

# 2009 2010 INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Elizabeth & Wynn Kearney International Center

## International Student Endowment

2009-10



*The Florence Sponberg Scholar*

**Smriti Shrestha**  
Kathmandu, Nepal  
Nursing Major



"I want to thank the Endowment Committee and ISSS. The moment I received the news of the scholarship was shocking and delightful; not everyone receives this honor. This has boosted my confidence and inspired me to do better. Just want to tell everyone not to lose hope and believe in yourself."

*The Carole & Dwain Petersen Scholar*

**Salman Hakim**  
Karachi, Pakistan  
Mechanical Engineering Major



"I feel honored and convey my highest gratitude to the Endowment Committee and the Petersen family for awarding me this scholarship. I thank my family (especially my mom), the International Center, and all my friends for their support. This scholarship has certainly given me confidence to strive for more in the future."

*The Mary Taggart/Wally & Jean Jaax Memorial Scholar*

**Selina Pradhan**  
Kathmandu, Nepal  
Environmental Science Major



"It is an honor and pleasure to receive such a prestigious award. Scholarship is much more than just getting good grades. Hard work, determination, being efficient, leadership — it's what you do to get it and how you do it. It's not winning but trying that is important and makes you successful."



*The Elizabeth Kearney Scholar*  
**Deepa Sen Thakuri**  
Kathmandu, Nepal  
Nursing Major

"It is a great honor to be one of the recipients of this endowment scholarship. I am very happy and this scholarship will definitely help me to attain my goals. I am very grateful towards donors, the scholarship committee and the Kearney International Center. Thank you."



*The Gladys Olson & Bill Olszewski Scholar*  
**Yamuna Khatri**  
Pokhara, Nepal  
Accounting and Finance  
Double Major

"It's an honor to be a recipient of the Endowment Scholarship. It is also an encouragement for me as well as a precious moment of bliss to glory in. This award enhances my determination to do the best in my further studies."



*The Jane Roberts & Viola Holbrook Memorial Scholar*  
**Tomoyo Nagase**  
Gifu, Japan  
Women's Studies Major (Graduate)

"It is my honor to be recognized as the Jane Roberts/Vi Holbrook Memorial Scholar. I thank the Endowment Committee for giving me such a wonderful award. The scholarship will help me complete my master's program here at MSU and take a step closer to making my dreams come true."

*The Louise Steele Syverson & Linda Steele Scholar*

**Hye-Jin (Kacie) Lee**  
Jeju, Republic of Korea  
Pre-Nursing and Music Double Major



"It's my great honor to be an endowment scholar as one of many international students at MSU and a representative of South Korea. I appreciate the Endowment Committee's support of international students, and I'll try to make the support more meaningful by doing my best as a student."

*The Kuhn H. Lee Scholar*

**Ami Kim**  
Ko-Yang Kyung-Ki,  
Republic of Korea  
Human Biology and Biochemistry  
Double Major



"As the Kuhn H. Lee International Scholarship recipient for this year, I am truly thankful for this award and the confidence the committee has in me. This award definitely will help me to pursue my dream and provide more time for me to be involved in both the MSU and Mankato communities."



*The Beatrice & Joseph Moosally Scholar*  
**Khushboo Shakya**  
Kathmandu, Nepal  
Software Engineering and  
Mathematics Double Major

"There is a well-known saying 'As you sow so shall you reap.' I am glad that I put my best efforts into my studies and that the fruits of my hard work have paid off well. Achieving this scholarship has proved that if there is a will there is definitely a way!"



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

### Dear Friends of the Endowment and of International Students:



Even amidst the stumbling world economy, the number of international students in the U.S. climbed to a new high of nearly 624,000 in 2008. Furthermore, these students—through tuition, living expenses, etc., contributed 15.5 billion (!) dollars to the U.S. economy. In Minnesota, their contributions amounted to nearly 200 million dollars. (Source: OpenDoors.iienetwork.org)

While economic figures are useful, they tell only a partial story of the value of having students from afar. These visiting students are goodwill ambassadors who acquaint us with the stunning diversity of the ways our race has found to exist and thrive, as well as the common dreams shared by all humankind. They bring us messages of hope and longing for a more beautiful, more equitable, and, yes, more peaceful existence. Each of them harbors a desire to make our world a better place through their chosen careers.

Raising money for scholarships expresses how deeply we value these students and the sacrifices they've made in visiting us. They are among the hardest-working groups of students on the Minnesota State Mankato campus, models of The Good Student. The Scholars highlighted in this brochure have impressed us with their academic achievements and their contributions to the surrounding community. They make our efforts worthwhile.

With gratitude to our donors and supporters,

Bill Olszewski  
Chair, International  
Student Endowment Committee



## ENDOWMENT AND ISSS NEWSBRIEFS

- ▶ The Endowment first began awarding scholarships in 1991. Since that time 170 scholarships have been disbursed, the dollar amount totaling \$167,390. At present the scholarships average about \$1,900 and pay for roughly one-third of an undergraduate student's two-semester costs.
- ▶ In the past few years Endowment funds were dramatically increased by legacy gifts from the Mary Taggart and the Waldo and Jean Jaax estates. A number of other interested parties have committed to annuities, bequests or trusts. These will go far to ensuring the Endowment's future gains. Please do consider your own legacy participation by calling the University Development Office at (507) 389-5383.
- ▶ This spring saw a record number of new international students enrolling—108, which brought the total enrolled count to 609 students from 71 countries. South Asian countries—mainly Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Nepal—account for about half of all students from other countries.
- ▶ Strategic funding allowed ISSS to visit and recruit International Students from west coast and Hawaiian Community Colleges, Sri Lanka, and the United Arab Emirates, in addition to producing new recruitment materials.
- ▶ International student involvement on the Minnesota State Mankato campus remains high. The Minnesota State Student Association president for 2009-10 is a Kenyan international student, and six international students have been elected to senate positions.

## 2009-2010 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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## 2009 SPRING SEMESTER POPULATION STATISTICS

BY CLASSIFICATION		MIDDLE EAST	
Doctoral	2	Japan	21
Graduate	176	Khazakhstan	1
Undergraduate	430	Kyrgyzstan	1
TOTAL	608	Malaysia	5
		Nepal	174
		Pakistan	34
		Repubic of Korea	46
		Singapore	1
		Sri Lanka	21
		Taiwan	7
		Thailand	1
		Turkmenistan	1
		Uzbekistan	1
		Vietnam	2
		TOTAL	435
BY COUNTRY AND REGION		THE AMERICAS	
<b>AFRICA</b>		Bolivia	1
Benin	1	Brazil	1
Cameroon	8	Canada	13
Egypt	1	Colombia	5
Ethiopia	10	Ecuador	1
Ghana	9	El Salvador	1
Ivory Coast	3	Guatemala	1
Kenya	12	Honduras	1
Morocco	1	Jamaica	3
Niger	1	Mexico	3
Nigeria	12	Panama	1
Senegal	2	Peru	3
South Africa	2	St. Lucia	1
Tanzania	6	Venezuela	1
Uganda	1	TOTAL	37
Zimbabwe	1	<b>OCEANIA</b>	
TOTAL	70	Micronesia	1
		TOTAL	1
		<b>ASIA</b>	
Afghanistan	1	Norway	2
Armenia	1	Poland	1
Azerbaijan	2	Romania	1
Bangladesh	23	Russian Federation	1
Burma	1	Serbia	2
China	10	Sweden	5
India	80	Turkey	2
Indonesia	1	Ukraine	5
		TOTAL	55
		TOTAL ENROLLED	609
		OPT	61
		TOTAL	670
		Total Number of Countries	72