2008-2009 INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

The Elizabeth Kearney International Scholar

Prabina Shrestha Kathmandu, Nepal Information Technology Major

"The morning sunlight of Aug 4th,

2008 brought the greatest surprise I had ever had. I must say that there is no better feeling than receiving the Elizabeth Kearney scholarship, which will be a great confidence-booster in achieving my goals. Thank you all who have made this scholarship possible."

> The Kuhn H. Lee International Scholar Dahee Han Incheon, South Korea International Business & Marketing Double Major

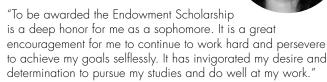
"Receiving this scholarship was an honor for me and my family back home in South Korea

and it came as a great surprise. It is a wonderful opportunity for me to accelerate my academic improvement and increase my volunteer time in the community as well as in society."

The Beatrice & Joseph Moosally International Scholar

Isha Shrestha Kathmandu, Nepal

Accounting and Finance Double Major



The Gladys Olson/Bill Olszewski International Scholar

Miwako Fujikata Tokyo, Japan Anthropology and Psychology Double

"The Gladys Olson/Bill Olszewski Scholarship means more than financial support. It motivates me not only to have gone to a different country this summer to have

first hand experiences, but also to form solid ideas what I want to be and what I want to do in the future." The Carole & Dwain Petersen International Scholar

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Amy Jun Ming Chin Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Music Major

"As the Petersen Endowment Scholar, my ambition is to reignite interest in the beauty and importance of classical music, forgotten today through competition and the popularity of modern music. This scholarship will inspire me to excel in my music, achieve my ambitions and continue my community activity at MSU."

> The Jane Roberts/Vi Holbrook Memorial Scholar Alina Rayamajhi Kathmandu, Nepal Nursing Major

"As one of this year's scholarship recipients, I am grateful for the opportunities this award will provide me. I appreciate the confidence of the committee and its willingness to contribute to my future education. This award is definitely going to ease the journey toward my nursing goal."

The Florence Sponberg International

Udeeb Shankhadev Kathmandu, Nepal Information Technology Major

"I thought my hard work and dedication had paid off when I got the news that I was selected for the Endowment scholarship. My excitement was high and for a moment I forgot the pain I had to suffer through my junior year. I am thankful to Endowment committee and dedicate myself to this legacy."

> The Louise Steele Syverson and Linda Steele Memorial Scholar

Shova Gurung Kathmandu, Nepal Nursina Maior

"I feel honored by this scholarship. It feels great to get the financial help and encouragement of the Syversons, who are honoring their aunt and mother's memory. This scholarship will go a long way toward my pursuit of being a nurse and extending a helping hand in the future."

The Mary Taggart International Scholar Karishma Kamath Udupi, India

said Mahatma Gandhi. Being a rational leader, I truly believe in the the power of hope and the miracle of education; they foster the change I wish to see in the world. I am honored to receive MSU's International Endowment Scholarship and hope that I can continue to be an advocate for international students."

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International Student Endowment

2008-09





Elizabeth & Wynn Kearney International Center

GENEROUS FRIENDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT **FNDOWMENT**

Recently we have seen unprecedented growth in the Endowment: however, as I write all funds face serious difficulties because of the Wall Street collapse. It's with special urgency that I would ask each of you for a contribution of whatever amount seems comfortable to you. Every gift expresses your and others' wishes to benefit international students on the University campus. Because members of the International Student Endowment Committee, past and present, have contributed incalculable time, experience and ideas on how to enhance both the fund and the experience of international students, your donation is compounded in value.

One of the brightest badges of honor of our country is its enthusiasm for efforts like ours. This zeal springs from a certain understanding that one has a responsibility to give something back to those institutions that have supported them. "You become responsible, forever, for what you have tamed" says the fox in The Little Prince. The reverse is also true, it seems to me and to others. Thus there is considerable support of institutions that have "tamed" us.

I would like to invite our international graduates to begin a yearly donation practice to the Endowment, however small Some have attained such status that larger gifts are within their means. In these trying financial times, the need is especially imperative.

We invite you, Dear Readers, to continue your support.

Warmly, respectfully,



Bill Olszewski Chair, International Student Endowment Committee

ENDOWMENT NEWSBRIEFS

- The International Student and Scholar Services welcomed over 180 new students this fall, bringing the total number of internationals to 582. Easing of visa rules helps account for the larger number of both applications and acceptances. Nepali students now account for about one-in-four of the population, an amazing figure, considering that no special recruitment occurs there; it is all done by word of mouth. What a phenomenal grapevine!
- You will note that we have added another endowed scholarship this year, the Louise Steele Syverson/Linda Steel scholarship. Chuck and Jo Syverson made the requisite contribution in honor of Chuck's mother Louise and her sister Linda, both nurses.
- The Wally and Jean Jaax trust was added to our Endowment last year and provided the largest amount ever given. The year before, the gift from the estate of Mary Taggart was the largest single donation ever given. These two gifts have accounted for almost a third of the Endowment funds. We would encourage our supporters to consider remembering us in their wills. Even a 5% legacy will be a great boost to the continued support of international student-scholars.
- The former International Center was dedicated as the Elizabeth and Wynn Kearney International Center last fall.
- To date, the Endowment has made 161 grants to international students; the total amount awarded is \$150,290. This is a proud accomplishment!

2008-2009 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

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ENDOWMENT SUSTAINERS

The Endowment Committee wishes to recognize and thank donors of \$500 or more for their particularly generous support, as well as those who have remembered the Endowment through Annuities, Bequests or Trusts.

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2008 FALL SEMESTER POPULATION STATISTICS

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	Doctoral	2	Kryrgyzstan	1	Bahrain	2
	Graduate	172	Malaysia	4	Jordan	1
	<u>Undergraduate</u>	408	Nepal	156	Kuwait	2
	TOTAL	582	Pakistan	29	Saudi Arabia	15
	IOIAL	J0Z	Repubic of Korea	33	Syria	1
	BY COUNTRY AND)	Singapore	1	United Arab Emirates	
	REGION		Sri Lanka	22	TOTAL	23
	AFRICA		Taiwan	5	THE AMERICAS	
	Benin	1	Thailand	1	Bolivia	1
			Turkmenistan	1		1 /
	Cameroon	10	<u>Vietnam</u>	2	Canada	14
	Ehtiopia	8	TOTAL	390	Colombia	5
	Ghana	8			Ecuador	
	Ivory Coast	5	<u>EUROPE</u>		Guatemala	1
	Kenya	18	Austria	3	Guyana	2
	Morocco	1	Belarus	1	Honduras	1
	Niger	1	Bosnia Herzegovina	1	Jamaica	3
	Nigeria	11	Finland	3	Mexico	2
	Senegal	1	France	2	Peru	3
	Tanzania	6	Germany	8	St. Lucia	2
	Uganda	1	Lithuania	1	<u>Venezuela</u>]
	Zimbabwe]	Macedonia	1	TOTAL	35
	TOTAL	72	Moldova	17	<u>OCEANEA</u>	
	ASIA		Montenegro	2	Australia Australia	1
		1	Netherlands	1		1
	Afghanistan	1	Norway	3	<u>Micronesia</u>	2
	Armenia]	Poland [']	1	TOTAL	2
	Azerbaijan	2 18	Romania	1	TOTAL ENROLLED	582
	Bangladesh		Russian Federation	1	OPT	54
	China	8	Serbia	2	TOTAL	636
	Hong Kong India	3 73	Sweden	4	Total Number of	
		73 2	Turkey	2		70
	Indonesia		<u>Ukraine</u>	6	Countries	72
	Japan	26	TOTAL	60		