



Michael Gilmore – Junior, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Major: Music - Classical Performance

Concentration: Piano

Scholarship: Look Up and Smile Endowed Scholarship

Receiving a donor scholarship has motivated me to continue to strive for excellence. This scholarship shows that my hard work does not go unnoticed. The donor scholarship has only enhanced my experience at William Paterson. It has been great to be able meet and associate with the professors and students at Wiliam Paterson. Knowing that there are donors who will give of their time and money to improve and assist a student's experience is very uplifting.



Ashley Gomez – Senior, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences *and* College of Education

Majors: Psychology *and* Disability Studies

Scholarship: Aaron Essner Disability Studies Annual Scholarship

Receiving a donor scholarship meant that I could attend and finish my last year at William Paterson. My financial aid was reduced this year and the donor scholarship is helping me to graduate in May 2022. I did not think that I would ever be awarded a scolarship and because I put myself out there, I got something that I believed was unattainable. This opportunity also allowed me to take advantage of the whole college experience and participate in activities by helping me to feel free from the burden of having to get a second job.



Eric Lynch – Junior, Cotsakos College of Business

Major: Marketing

Minor: Music and Entertainment Industries

Concentration: Management

Scholarship: Class of 1966 Endowed Scholarship

The donor scholarship is significant proof of my hard work paying off. It has been a major help with increasing my confidence to continue on the path I am on as a leader on my college campus. Receiving this scholarship has helped me in terms of networking and has also impacted my experience by creating a memory I will never forget, which is the invitation to attend the Legacy Gala.



Emily Maksoud – Senior, College of Science and Health

Major: Communication Disorders and Sciences

Minors: Psychology *and* Disability Studies

Scholarship: Arab American Endowed Scholarship

Receiving a donor scholarship has been instrumental in supporting my educational growth and academic development. It has given me the opportunity to take additional classes and help reduce the overall cost of attendance. I am thankful for the confidence and assuredness it has given me as I look towards graduation in my final semester. I felt like I was doing my part in financing my undergraduate degree by being a hardworking student and pursuing the opportunities available to me.



Ermilie Moise – Graduate Student, Cotsakos College of Business

Major: Business Administration

Concentration: Human Resource Management

Scholarship: Bernard J. Milano/KPMG Endowed Scholarship

Receiving the donor scholarship has relieved some of the financial burdens that my family and I have been facing due to the pandemic. I was struggling with my bill and not sure if I was going to be able to attend school this year, so I am really grateful for the scholarship that I received. Besides allowing me to continue my education, the donor scholarship has helped me make many connections. I was able to network and connect with people within my field of interest at last year's scholarship dinner.



Tyler Sanchez – Sophomore, College of Science and Health

Major: Biology

Minors: Public Health *and* Biology Honors Program

Concentration: Pre-Medical Professions

Scholarship: C. Kent Warner Annual Scholarship

Receiving a donor scholarship has meant a lot to me, because it has helped alleviate some of the stress of trying to balance working in order to pay to continue my education and succeed in my academics. For the fall 2022 semester, I had to go from being a commuter to living on campus because I lost my housing with my cousin who lived near campus, due to the impact of COVID-19 on my uncle's job. With the donor scholarship, I was able to take out less student loans in order to pay for the fall and spring semesters.



Metin Selman – Junior, College of Education *and* College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Majors: History *and* Secondary Education

Scholarship: Dr. Kenneth and Dr. Amy Job Annual Scholarship

Receiving a donor scholarship has lifted the burden off my shoulders for paying tuition out-of-pocket with the help of my family. The donor scholarship has shown me that with great effort I can achieve goals that I never saw as possible. It shows me that there are donors who want to support students who have a good work ethic and are responsible.



Tanasia Weaver– Senior, College of Education *and* College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Majors: Secondary Education *and* English

Minor: Teachers of Students with Disabilities

Concentration: English Writing

Scholarship: OritaniBank Charitable Foundation Endowed Scholarship

Receiving a donor scholarship has allowed me the opportunity to finish my undergraduate degree. By receiving a donor scholarship, I am able to complete my student teaching and graduate with my peers. The scholarship helped to eliminate stress and worries of not being able to afford tuition. I was able to focus on school and make Dean's List multiple semesters and student teach, while enjoying my college experience here on campus.