

2012 2013 INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARARS

International Student Endowment

2012-13

The Louise Steele Syverson & Linda Steele Scholar

Kalpana Koju Bhaktapur, Nepal
Nursing Major



"I would like to thank donors Chuck and Jo Syverson, the scholarship committee and the ISO family for this generous scholarship. This scholarship helps me financially and encourages me to move forward in my Nursing Career to become a Nurse Practitioner."

at Minnesota State Mankato. This award has motivated me to work hard toward my goals and served as a needed financial relief."

The Beatrice & Joseph Moosally Scholar

Neelam Khadka Bhaktapur, Nepal
Nursing Major



"Besides relieving our financial burden, this Scholarship encourages International Students to be the best in academics and be involved in their community. The generosity of our sponsors for the Scholarship does make a difference in our lives. 'Thank you' isn't enough to show our gratitude."

The Mary Taggart Scholar

Sashindra Shrestha Kathmandu, Nepal
Information Systems Major



"I am grateful and feel honored to have received this scholarship. I have made my parents proud. This scholarship is a blessing to me, providing hope, enthusiasm and encouragement to do better academically, personally and financially. Now, I have more time to study and take care of my academics."



The Carole & Dwain Petersen Scholar

Monish Mukhiya Kathmandu, Nepal
Master of Business Administration (Graduate)

"The International Student Endowment Scholarship is an unequivocal honor for me. My humble gratitude to the scholarship committee and Carole and Dwain Petersen for this generous opportunity. Now I can worry less about my tuition and focus more on my studies and community work."



The Waldo & Jean Jaax Scholar
Anuka Rodrigo Sri Lanka

International Business, Marketing & Management Triple Major

"I am honored and humbled by this scholarship; knowing my hard work has been acknowledged spurs me to aim higher. This scholarship not only assists me financially, but also strengthens my confidence and motivation to work harder. I am tremendously thankful to the Endowment Committee for their unremitting support."



The Elizabeth Kearney Scholar
Jedida Ouedraogo Bobo-Dioulasson, Burkina Faso
Chemistry Major

"I am really honored and glad to receive this scholarship. I thank God for that and also my parents who always support and encourage me in everything. In addition to being a financial assistance, this scholarship means a lot to me because it proves that hard work always pays off."

The Gladys Olson/ William Olszewski Scholar

Cristina Hracovschi Chisinau, Moldova
Mass Media



"I feel blessed and honored to receive such a prestigious and competitive scholarship. The scholarship gives me chance and hope. Hope that one day I will be able to prove people's trust in me. And a chance to continue my education and aspire for a better future."

The Dr. Kuhn H. Lee Scholar

Kirill Graminski Chisinau, Moldova
Accounting & Finance Double Major



"It is an honor for me to be the recipient of the Dr. Kuhn H. Lee scholarship. In my opinion, a scholarship is a message that the school believes in me and I will try to do what it takes to demonstrate the truth of it."



The Florence Sponberg Scholar
Subham KC Kathmandu, Nepal
Mechanical Engineering Major

"I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the committee members and people involved behind the scenes for their continuous support of the international student body



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Supporters of the Endowment and of International Students:

I look at the list of donors that appears in our brochures and am in awe. The list is virtually unchanged from year to year. It's unchanged because

you annual donors largely remain the same; only the amounts change. This means we can count on you to make contributions, although we cannot, and do not, take you for granted. You enable us to offer some of the most generous scholarships available at the University, and I hope you realize how prized our grants are by the international students. Currently each of our nine scholarships amount to between \$2300 and \$2500, which represents about 32% of an undergraduate student's yearly tuition. The priority of the Endowment Committee has been to increase the amount rather than the number of awards, in large part because of dwindling state resources for higher education and the ever-increasing costs involved.

So I want to thank you for your steadfast support or, if you are not yet a contributor, to invite you to join us. We are a steadfast and focused group, intent on doing what we can to support diversity on the University campus. We certainly welcome like-minded individuals. When you see the remarks our Scholars make, I trust you'll be assured that our scholarships do make a significant difference in their lives.

Bill Olszewski
Chair, International Student Endowment Committee



IN BRIEF

- To track the Endowment's impact on the lives of talented students, we offer a few figures: The Endowment, since its 1988 inception, has awarded a total of 197 Scholarships. The total dollar amount is \$225,140.
- ISSS welcomed a record 251 new students in August.
- One of the many reasons why the University is attractive to international students is that even incoming students can qualify for in-state tuition if they have a sufficiently high GPA.
- Doni Casula is a new addition to the ISSS staff, hired as Assistant Director. Pat Lueck was hired as the new Office Manager.
- Tom Gjersvig held an alumni gathering in Seoul, joined by Kuhn Lee. Korean partner Catholic University of Dague will send more than 20 additional Dual Degree students to Minnesota State Mankato over the next year, and two exchange agreements will be signed with new Korean University partners. Minnesota State Mankato is using Alum and former Scholar Frank Mok's company—Insights Education Int'l—to increase the number of Chinese students studying at Minnesota State Mankato.
- The Friendship Family Program, under Cita Maignes's direction, has blossomed. This program affords occasional contact between community members and international students, thus serving the cause of understanding between cultures.
- Readers of this brochure will note that the most generous gifts to the Endowment have been the Mary Taggart bequest and the Wally and Jean Jaax trust. Please consider a similar legacy gift. Even 5% or 10% of an estate would provide ongoing scholarship assistance and recognition in our future brochures.

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2012 SPRING SEMESTER POPULATION STATISTICS

BY CLASSIFICATION		BY COUNTRY AND REGION	
Doctoral	5	India	30
Graduate	148	Indonesia	5
Undergraduate	537	Japan	29
TOTAL	690	Kazakhstan	1
		Kyrgyzstan	2
		Malaysia	7
		Mongolia	2
		Myanmar	2
		Nepal	108
		Pakistan	32
		Philippines	2
		Republic of Korea	54
		Singapore	1
		Sri Lanka	26
		Taiwan	3
		Thailand	3
		Uzbekistan	4
		Vietnam	9
		TOTAL	372
		AFRICA	
		Burkina Faso	7
		Cameroon	7
		Ethiopia	6
		Gabon	1
		Gambia	1
		Ghana	7
		Ivory Coast	5
		Kenya	11
		Liberia	1
		Libya	1
		Mali	1
		Mauritania	1
		Niger	2
		Nigeria	24
		Senegal	7
		South Africa	4
		Tanzania	3
		Togo	4
		Uganda	2
		Zambia	1
		Zimbabwe	3
		TOTAL	99
		ASIA	
		Bangladesh	29
		Cambodia	2
		China	20
		Hong Kong	1
		Turkey	3
		Ukraine	7
		United Kingdom	6
		TOTAL	72
		MIDDLE EAST	
		Bahrain	1
		Egypt	2
		Iran	1
		Iraq	1
		Lebanon	1
		Saudi Arabia	99
		TOTAL	105
		THE AMERICAS and OCEANIA	
		Australia	1
		Bahamas	2
		Bolivia	1
		Brazil	2
		Canada	13
		Colombia	14
		Ecuador	1
		Mexico	2
		Peru	1
		Venezuela	1
		TOTAL	38
		TOTAL ENROLLED	690
		OPT	135
		TOTAL	825
		Total Number of Countries	72