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Thank you for helping Harper College students realize their dreams!

Because of your generosity, the Harper College Educational Foundation awarded 466 scholarships to students in the last academic year. This support represents much more than just paying a student's tuition or helping cover the cost of books. Rather, this support removes obstacles for Harper students; it provides hope and encouragement; it relieves the financial burden that many students carry as they worry about how to juggle the demands of education and work.

Each student comes to Harper with hopes and dreams, and your financial commitment through the Harper College Educational Foundation helps our students realize their dreams.

Whether you support a specific scholarship, the Resource for Excellence Fund, or the Harper College Promise Scholarship, please know we are grateful for your investment. While we would love to highlight every Harper student affected by your generosity, we hope you will enjoy looking through the pages that follow to meet some of the lives transformed by the kindness of donors like you.



Edgar Allen

Recipient: Audrey Howard Memorial Scholarship, Elizabeth Schmik Hull Fund, Kolbusz-Kosan Endowed Scholarship, Student Leader Endowed Scholarship, Virginia M. and Steven A. Krempa Endowed Fund

Hailing from Durango, Mexico, Edgar is a natural-born leader at Harper. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, as well as Harper's Honors Program. If that isn't enough, Edgar is also an active participant in Harper's Accounting Club, Pride Club and has completed Harper's Leadership Challenge.

Edgar's involvement at Harper College wouldn't be possible without the scholarship support he has received. His message to Harper College donors is, "I'm grateful there are people willing to donate their money to help students realize their dreams. They are changing lives here!"

Edgar is well on his way to meeting his goal of transferring to a four-year university in the fall of 2016 to obtain a bachelor's degree in business.

Molly Bernaey

*Recipient: Thomas E. Irwin Chemistry Scholarship,
Drs. Robert H. And C. Jayne Wilcox Otter Chemistry Endowed Scholarship*

Molly is the inaugural recipient of the Thomas E. Irwin Chemistry Scholarship. Her experience learning under Harper's chemistry professors has led to her own desire to become a teacher to help others appreciate science.

Molly plans to transfer to Illinois State University in the fall of 2016. When she received her scholarship, she noted, "I was looking for more opportunities to continue on with chemistry and was worried because I was spending so much time at school and working—to continue that would be difficult. When I learned about the Thomas E. Irwin Chemistry Scholarship and found out I was qualified, I was overwhelmed. Getting it was a great feeling."





Kimberly Butler

Recipient: Motorola Solutions Foundation Award for Excellence

Kimberly is pursuing an Associate in Arts degree from Harper College. She will then go on to major in business and education and receive her bachelor's and master's degrees in order to fulfill her dream of working in human resources and one day returning to Harper as a professor.

Kimberly is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Harper's Honors Program. Recently, she started Harper's Water Polo Club and is also the current president of the Student Activities Board. Her message to Harper College donors is, "Thank you for having interest in young adults' lives by allowing us to afford school. Keep donating—it really impacts everyone's lives, including mine."

Montserrat Duarte

*Recipient: Betty and Matt Cockrell Endowed Scholarship,
Rita and John Canning Women's Program at Harper College*

Montserrat received her GED at Harper in 2013. She then transitioned into Harper's business program and is now pursuing an Associate of Arts degree.

Because of her hard work and dedication, Montserrat is a member of the National Adult Education Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa, Kappa Beta Delta Honor Society (the Business Honor Society) and is enrolled in the Harper College Honors Program. She is also a participant in the Rita and John Canning Women's Program.

As a single mom to three children, her goal is not only to graduate from Harper, but to also be a role model for her children. As a scholarship recipient, Montserrat notes, "I just want to say thank you so much for everything that you have done for me and my family. It truly does make a difference. There is no way that I would be able to fulfill my dreams and goals without the scholarships that I have received." Montserrat, left, is pictured with Shirley and Robin Turpin.





Connor Helsdingen

*Recipient: Motorola Solutions Foundation Engineering Pathways Scholarship,
Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholarship*

Connor was born to be an engineer. As a young boy, he enjoyed countless hours designing futuristic automobiles and state-of-the-art homes. In high school, he designed and constructed a truss system using only paper and glue. During that time, he solidified his desire to become a mechanical engineer.

However, as the second oldest of six children, the cost of attending a four-year school was more than he and his family could afford. Through Harper's Engineering Pathways program, Connor has found an affordable option of completing his first two years in Palatine before transferring to the University of Illinois. As a scholarship recipient, Connor notes that "this scholarship is a blessing to my family and me. It provides an incredible opportunity for me to continue the pursuit of my dream of becoming an engineer."

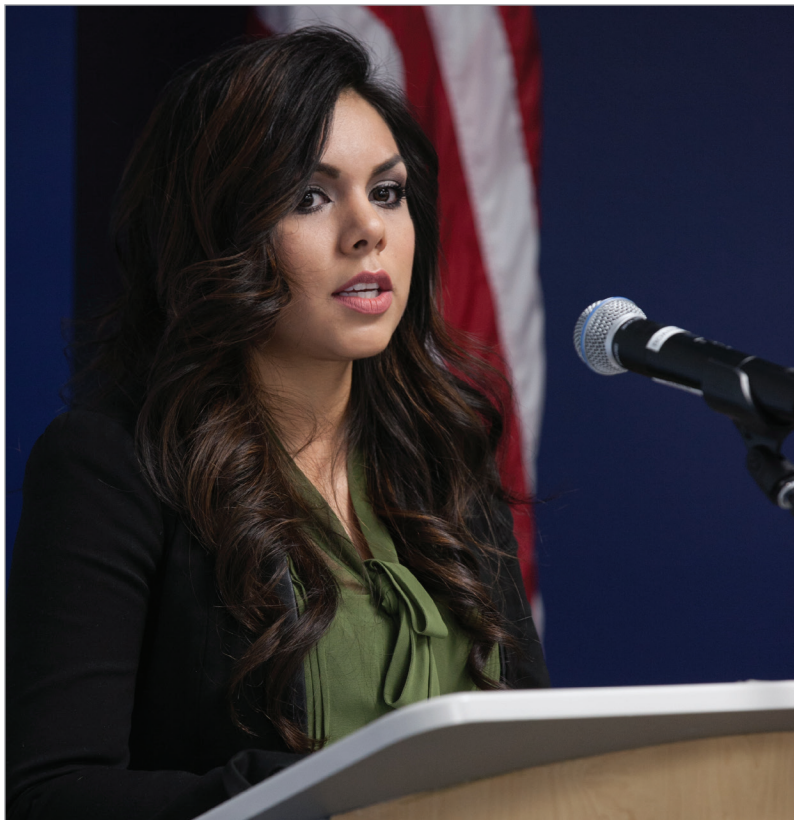
Melanie Johnson

Recipient: The Young Family Scholarship

What inspires Melanie is her desire to serve others and help them get the right resources to succeed. Currently in her second year at Harper, Melanie's career goal is to become a social worker to mothers and children of domestic violence. She began her Harper experience later in life after raising a family as a single mother. Her advice to other adult students considering coming to Harper is, "Just do it! We need to push ourselves to the limit, and we need to 'go for it' because time is short. Nothing is impossible."

Her message to Harper College donors is, "We need more people like you. A lot of students at Harper College struggle, we go through financial difficulties, and with donors we are able to get whatever we need for our education. That means so much to us." Melanie, center, is pictured with Dr. Ken Ender, President of Harper College and Kathy Gilmer, President of the Harper College Educational Foundation Board of Directors.





Cristal Montero

Recipient: Nils Andrew Johnson Memorial Culinary Arts Scholarship

Cristal is a first-generation college student whose dream is to pioneer the education path for generations to come, starting with her two children. She tells them both that they must “lead by example,” as they witness their mom embody that mantra through countless evenings studying and working hard to get the best grades possible.

Cristal is working toward receiving her Associates in Applied Science in Hospitality Management and plans to transfer to Northern Illinois University to receive her bachelor’s degree. Her desire is to make a significant impact in the hospitality industry.

Receiving her scholarship taught Cristal a valuable life-lesson. “It made me see that there are people out there willing to give you the opportunity to help you succeed without knowing your story. One day I would also like to be able to give a student in need the same opportunity to have a better education.”

Agnes Mynarska

Recipient: David K. Hill Memorial Scholarship

Agnes' goal is to obtain a bachelor's degree in biochemistry with the hopes of eventually getting her M.D. She has always had an interest in understanding the components of life and exploring and learning about the world in which we live.

In terms of the goals she sets for herself, they can best be described as "reaching for the moon, because even if I don't make it, I'll still land among the stars."

Agnes received the David K. Hill Memorial Scholarship, which is a transfer scholarship that provides funds for students at their transfer institution. Agnes has completed her time at Harper and is currently enrolled at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Agnes, right, is pictured with Diane Hill, a member of Harper College's Board of Trustees.





DeMario Parris

*Recipient: Motorola Solutions Foundation Engineering Pathways Scholarship,
Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholarship*

DeMario's goal is to become a materials engineer. However, he views his education as a means to much more than just a degree. "I want to become more than just another engineer. I want to become a more well-rounded person through my education and the experiences I gain while on this journey." DeMario also sees his education and eventual degree as an opportunity to improve society as a whole. "I want to improve the life of others through the development of better devices to be used in day-to-day life. I am studying to help the wider society."

On receiving Educational Foundation scholarships, DeMario notes "My scholarships allow me to be more dedicated and focused on my academic achievements instead of worrying about how my classes will be funded. I am no longer stressed about having to find the financial resources to make my schooling first-and-foremost."

Asmita Patel

*Recipient: Hohol Family Endowment,
Rita and John Canning Women's Program at Harper College*

Asmita is currently pursuing a business certificate in computers at Harper College, and then plans to obtain an Associate Applied Science degree in computers, also at Harper. Her goal is to enter into a career in data management.

Asmita's scholarship has made a tremendous impact. "Thanks to my scholarship, I am more determined to pursue my academic goals—I am one step closer to the career I have always wanted. You have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community."





Arman Rahman

Recipient: Linda J. Lang Endowed Speech Team Scholarship

Arman is currently a member of Harper College's nationally recognized Speech and Debate Team. He competes mostly in interpretation events and regularly makes it to the finals in speech and debate tournaments. After completing his time at Harper, his goal is to study broadcast journalism at either DePaul University or Ball State University.

On receiving his Educational Foundation scholarship, Arman notes, "Financial security has always been a struggle for me. This scholarship lifts an enormous burden off my shoulders and helps me in my endeavors on the speech team."

Nancy Ramirez

Recipient: General Scholarship Fund, Minority Access to Higher Education Grant

Nancy is a current Harper student whose long-term goal is to become a researcher in the field of psychology. Her desire is to help the community and those around her. When she came to Harper last year, she found a supportive environment. “The teachers at Harper College have provided excellent support and have inspired me to pursue my goals and dreams. My friendships through the Honors Program have given me hope and determination.”

However, Nancy’s Harper experience has not been without its challenges. She has worked to put herself through school but recently found herself struggling financially. Nancy was facing the prospect of having to leave Harper before finishing her degree. However, thanks to her scholarship, Nancy is able to continue at Harper and move forward in her goal to become a researcher.





Caroline Wawro

Recipient: Eugenia S. Chapman Memorial Endowment Scholarship

Caroline is a first-generation college student with the goal of becoming a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Throughout the course of her academic career, she encountered a few financial setbacks. Because of this, Caroline got a job working in retail in order to gain some independence. Through that experience, she quickly learned that working a minimum-wage job makes it extremely difficult to be a financially independent adult. Now, more than ever, she understands the importance of obtaining her nursing degree from Harper in order to achieve financial independence. Her scholarship has allowed her to focus on academics without the added stress of having to fund her education.

Nicholas Wenzel

Recipient: William J. Wimmer Endowed Art Scholarship

After graduating high school, Nick wasn't able to attend college right away due to financial constraints. So he got a job stocking produce full-time, while also teaching himself photography, videography, and design. In that process, Nick found a new passion. He came to Harper the following year, camera in hand, and began finding avenues on campus to grow and develop his photography talent. That landed him a job at Harper's marketing department, where he has been able to take photos for the College's social media sites, as well as create videos for Harper (he created the video shown at the 2016 Realizing Dreams Breakfast, as well as the Educational Foundation's 2015 #GivingTuesday videos).

Nick plans to transfer to Elmhurst College, and his career goal is to own a production company that does photography, videography and design. Nick's scholarship has freed him up to focus more on developing his passion. "Thank you so much. It means the world to me that you appreciate my work enough for me to be able to take a couple of days off from my day job to do this more often."



Harper College Educational Foundation Scholarship Listing

The 170 scholarships listed below represent an extraordinary commitment to Harper College, its students, and the community as a whole. Through these awards, hundreds of individuals receive funds that enable them move forward in the realization of their dreams.

- 100 Influential Women Scholarship Fund
- Aaron and Carole Diamond Endowed Scholarship for Accounting Students
- ADS Alumni Scholarship
- Al Snyder Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Alexian Brothers Health System Nursing Scholarship
- Amersham Endowment Scholarship
- Amirah and Punitha Jonadoss and Amel and Adil Tobaa Endowed Scholarship
- Anna H. Harshbarger Scholarship
- Anne Rodgers Scott Endowment for Student Success
- Arlington Heights Masonic Endowed Scholarship for Student Leaders
- Audrey Howard Memorial Scholarship
- Barbara and Bill Williams Memorial Art Scholarship
- Barbara Minner-Fuhr Memorial Scholarship
- Beaubien Family Scholarship
- Betty and Matt Cockrell Endowed Scholarship
- Betty Jo and William E. Swenson Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- BJ Lawrence Future Educators Scholarship
- Business and Social Science Fund

- Business and Social Science Staff Scholarship
- Carol A. Zack Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship
- Catherine Brod Endowed Speech and Theatre Scholarship
- Center for Multicultural Learning Emergency Fund
- Chemistry 295/296/297 Undergraduate Research Assistant Grant
- Cheryl M. Dwyer Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Chicago Printing Ink Production Club Scholarship
- Chicago White Metal Casting, Inc. Scholarship
- Community Music Center Scholarship
- Criminal Justice Scholarship
- David K. Hill Memorial Scholarship
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Scholarship for Continuing Students
- Delanois Family Endowed Scholarship
- Diane Tomcheff Callin Endowed Memorial Scholarship
- Donald and Patricia Torisky Endowment Fund
- Donald G. Albrecht Memorial Endowment Scholarship
- Donna Penkava Grzegorek Dental Hygiene Endowed Scholarship
- Dr. Charles Shaner Memorial Scholarship (Dental Hygiene)
- Dr. Ernest B. and Mrs. D. Kris Howard Endowment for Community Service
- Dr. Scholl Foundation Scholarship for Nursing
- Drs. Robert H. and C. Jayne Wilcox Otter Chemistry Endowed Scholarship
- Drs. Shirley and Lester Lansky Endowed Scholarship for Health Careers and Science
- Education to Careers Scholarship
- Eliza Dog Little Scholarship

- Eliza Doolittle Scholarship
- Elizabeth A. Troyer Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Elizabeth Schmik Hull Fund
- Environmental Biology Endowed Scholarship
- Eric Holt Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Ernie and Hazel Rilki Lifelong Learning Scholarship
- Eugenia Makowski Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Eugenia S. Chapman Memorial Endowment Scholarship
- Fine Arts Scholarship
- Fine Arts Scholarship for Women
- Finishing Strong Engineering Transfer Scholarship
- First Bank of Highland Park Scholarship
- Future CPAs from Harper College
- Gene and Hildegard Evans Memorial Scholarship
- General Endowment Scholarship
- General Scholarship Fund
- George A. Kalkounos-Chicago Prime Steakhouse Endowed Scholarship
- George and Christine Winandy Distinguished Scholarship for Math,
Science and Technology
- Georgeanna and Gregg Mehr Endowed Scholarship for Women
- Geraldine Cosby Endowed Government Service Scholarship
- Glen Reeser Scholarship to Promote Creativity in STEM Studies
- Glenn A. Reich Computer Science Scholarship Endowment
- Golden Corridor Advanced Manufacturing Partnership Scholarship
- Harley Chapman Music Performance Scholarship
- Harold Cunningham Memorial Mathematics Scholarship
- Harper 512 IEA/NEA Association Scholarship

- Harper Cardiac Rehabilitation Endowment Fund
- Harper College Speech Team Alumni Scholarship
- Harper College Nursing Alumni Fund for Student Success
- Harper College Nursing Student Endowment Scholarship
- Harper Employee Transfer Scholarship
- Henry Meier German Scholarship
- Hohol Family Endowment
- HOPE Scholarship
- ICCB Marilyn Casey Scholarship
- Illinois Health Improvement Association Scholarship
- IMA Education Foundation Endowed Scholarship
- International Air Cargo Association of Chicago Endowed Scholarship
- Jack and Linda Lloyd Family Scholarship Endowment for Criminal Justice
- Jackie Bukacek Endowment Scholarship for Students in the Arts
- Jacob and Iris Wolf Endowed Sign Language Interpreting Scholarship
- Jacob and Jordan Sadoff Scholarship
- James Brown Memorial Honors Scholarship
- James F. and Valerie D. Arnesen Biology Endowment Scholarship
- James J. McGrath Humanities Endowment Scholarship
- JBM Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Jean B. Chapman International Student Scholarship Fund
- Jeffery and Marcia Bowden Endowment Fund
- Jeffrey Przybylo Endowed Speech Team Scholarship
- Jim McGuire Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Joan R. Young Scholarship
- John and Melanie Frieburg ESL Student Scholarship
- John W. Davis Spanish Travel Scholarship

- John Louis Papandrea Liberal Arts Memorial Scholarship
- Joseph Yohanan Architectural Technology Endowed Scholarship
- Judy Stanojev Nursing Scholarship
- Justin Hart Memorial Scholarship
- Kathleen and John Gilmer Student Success Scholarship
- Kathleen N. Graber Scholarship
- Kathleen P. and Robert T. Callahan Endowed Scholarship
- Kelley Family Endowed Career Foundations Scholarship Fund
- Kimball Hill Homes Endowed Scholarship for Working Students
- Kolbusz-Kosan Endowed Scholarship
- Lane and Patricia Moyer Endowment for GED Scholars
- Latinos Unidos Student Organization Scholarship
- Lawrence Francione Memorial Scholarship
- Lifelong Learning Institute
- Linda J. Lang Endowed Speech Team Scholarship
- Lou Buchenot Scholarship
- Margaret Scott Memorial Math Scholarship
- Marilyn Shiely Coste Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Mary Ann and Donald Jirak Endowment Scholarship
- Mary Applegate Endowed Art Scholarship
- Mary Jane Kirkwood Family Endowed Scholarship
- Mary Jo Willis Theatre Scholarship Endowment
- Mathematics and Science Endowment
- Midge C. Smith Memorial Scholarship
- Minority Access to Higher Education Grant

- Motorola Solutions Foundation Award for Excellence
- Motorola Solutions Foundation Engineering Pathways Scholarship
- Mussell Family Endowed Scholarship
- Nation Pizza Scholarship for Culinary Arts
- Nation Pizza Scholarship for Mechatronics
- Nils Andrew Johnson Memorial Culinary Arts Scholarship
- Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholarship
- Patrick Botterman Scholarship for Student Leadership
- Philip and Claudette Lobo Endowed Scholarship-Displaced Homemakers
- Phillip P. and Glenda F. Nuccio Memorial Scholarship
- Planetary Studies Foundation Endowment
- Radiologic Technology Scholarship for Working Students
- Richard Schonhoff Family Endowed Emergency Fund for Students in Crisis
- Rita and John Canning Women's Program at Harper College
- Robert R. Randall Endowment Scholarship
- Robert Zilkowski Family - Women in Management Scholarship
- Ronald Dourlet Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Rotary Club of Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Emergency Fund
- Rotary Club of Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Fishing Well Scholarship
- Rotary Club of Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Transfer Scholarship
- Roy G. Kearns Memorial Scholarship
- Schaumburg Area AAUW Scholarship for Women
- Schaumburg Autism Society Enrichment and Vocational Fund
- Sears Fashion Merchandising Scholarship
- Sharlene Marchiori Memorial Nursing Scholarship

- Sharon Marchiori Nursing Scholarship
- Shirley Gross Moore Endowment for Underrepresented Students
- Shirley L. and Howard A. Turpin Scholarship for Dreamers
- Speech Team Scholarship
- Square D 2+1 Engineering Endowed Scholarship
- Student Leader Endowed Scholarship
- Sunderbruch Speech and Debate Scholarship
- Sylvia Krawiec Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- The Assurance Caring Together Scholarship (Endowment)
- The Gustafson and Poziemski Open Book Scholarship
- The Rotary Club of Palatine Endowed Scholarship
- Thomas E. Irwin Chemistry Scholarship
- Thomas G. and Karen M. Wischhusen Scholarship for Excellence in Nursing
- Thompson-Holton Endowed Scholarship
- Timothy A. Kolze Memorial Endowment Scholarship
- Virginia M. and Steven A. Krempa Endowed Fund
- Walter E. and Elizabeth M. Schroeder Memorial Endowment
- Wilford C. Papenthien Memorial Fund
- Wilford Family Endowed Scholarship
- William H. Osborne III Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- William J. Wimmer Endowed Art Scholarship
- William Simpson Memorial/Wheeling Rotary Scholarship for LCC
- Wintrust Bank Learning and Career Center Scholarship
- Women in Careers Jean Black Endowed Scholarship
- Women's Program Scholarship - Palatine Women's Club
- Young Family Scholarship