



Frankie Cruz

Senior

Majors: Criminology & Criminal Justice; Psychology

Recipient of: Jason Miller Endowed Scholarship; Vincent D. Waraske Scholarship

Receiving a donor scholarship has influenced the way I perceive education and has made my experience at William Paterson remarkable. A donor scholarship is like a light illuminating dark moments, providing assistance towards educational success. While supporting my educational endeavors, donors have also strengthened my desire to succeed so that one day I am able to give another student the same opportunity that was given to me. Not only does a donor scholarship alleviate financial stress and provide the opportunity to reach your goals, it also gives a student like me the reassurance that there are people out there with golden hearts who care to see students succeed. As a student who is highly involved in clubs, honor societies, and public safety, I strive to make a difference, a similar difference that a donor scholarship has made on me.



Ashley Dawson-Redwood

Junior

Major: Communication

Minor: Visual Communication

Concentration: Media Production

Recipient of: John Victor Machuga Endowed Scholarship

Receiving the John Victor Machuga Endowed Scholarship has not only lessened the financial burden for me and my family, but it has made my dream career closer to reality. I can attend school without worrying about finances or whether I would have the money to finish all four years. I will forever be grateful for the support of the trustees of the John Victor Machuga Foundation. Without their generous contribution to my education, I would not be where I am today.



Nafin Elias

Senior

Major: English

Minors: Psychology; Sociology

Concentration: Literature

Recipient of: Alumni Association Undergraduate Fellowship

My William Paterson experience was forever changed when I became a donor scholarship recipient. For the first time in my life, I felt as if my hard work was noticed. As an immigrant, the concept of hard work was always present in my life; I knew from a young age that I am here to earn the education I deserve. Receiving a donor scholarship during my final year at William Paterson has given me the opportunity to focus on my studies without the added stress of financing my education. This privilege has given me the motivation to push past my limits and the freedom to involve myself in the University in ways I never imagined I could. I have a new sense of gratitude and appreciation for scholarship donors and will never forget how this opportunity has changed my life and the lives of those around me. As I continue to pursue higher education and strive towards my career goals, I will remember a quote by the great Maya Angelou, "When you get, give."



Patrick Gannon

Sophomore

Major: Music

Concentration: Music and Entertainment Industries - Jazz

Recipient of: Fred C. Rummel Scholarship

Receiving the Fred C. Rummel Scholarship has given me the financial freedom to truly pursue my ambitions. My dream is to become a professional jazz musician; I am well aware of the risks and uncertainty surrounding this profession. As such, I am responsible for spending most of my time on my craft—this will give me the best chance at success. I am supplementing this work with a degree in finance. This additional schooling ensures that I am constantly busy, and my donor scholarship has lessened the pressure for me to take consistent work outside of my musical ventures. In essence, my donor scholarship has granted me the best possible opportunity to succeed, and I will not take that for granted.



Victoria Hanks

Senior

Majors: Communication Disorders and Sciences; Psychology

Minor: Anthropology

Concentration: Cognitive Science Honors Track

Recipient of: Aaron L. Rubin Scholarship; Emily Desbiens Scholarship

Receiving a donor scholarship for the past three years has deeply impacted my college experience in a profoundly positive way. Scholarships help bring me one step closer to a debt-free undergraduate degree, which in turn takes some of the stress of college off of my shoulders. Donor scholarships have not only helped me save money for textbooks and groceries, but also made it possible for me to save my money to study abroad in the summer of 2017, an unforgettable and enriching experience. I am extremely grateful that these donor scholarships exist to help so many hardworking college students like myself.



Nicholas King

Junior

Major: Physical Education

Concentration: K-12 Certification; Health Teacher Certification

Recipient of: Community Service Scholarship

Receiving a donor scholarship has changed my experience at William Paterson University. I am more grateful for education, seeing how I am lucky enough to receive help in paying my tuition, something that many people are not as lucky to receive. I wanted to get more involved in campus activities since receiving this scholarship, and since have become the treasurer of the Ice Hockey Club, and I also volunteered in the Wayne Young Adult Transition Program on campus, which uses physical education to provide students with disabilities a helping hand in their transitioning into adulthood. Receiving a donor scholarship shows that the work I have put in all these years is finally noticed, and for that I am extremely grateful. Receiving this donor scholarship has also given me enough funding to move closer to campus into an off-campus apartment, which will allow me to get more involved in the William Paterson Community! I see, through my brothers, sister, and friends, how going into debt from college tuition is a challenge, and is something that will affect their life for a long time to come, so being chosen for this scholarship is something for which I will be forever grateful.