



Dear Friends of the Foundation,

The Education Foundation promotes and encourages student success by awarding scholarships to deserving students. In each quarterly edition of the Foundation newsletter we highlight a variety of scholarship recipients, demonstrating student achievement while revealing some of the motivating factors behind their accomplishments.

We hope that our readers will gain some insight into the lives of our student scholarship recipients as they work towards the promise of higher education. All of you, donors and volunteers alike, help to shape the destinies of these students. We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

David Zorn, President of the Board



From left to right, President David McGuire, students Marianne Erwin, Nursing, Jade Diaz, Nursing, Deana Courtney, Legal Studies, Christine Walker, Healthcare Management, and Maha Mann, Physical Therapy Assisting; with Dr. Jeffrey Willens, Dean, and Kacey Atkinson, Financial Aid Director, far right.

Scholarship Recipients from South University-West Palm Beach Have One Thing in Common:

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President George Sebolt with Richard Suttler and Dean of General Education, Maria Boada.

Richard Suttler, scholarship recipient, grew up in a small West Virginia town where art was not budgeted into his high school curriculum. Although he discovered early that he had real ability in drawing and design, he didn't have much opportunity to explore these innate gifts. As a result, he decided on The Art Institute of Pittsburgh as a place to develop these talents, and ever since then, he maintains a high degree of achievement in his major, graphic design. "I love being able to produce pieces of art on the computer, but I am still very passionate about traditional illustration. The great thing about being a graphic designer is that I do not have to choose one over the other. I can work with my traditional illustrations on the computer to create a combination of the two mediums. I am excited that I found this method of creating art and that I am able to pursue it as a successful career."

Courage to Overcome

South University-West Palm Beach awarded five \$1,000 scholarships, funded through The Education Foundation. The recipients were chosen by the scholarship committee based on merit, financial need, and personal essay. If there is an overriding theme to the brief stories below, it might be best described as "the courage to overcome difficulties."

Marianne Erwin, scholarship recipient in the Nursing program at South University-West Palm Beach, returned to school after years in the legal profession. "There have been many challenges to my time, because I have a ten year old son. He often studies right along with me at night at the table. My son already knows that true learning is a lifetime process."

Nursing is a passion for Jade Diaz, and this scholarship will help her obtain her BA in Nursing and follow her dream of eventually becoming a professor of nursing at a college. "Although it has been a tough road for me, as I have two small children and I am older than most of my peers, I know that one day I will reach my goal."

Diana Courtney is a single mother of three, a Navy veteran, and a straight A student in South University's Legal Studies Program. She works diligently to obtain her dream of going on to law school after graduating. "My decision to go back to school has come with much sacrifice and determination. My girls are eighteen, nine and seven, and they are the reason I have decided to follow through and make my dream a reality."

Christine Walker raised her two children and then went back to school to study nursing. She became an RN and worked in intensive care and then as a nursing consultant for many years. Then she became disabled after complications of a routine surgery. Unable to return to nursing due to needing a cane to walk, she made the decision to go back to school and study healthcare management. "There are always difficulties to overcome in attaining a dream. Physically, I am able to meet the demands of attending college. Mentally, my goal is the catalyst that keeps me going and enjoying life. I will succeed, I have no doubt."

Maha Mann is a single parent of two small children. After being a stay-at-home mom for eleven years she found herself forced into the work world by divorce. She realized that after all the time not working, she needed new skills, and she enrolled at South University to become a Physical Therapy Assistant. "I want to ensure that my children are set in every way possible towards their future. I find myself in a tight financial bind every month but I always make sure that my children are well taken care of and I am maintaining a 4.0 GPA in my coursework."

The Education Foundation and South University-West Palm Beach are proud of these deserving students, and have no doubt that they will all achieve their dreams.



Abby Kraftowitz, scholarship recipient, loves hearing people's stories. In high school, she volunteered her time in a local soup kitchen, where she listened to the colorful stories of folks who came through the door. Now, as a photography student at The Art Institute of Pittsburg, she uses a camera to capture the story written on a person's face, in their expression, environment, and gesture. "Whether it's an executive, a farmer, a doctor, a musician, a teacher, my mother, or someone whose language I do not speak, my purpose remains the same. I aim to go beyond circumstances in my photographs and reveal something deeper about the human spirit. I find that there is a thread that connects us all, and this is what I see through the lens."

"Right now," Abby continues, "I am receiving training that is vital to my survival as a photographer. The knowledge of lighting, equipment, and software allow me to create freely. The knowledge of marketing allows me to build a career as an artist. This means everything to me, and for that reason, I give my all."

Two Outstanding Students are Among 23 Scholars at Brown Mackie College-North Canton to Receive Scholarship Awards



Drew Peters has always enjoyed learning, but his enthusiasm for the Nursing program at Brown Mackie College, North Canton, can be summed up in his own words: "In a field where I'd rather be at school than on break, it is strong sign that I have found out what I want to do with my life. Serving others with compassion has been my true purpose ever since I can remember." Drew aspires to go on to receive his Doctorate in Nursing while continuing to make his patients feel as comfortable as possible in his care.

Tyna Butzer began her working career in medical coding. Many years and four children later, the idea of becoming a nurse gradually grew in her mind until one day she decided to go to nursing school. "I was scared at first, but I have truly amazed myself at my achievements. I wish I had made this decision long ago. I can't wait to graduate and walk across that stage, making all four of my beautiful children so proud of me. And

mostly, I look forward to becoming a nurse and making a difference in the lives of others." With that outlook, Tyna is sure to succeed!

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