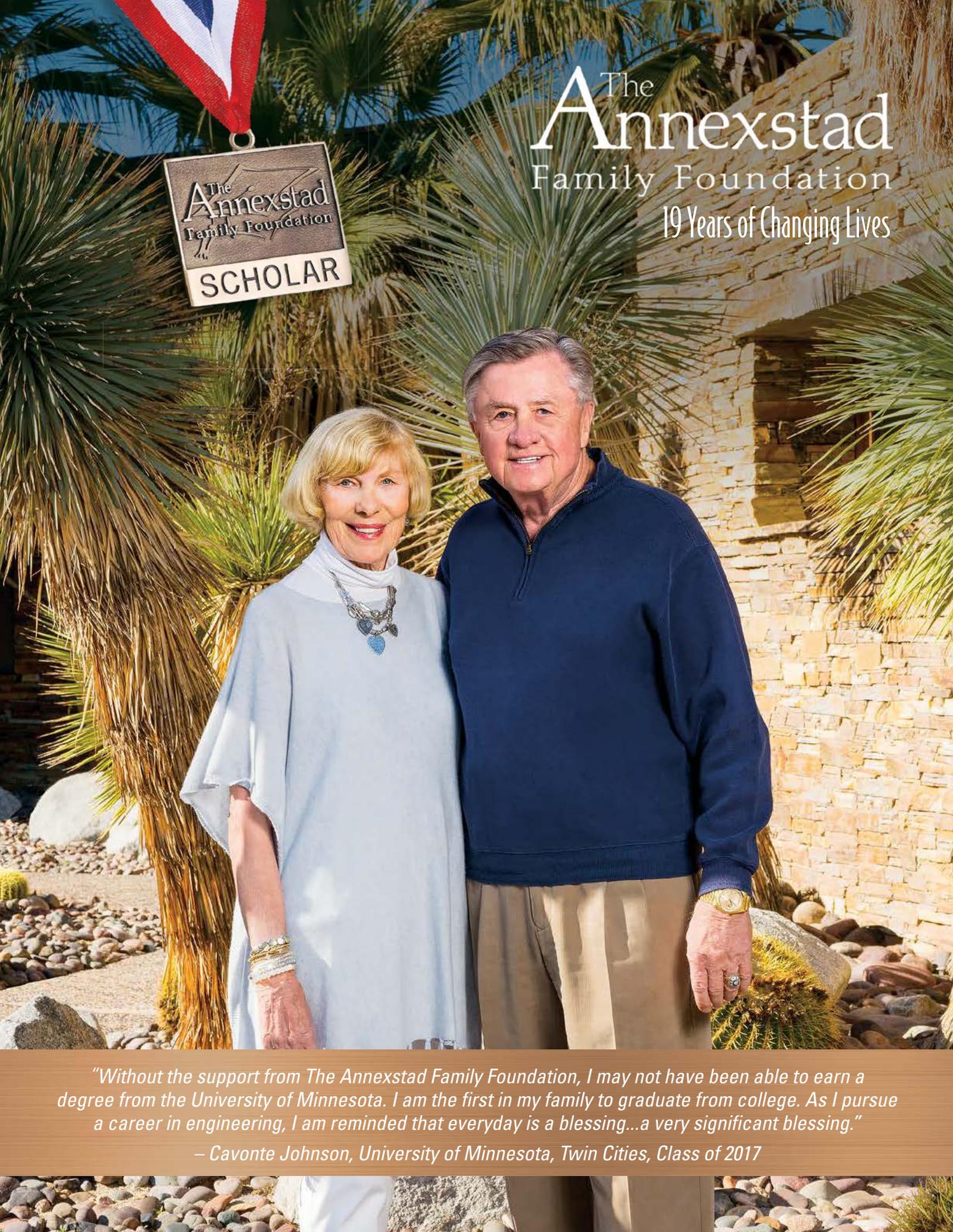
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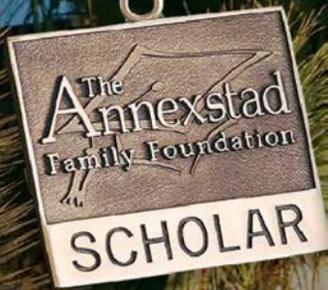
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