

THE DSF NEWS



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DRAKE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION SIR FRANCIS DRAKE HIGH SCHOOL SAN ANSELMO, CA

Twenty One Drake Graduates Awarded \$3,000 Each

The Drake Scholarship Foundation proudly announces the 2018 recipients of twenty one \$3,000 scholarships, given in honor or memory of people who significantly inspired the Drake community over the school's 67-year history. Recipients are selected by a committee of school staff on the basis of academic achievement, service to the school and community, good citizenship and financial need.

From The President

I had the great privilege of attending the Senior Awards Celebration on May 31, 2018. It was such an honor to be there announcing the student recipients of the 2018 Drake Scholarship Foundation awards, along with fellow board members, Cheryll Keast, Rick Franceschini and past board member Laura Shea.

This year twenty-one scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each were awarded to this group of accomplished and deserving students. Profiles of the recipients are included in this newsletter.

Scholarships are funded with the combination of endowment investments and annual contributions from the Drake community at large. DSF continues to work diligently to increase the amount of these

scholarships to keep up with the rising costs of higher education for future students.

It will only be possible with continued gifts from you, the Drake community, which are not only greatly appreciated but necessary to sustain the continuation of these scholarships.

Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope for your tax-deductible donation to the Drake Scholarship Foundation. The Drake Scholarship Foundation Board and Drake students thank you in advance for your continued generous support.

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Cheryl Keast awards Leo Krashanoff his DSF Scholarship.



Jessica Yepez Rangel is awarded her scholarship by Kevin Shea.



Connor Heffernan is awarded the Sue McDowell Scholarship by Sue McDowell as Rick Franceschini looks on.



Abigail Floyd is awarded the Jeremy Collins Scholarship by Anneli and Kevin Collins.

Memorial and honorary donations were received in 2017 & 2018 for the following: _____

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It is the mission of the Foundation to assist worthy graduates to continue their education by providing financial assistance and also to recognize outstanding achievement in high school.

Victoria Brown

Coach Bob Franceschini

A member of the Global Student Embassy Club where she maintained the school garden & participated in service trips to Ecuador and Nicaragua, Victoria also participated in water polo for 4 years and swim team for 4 years. She was awarded most inspirational & most improved for water polo and also was captain. An intern at Smithsonian Marine Invasion Center, she also worked and volunteered at multiple jobs- Peer Resource class, Canal Alliance, waitress, lifeguard, Ropes Course leader, and more. She won an award in Chipotle's "Cultivating Thought" writing contest in 2015. Victoria will take a gap year.

Bo Couture

Joseph Biasotti

An Independent Science Research class member where he collected & analyzed data re: development/role of intrinsic/extrinsic reward on the brain of adolescents, Bo also served as publicity head/ASB Leadership class; Peer Tutor; front desk/SMILE Hospitality Cart @Marin General Hospital (welcomes/offers assistance to patients); and Assistant Preschool/After School Teacher for the Town of SA. He also Volunteered for County of Marin Health/Human Services. Additionally he was an Architectural Furnishing Apprentice; best in class & first place Napa Town Fair for Art Metal Free Form; second place Sonoma County Fair for Art Metal Free Form. He was awarded Outstanding Academic Achievement at graduation. Bo will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Gini Fanta

Drake Alumni & Community

Co-President of Interact Club with lots of volunteer effort such as Milo Foundation and the Fairfax Car Show, Gini also volunteered at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. She played girls tennis for 4 years and was captain this year. She works at Mathnasium, tutoring math. She studied too, receiving Outstanding Achievement in chemistry, advanced algebra & TREK; and Amazing Mentor award for TREK; she also achieved Sportsmanship Award & Highest GPA award for varsity tennis and took on role of cooking, cleaning, and shopping at home this year while her mom was suffering from an illness. At graduation she achieved Outstanding Academic Achievement and was a Salutatorian. Gini will attend UC Davis.

Abigail Floyd

Jeremy Collins

Participated in every Drake extracurricular play all four years, assuming a variety of technical roles such as costume design, running crew, and acting as assistant director for the spring musical. Through ComAcad, she has explored the world of filmmaking and digital communications and obtained a job working for her teacher at his company, New Media Learning. She played varsity softball for three years. An instructor at Mathnasium; she worked with elementary through middle school students, helping with the publishing of FastForward magazine. She completed a 52-hour internship with the I.T. department at Marin General Hospital which included helping to write the updated disaster plan for Marin County.

Additionally she was a Link Crew member & Interact Club member in 11th grade and is a self-taught piano player since age six and practices daily. She was named Outstanding ComAcad Student; received Outstanding Achievement in AP Calculus; scholar athlete for 3 years, and Outstanding Academic Achievement. Abigail will attend USC.

Nicole Garriott

Harold Allison

Nicole has played volleyball, was on the track & field team, was part of the Student Senate, and a member of the North Bay Youth Club (an after-school chorus that met once a week, rehearsing seven or eight songs at a time for concerts later in the season). Nicole has worked multiple jobs & is currently working at the Meadow Club & babysits. She volunteered for the Armenian Apostolic Church & the Lazarex Cancer Foundation. She interned at Marin General. She achieved Outstanding Achievement in Algebra and Outstanding Achievement in Galileo. Participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum (interested in medicine) and received a Certificate of Achievement recognizing her academic success and commitment to the field of medicine. At graduation she achieved Outstanding Academic Achievement. Nicole will attend UC Santa Cruz.

Ronan Goulden

Ellsworth Hagen

A leader in Peer Resource, Ronan was also team captain/varsity rider for Drake's Mountain Biking Club & has received multiple awards. He was a nature restoration intern/team leader for the Golden Gate National



Parks Conservancy; Link Crew Leader; Nature Interpreter/Educator for Muir Woods National Park Service; and an Irish step dancer & competitor. A California Boys State Delegate, he was also an Environmental Intern for ONE TAM, Linking Individuals to Their Natural Community (LINC), Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. Some other activities and awards were Mountain Bike camp counselor in the San Geronimo Valley, Best Male Sportsmanship Award, Nor Cal High School Cycling League, North Conference; invited speaker for Norcal Cyclefest; Marin County Student of the week for leadership & contributions to Drake community and peer resource; SEA-DISC leadership award. He received Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science award, commitment to excellence award for mountain biking, Future TED Talker Award for Excellence, Eternal Curiosity & dedication to learning in science award at Drake. He was an invited presenter, advocating for sustainable water practices, California State Water Resources Control Board, and an invited participant, That's Not Cool Youth Summit, training to foster safe and healthy teen dating. At graduation he achieved Outstanding Academic Achievement. He will attend Bates College.

Connor Heffernan*Sue McDowell*

He has pioneered civic clubs and advocacy throughout high school, and has participated in the YMCA Youth & Government program, which models the state government in Sacramento. Honored as a Delegation of Distinction by the YMCA for community service work, he was the Marin delegation president his sophomore year & has been leading as an officer ever since,

being invited to speak at YMCA events and to help promote the program. Connor helped form the Academic Decathlon his junior year, collecting many accolades for his involvement, including being the team captain and leading the team to State. He founded the Youth & Government club at Drake, a debate club; serving as student senate officer this year and is an editor for the Jolly Roger. At graduation he received Outstanding Achievement in Government/Economics. Connor will attend the University of Portland.

Sophie Heimerdinger*Carl J. "Red" Brown*

Sophie served an internship with the Environmental Action Committee in Point Reyes; played varsity girls lacrosse; member of tenacity select high school blue, a club lacrosse team; works at Good Earth now & has held many other jobs throughout high school; volunteered with the White Hill Lacrosse club, leading practices & running drills; link crew leader for 2 years; member of our PALS club; has a strong interest in ceramics & has been entered in the Youth In Arts youth art competition & has sold one of her pieces; has received NCS Scholar Athlete Award each year for maintaining above a 3.5 GPA while participating in a sport; CSF & Honor Crew. She achieved Outstanding Academic Achievement at graduation. She will attend Cal Poly, SLO.

Mikailah Ives*Daniel Joseph Vacha*

On the varsity swim team for 4 years, Mikailah was a NCS Scholar Athlete. She was also president/founder of Drake-A-Wish Club which works with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. She was a member of PALS & Global Student Embassy. A Diabuddies Mentor, she hosts type 1 diabetic

lunches once a month and serves as mentor and advises newly diagnosed adolescents & families in Marin. She is an activist/fundraiser/team leader/mentor/speaker/social media advocate for JDRE, a foundation dedicated to funding type 1 diabetes research and received a JDRF Fundraising Award. She annually participated in the international Coastal Cleanup Day & donated time each month to ocean conservancy. She volunteered over 240 hours at MGH and received a Hospital Volunteer Service award. She received Outstanding Achievement awards in Galileo and Psychology. Receiving Outstanding Academic Achievement at graduation, She will attend UCLA.

Leo Krashanoff*Marilyn Lee Myers*

Leo was a Drake Mountain Biking Club rider for 3 years, including developing and maintaining the club's website. He was president of Drake's Developers Club (educates youth in programming skills) and a lab technician for two Drake chemistry classes where he tutors students and helps prepare labs, demonstrations & solutions. Interested in linguistics & learning new languages, he's fluent in Spanish and is learning Japanese. He volunteered for REST Shelter (cooks & distributes meals for the homeless in SA & SR) and went on a Mexico Mission last year, building homes for families. He received Outstanding Achievement in TREK, in Pre Calculus, in AP English Language & Composition, AP Calculus BC, Chemistry, Psychology, and Outstanding Writer, Wordsmith and English Student. Also Best Use of Data, Marin County Hack4Health Hacathon; participatory award for the congressional app challenge. Valedictorian, he achieved Outstanding Academic Achievement. He will attend UCLA.

**Maya Krause***Frances Parks*

President of Global Student Embassy club, she is also a member of Daraja Club & helps raise money for Daraha Academy, a school in Kenya for girls. She works with a team from Drake and other local high schools to construct robots that compete in local competitions. She is also a wildlife picture index intern with One TAM WPI project, contemporary & ballet dancer for Roco Dance, and tutors students in algebra & geometry. Additionally, she is a habitat restoration volunteer in the community. She received a 5 on the AP Spanish & AP Language Composition test, a 4 on the AP Bio test; She will also take AP Environmental Science & AP Calc BC before graduation. She received Outstanding Achievement in Pre Calculus, AP Calculus AB & Outstanding Achievement in Street Law. Awarded Outstanding Academic Achievement on graduation, She will attend Northeastern University.

Hannah Levenson*Gary Sorgen*

Hannah has been editor in chief of the Jolly Roger. She was also vice president of the Daraja Club & raised enough money for 3 girls to complete 4 years of schooling plus room and board. She was a paid intern at Daraja Education Fund as well as a volunteer there. She has performed at three piano recitals annually & has received certificate of merit & subsequent Honors Recitals. She was also a student at Sycamore Japanese School, a Japanese language arts & culture class for Japanese-American students and has taken 4 Japanese courses at COM and is currently taking French there. She has been crew for the Drake sailing team. She was awarded Outstanding

Achievement in Advanced Journalism and achieved Outstanding Academic Achievement at graduation. Hannah will attend Reed College.

Eva Mars*Drake Faculty*

CA math League Contest participant in math contests that happen 6 times a year (listed on CAML website for getting a perfect 6 for the March contest & got the highest total score at Drake for this year). She graded math homework & tests for Honors Geometry, Intermediate Algebra, Advanced Algebra & Honors Advanced Algebra. She was part of the World Opinions club, member of Mock Trial (team captain last year & this year), and member of the student senate for 2 years. Additionally she was a softball team member for 4 years (received player of the week & NCS Scholar Athlete recognition). Community activities include being on the leadership committee for the Ross Valley Rotary club and Marin Foster Care and the Milo Foundation as part of the Interact Club. She was awarded Outstanding Achievement in Physics, Spanish, English, Social Studies, Statistics & Pre Calculus as well as Concert Choir/Jazz Choir, AP Calculus BC, and AP Biology. She was awarded Outstanding Academic Achievement and Salutatorian at graduation. Eva will attend UCLA.

Shannon McKillop-Herr*Steve & Randy Schaffer*

Shannon ran Drake varsity cross-country (4 years), and Drake varsity track (4 years). She was a Drake Athletic Leadership Program participant for 2 years and Triple Impact Competitor Scholarship Winner with the Positive Coaching Alliance; NCS/CIF Scholar Athletic for 4 years; Drake High School Scholar Athlete. She was also

most inspirational for track & field; most valuable & true grit for cross-country team. She was also a Link Crew member for 2 years; founding member & Co-President of Drake Surf rider Club. She was also a Global Student Embassy member for 4 years. Some of her environmental activities were Native Plant Nursery Intern for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy; restoration intern for GGNPCF, restoration volunteer in Ecuador for GSE and advanced youth naturalist volunteer @Richardson Bay Audubon (completed 50 environmental training hours & 250 volunteer hours). She was also a teen book club member @ SA library and a summer school aide @ super cool summer school, Larkspur Recreation Dept. She was awarded a Global Student Embassy merit scholarship and Outstanding Academic Achievement at graduation. She will attend Cal.

Stella Purkey*Chet Carlisle*

Stella played basketball all four years, three on varsity (captain this year). She was on the NCS CIF Distinguished Scholastic Team in 15-16 & 16-17, and a NCS CIF Scholar Athlete in 15-17. She was Defensive Player of the Year in 15-16. She was a member of Link Crew for 2 years, which helps freshmen transition to Drake, and works 3 days a week at a daycare & has for 2 years. She works at the Pirate Camp each summer. She will attend San Diego State University.

Will Salaverry*Archie Williams*

Will ran track & field for 4 years, and was a Scholar Athlete for 3 years. He was VP of the Model United Nations club & as such organized their club's trip to a conference at UC Berkeley & wrote position papers on global



problems & co-wrote resolutions that passed in committee. As a Wellness Youth Advisory Member he led youth policy & advocacy group & worked with our district to change the transgender bathroom policy to be more inclusive. As a member of Berkeley Rep Summer Theater he rehearsed & performed an original play, took classes in improv & stage combat & wrote a musical that he and other students performed. He was a California Boys State delegate. Awarded Outstanding Achievement in Psychology, Award for Integrated Projects in ROCK, Personal Achievement Award from his counselor, he will attend Yale.

Cyrus Thelin

Joshua Portnoy

Cyrus was a mountain bike team member for 2 years, and co-president of the varsity badminton club. He has co-hosted a radio show at KWMR, a local radio station in Point Reyes, where he talks about environmental issues in the community & beyond. At the San Geronimo Valley Community Center, he works as a transition age youth innovator in the TAY program,

working with community members and youth to create a community that empowers youth to share their voices. A member of Drake's drama class & Global Student Embassy club, he was also one of the trained booth technicians for Drake's Little Theater (he gets paid for this & runs lights and sound for any outside organization that uses the theater facilities). He was also a link crew leader and Drake Wellness Youth Advisory member. Cyrus received Outstanding Achievement in ROCK; Counselors' Outstanding Personal Achievement Award; Inquisitive, Thoughtful & Dedicated to Spanish in 11th grade as well as Outstanding Leadership in Wellness and Outstanding Achievement in Theater. Upon graduation he achieved Outstanding Academic Achievement. Cyrus will attend Oberlin.

Brooke Wilson

Barbara McCune

Playing varsity softball for 4 years (captain this year), Brooke has received Most Improved player for softball and NCS Distinguished Team for 2 years. She has volunteered for 6 years at the Fairfax San Anselmo Children's Center

after going there herself as a young child; She has given well over a thousand hours of time to this Center and now works there. She's currently working three jobs while being the starting center fielder on the school's softball team while maintaining a 3.8 GPA. She received a certificate of appreciation in recognition of valuable contributions to the Fairfax San Anselmo Children's Center; Green Team Award in recognition of her valuable contributions to helping make the world a better place; and youth poet laureate. Brooke will attend UC Merced.

Elizabeth (Alise) Wing

Nicholas Shea

Employed at Comforts, Alise also led friends on backpacking trips and wrote short stories & poetry & flash fiction & an occasional play and novella. A Marin Head Start classroom volunteer, Alise was also a Drake's White Mountain Research Club member; Fort Miley Ropes Course leader and a California Certified Naturalist by UC Davis Extension School. A theater tech at Drake, Alise also received a ROCK Excellence in English Award. She has written 5 short stories that have been published, received multiple poetry



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awards and has been published, and was a Marin Young Playwright award finalist for one of her plays this year. Alise will attend Pratt Institute of Art & Design.

Jessica Yopez Rangel

Merrill "Mike" & Elsie Convis

Jessica has volunteered at Marin Humane Thrift Shop and at Manor Elementary School for Mrs. Honda, helping students with projects and taking them for walks as part of their environmental science class; she also helps the teacher enter grades. She was also a Link crew member for 2 years, as well as a member of the Students of Color Alliance, in charge of starting and leading conversations about issues

the club as a whole believes our school should be aware of in our community. Jessica was also a member of 10,000 Degrees, a college access program for first generation students. Jessica will attend San Francisco State University.

Isabelle Zuroske

Gery Gomez

A YMCA Camp Counselor, Isabella also babysits & has held other part-time jobs including peer tutoring. She has been very involved in athletics including girls varsity soccer where she received scholar athlete awards and a coaches' award. In girls varsity lacrosse she received a scholar athlete award. In girls varsity track she also was named scholar athlete.

She received a MVP award for girls freshman volleyball (continued to play for two more years on JV & was captain one year). Isabelle was also a member of the PALS Club, Global Student Embassy Club, Model UN, and was a Junior/Senior Class Officer and member of ASB/Leadership Class. She has volunteered at Novato Food Bank, served as a YMCA Peer Court jury member, and intern for Marin County Parks. She earned Excellence in Geometry & Advanced Algebra & US History. She also plays the cello. At graduation she received Outstanding Service to the DHS Pirate Community and Outstanding Academic Achievement. Isabelle will attend UC Davis.

Hello,

I was awarded the Frances Parks scholarship in 2004; my mom and I still have such fond memories of our lunch with Frances after the award ceremony-- she was such a gem! I love getting the update newsletters each year. Now that I'm going to be out of training roles for the first time since completing my education, I look forward to contributing to the DSF..

I'm writing with an update of what I've been up to since Drake!

2004: Danielle Jake-Schoffman, PhD (maiden name: Danielle Schoffman)
BA: Human Biology and Anthropological Sciences, Stanford University
PhD: Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior; University of South Carolina

Danielle researches innovative approaches to healthy eating and physical activity promotion, including the development and testing of mobile apps and social media-delivered programs. She is completing a postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of Massachusetts Medical school this summer. In the fall, she will join the faculty of the Department of Health Education and Behavior at the University of Florida as an Assistant Professor.

Please let me know if you need any clarification. Thanks for your work for the DSF!

Best,
Danielle

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Mikailah Ives, Gini Fanta, Victoria Brown, Will Salaverry, Ronan Goulden, Bo Couture, Cyrus Thelin

Front row, l to r: Hannah Levenson, Jessica Yepez Rangel, Isabelle Zuroske, Stella Purkey,
Nicole Garriott, Elizabeth (Alise) Wing, Connor Heffernan, Abigail Floyd, Shannon McKillop-Herr

Missing: Brooke Wilson