

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 2017 recipients of twenty one \$3,000 scholarships, given in honor or memory of people who significantly inspired the Drake community over the school's 66-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 privilege of attending the Senior Awards Celebration on May 25, 2017 and the honor of announcing along with board members, Rick Franceschini and Kevin Shea, the recipients of the 2017 **Drake Scholarship Foundation** awards.

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 Board and Drake students thank you in advance for your continued generous support.

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Drake Scholarship Foundation 2016-2017

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Noah Marty hugging Sue McDowell after she awarded him the Sue McDowell Scholarship.



Rick Miles, awarded the Carl J "Red" Brown Scholarship.



Emily Conway, awarded the Nicholas Shea Scholarship.



Tai Soladay receives the Barbara McCune Scholarship from Kevin Shea with Larry McCune waiting to meet her.



Levi Ummel awarded the Merrill "Mike" and Elsie Convis Scholarship by Rick Franceschini.

Memorial and honorary donations were received in 2016 & 2017 for the following: _____

In Memory of:

Harold Allison
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& Drake Students
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George Lewis
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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.

Noah Block*Chet Carlisle Scholarship*

Noah has served his school and community in many wellness and youth voice capacities: Marin YMCA Youth Court, TUHSD school board student trustee, Wellness Youth Advisory leader, Student Body Vice President, ACLU board member, Marin County Youth Commission Secretary, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissioner, Healthy Teen Peer Summit Leader and Heart of Marin nominee. He has received a number of awards including the Marin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award. He received Outstanding Achievement in US History and in school service in ASB. He will attend Goucher College.

Wylie Cassinelli*Jeremy Collins Scholarship*

Wylie is a professional photographer, both freelance and for the Drake Fund and is also a freelance graphic designer. A member of SEA-DISC, Youth Commissioner for the San Anselmo Quality of Life Commission, founder of Surfrider Foundation Club and participant in two internships, she has received multiple awards in volleyball including being a CIF Scholar Athlete. She received Outstanding Achievement in Photography and Outstanding Contribution to the Drake Yearbook at Senior Celebration. She will attend the University of Redlands.

Emily Conway*Nicholas Shea Scholarship*

Emily has started two clubs at Drake, a book club and Intersectional

Feminism club, has played the trumpet for the DHS Jazz Band and Symphonic Band all four years and has won awards for these. She has also received Outstanding Personal Achievement, Outstanding Achievement in Physiology, and was an Alexander Hamilton Scholar Finalist as well as earning Outstanding Achievement in Jazz Band. She will attend Saint Mary's College of California.

Jasmine Denny*Harold Allison Scholarship*

A co-founder of Students of Sustainability Club, soccer player, participant in Mexico Missions, Jasmine has held an internship at Kaiser Permanente and won Outstanding Achievement by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists for her accomplishments in school science and her passion for medicine. Jasmine was a Link Crew Leader, has held part-time jobs and received Outstanding Achievement in Physical Education. She was Co-Salutatorian and will attend UC Santa Barbara.

Julia Friedman*Frances Parks Scholarship*

Julia has participated in numerous school and community service activities – working with kids and adults with disabilities, alter server, Marin Food Bank, and was founder/president of a math club that helps elementary students improve their math skills. She has worked at local restaurants and as a camp counselor among other jobs. Competing in sports throughout high school, she

was basketball captain and volleyball captain, won Scholar Athlete awards, and Julia was recognized for Outstanding Cumulative Academic Achievement. She will attend San Diego State University.

Caitlin Gregory*Daniel Joseph Vacha Scholarship*

Participating in varsity soccer all four years, varsity water polo for three years, and Drake swimming her senior year, Caitlin won multiple awards for sports including unsung hero, coaches' award, MVP, MCAL All-League and more. She was one of two seniors who received Outstanding Student Athlete Awards from the Marin Athletic Foundation. Caitlin served as an ASB/Leadership class member for two years, worked as a lifeguard & swim instructor during summers and was recognized as Co-Salutatorian at senior celebration. She will attend UC Santa Barbara.

Oona Kummert*Drake Alumni and Community Scholarship; this scholarship honors Vincent C. Milani, Bill Onorato, Randy Franklin, Rashaan Jackson, the Lindenbaum family, and the Fairfax Police Officers Association.*

Oona was active in the Robotics Club for four years, two as president, where robots were built to complete tasks in the VEX competitions. She also volunteered at the Marine Mammal Center, played violin for nine years and participated in performances periodically. She was awarded Outstanding Achievement in Honors French and in US Government and Outstanding Cumulative Academic Achievement. Oona is taking a gap year.

**Sophia Lin***Gery Gomez Scholarship*

Sophia played varsity softball, was PALS co-president, volunteered at the Fairfax Food Bank and has held several jobs throughout high school. She participated in the Tahiti French immersion/exchange program her junior year, was a member of Link Crew, and a SummerAde Camp Teen Mentor (a program for kids with disabilities). She took an Intro to Sociology class at COM which has influenced her to consider it as a college major. Recognized for Outstanding Cumulative Academic Achievement, she will attend UC Santa Cruz.

Ella Marrero*The Drake Faculty Scholarship honors Martha Duff, Evelyn Leedy, Miles McColm, Muriel McCrum, and Frances P. Shafer.*

Ella was a Mountain Bike team member for two years, Drake Book Club founder/president and also ran a book drive to donate books to schools in need, tutored students in math (geometry through AP calculus), physics, chemistry and integrated science. A member of Interact Club for two years, she also served as a lab technician/teacher's assistant/peer tutor. She took guitar lessons and now writes songs and performs. Outstanding Achievement in Physics & AP Language & Composition and Galileo English, she was co-valedictorian. Other achievements include Outstanding Academic Support in Science for students, Outstanding Achievement in AP Literature and in U.S. Government. Ella will attend the University of Chicago.

Noah Marty*Sue McDowell Scholarship*

President and captain of Drake's Mock Trial Team; co-president of Chess Club, senior member of Team 2456 Marin Robotics, member of SEA-DISC and Drake's Developers Club, Noah is highly interested in politics and has participated in phone banking. He interned for the Marin County Board of Supervisors and at the San Geronimo Valley Community Center where he helped run the food bank, senior lunch and summer camp programs and more, as well as serving on Transition Aged Youth Advisory Council under the Marin County Health and Human Services Department. He was also awarded the San Geronimo Valley Lions Club/Jack Barnes Memorial Scholarship and participated in the 10,000 Degrees program. Noah will attend Sacramento State University.

Rick Miles*Carl J. "Red" Brown Scholarship*

Rick has played baseball, football, and been a key member of Drake's diving team, acting as captain and most improved diver, as well as MCAL's award winner for diving. He was also a member of the Stanford Junior Olympic Dive Team. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar, West Point Summer Leadership Experience, and was a delegate to California Boys State. He was the president and founder of two clubs: Varsity Badminton and Varsity Drone Club. Rick was a Marin Speaks poetry champion and was published in the American Library of Poetry and Marin Poetry Anthology. He was soundboard technician at Grace Church of Marin and volunteered there as a Sunday School teacher. Receiving Outstanding Achievement in Literary Walkabouts and Oral Rhetoric, he was

co-salutatorian. Rick will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Paloma Prudhomme*Steve & Randy Schaffer Scholarship*

Paloma played varsity lacrosse all four years and was captain this year. She traveled to Nicaragua with Global Student Embassy, an organization she was a member of for four years. She spent many weekends working in the school garden, was a Link Crew member, and participated in over 100 hours of community service for local organizations such as the Fairfax Food Pantry, Sustainable Fairfax, Lifehouse and more. Paloma worked as a nanny five days a week, participated in Roco Dance Company, took classes at College of Marin and played the flute. Recognized for Outstanding Cumulative Academic Achievement, she will attend Chapman University.

Nadov Rader*Marilyn Lee Myers Scholarship*

Nadov was a member of Peer Resources and voluntarily created videos to educate the community through Pirate TV on prevalent issues. He also worked with the Wellness Center, ASB, and Principal Liz Seabury to collaborate on educational events and videos. Nadov worked Drake's soccer camp and Pirate Camp all four years, umpired baseball games on weekends, participated in community service with the Fairfax Community Wellness Center and wrote for the *Jolly Roger*. He played soccer for three years, baseball for two years, basketball for two years, won awards in soccer and baseball. Graduating with Outstanding Achievement in Peer Resource, he will attend Cal Poly State University, SLO.

**Dennise Rodriguez-Reyes***Joseph Biasotti Scholarship*

Dennise was a member of PALS for three years, played varsity softball and has been a member of a Folklorico dance group since she was five years old, performing at local events and festivals. She has volunteered at the Fairfax-San Anselmo Children's Center almost every summer, worked summer camps and currently works at the Fairfax Women's Fitness Center. Her awards included Outstanding Achievement in TREK, Compassion Award for TREK, Outstanding Personal Achievement given by her counselor, and Outstanding Achievement in AP Spanish. She was part of the 10,000 Degrees program and was recognized for Outstanding Cumulative Academic Achievement. She will attend UC Santa Cruz.

Jackson Saavedra*Coach Bob Franceschini Scholarship*

Jackson played varsity golf all four years and varsity football for two years. He was named a Scholar Athlete for golf based on his GPA, and won the Coaches' Award for football. Founder/president of Varsity Chemistry Club, participant in Drake's Performance Workshop. He played guitar at Drake and other instruments outside of school. A commended scholar in the National Merit Scholarship Program, acknowledged by the National Hispanic Recognition Program, he was acknowledged for Outstanding Cumulative Academic Achievement. Jackson will attend Cal Poly State University, SLO.

Tai Soladay*Barbara McCune Scholarship*

Tai, was the ASB President, Outreach Crew Captain as part of ASB, Tai performed a large number of community services. She was an

intern at The Body Positive, working with the co-founder to research issues around sexual assault and creating a curriculum on means of prevention and helping victims heal. She also helped organize Body Positive yoga classes at Marin Power Yoga. Tai was a member of MCOE's Youth Voice, a group who met monthly to discuss issues of local drug and alcohol use. Tai played basketball all four years and lacrosse for one year. She received Outstanding Achievement in Algebra, Spanish and Chemistry, as well as Outstanding Achievement and School Service in ASB, Outstanding Cumulative Academic Achievement and Outstanding Personal Achievement. She will attend Tulane University.

Sasha Tcherepanov*Joshua Portnoy Scholarship*

Sasha has volunteered more than 1,000 hours with Marin County Search & Rescue (over fifty missions) and is wilderness first responder certified. He has also played varsity soccer for three years, interned with the Surfrider Foundation and Fairfax-San Anselmo Children's Center and played varsity volleyball for two years. An avid surfer and skier, he served as camp counselor at O'Sullivan Soccer Academy for four summers. First Team All-League for Soccer, Coach's Award for Soccer, he received recognition for Outstanding Cumulative Academic Achievement. He will take a gap year before attending college.

Mark Steccone*Archie Williams Scholarship*

Playing basketball his first two years and running cross country his last two, he also participated in track and field his last two and joined the Ultimate Frisbee Club and loved it. He was awarded with Outstanding Achievement

in Physical Education, SCS CIF Distinguished Scholastic Team, and NCS CIF Scholar Athlete. In the community he volunteered through his local church, serving meals and talking with the homeless. Mark has a deep inner motivation to succeed and will continue his studies at University of San Francisco.

Levi Ummel*Merrill "Mike" & Elsie Convis Scholarship*

For four years Levi has been a classroom helper/mentor for grades K-5 at Park School Elementary in Mill Valley. He volunteered with Drake's math club, helping elementary school students in the community, babysat regularly, and was a math and science tutor for younger students. He has played volleyball for three years, was a member of Drake's Student Senate, and had the top GPA on the boys' volleyball team. He was recognized for Outstanding Cumulative Academic Achievement and will attend UC Santa Barbara.

Katy Wearing*Gary Sorgen Scholarship*

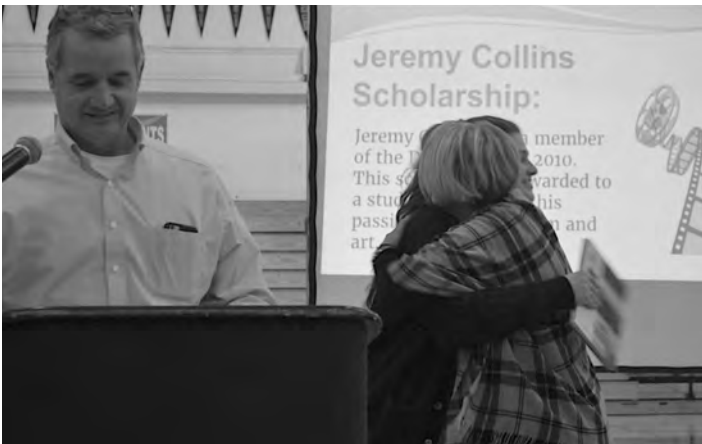
With weekly violin lessons, three years in the Crescendo Orchestra and then advancing to the Marin Symphony Youth Orchestra, Katy played first violin in her quartet for a five-day summer camp and took weekly music theory lessons. She ran varsity cross country and also varsity track & field all four years and was named a Scholar Athlete for three years. She took weekly aerial tissue lessons at San Francisco Circus Center and taught weekly trapeze classes at a local community center. Volunteering at Wildcare and Milo Foundation, working at Drake's cafeteria, participating in Arete with running coach Bill Taylor, Katy found time to write poetry and received



honorable mention in the Marin Poetry Center High School Poetry Contest. She received Outstanding Achievement in Geometry, ROCK Science, ROCK English, Spanish 3-4, Advanced Algebra, AP Biology, and US History. At senior celebration she received the Dian Fossey Memorial Scholarship and was recognized for her Outstanding Cumulative Academic Achievement. Katy will take a gap year and then attend Oberlin College.

Lisette Werba
Ellsworth Hagen Scholarship
Serving a volunteer internship at Yamamoto Lab at UCSF in the cellular & molecular pharmacology department, Lisette was also a Teen Advocate for Science Communication at the California Academy of Science. Additionally she was a member of the Cygnet Youth Advisory Board for Zero Breast Cancer Center in San Rafael. She has played flute in a

children's choir and in the Marin Symphony Youth Orchestra at College of Marin. Lisette has also been a member of a teen advisory group at the Fairfax Library, a Link Crew member and rode on the Drake mountain biking team. Receiving Outstanding Achievement in Pre-Calculus, Honors Algebra and Honors Geometry, she was recognized as a co-salutatorian and will attend UC Davis.



Wylie Cassinelli hugged by Anneli Collins, mother of Jeremy Collins, after she was awarded the Jeremy Collins Scholarship by Rick Franceschini.



Noah Block is congratulated by Cheryl Keast after being awarded the Chet Carlisle Scholarship.



Jasmine Denny is awarded the Harold Allison Scholarship by Cheryl Keast.



What Are They Doing Now? Updating Scholarship Awardees of Past Years 2017 Drake Scholarship Foundation Alumni Awardee Occupations

1992 Ingrid Johnson. Master of Fine Arts (MFA), Creative Writing, Evergreen State College. She works as a teacher of literature, creative writing and composition at Modesto Junior College, Modesto, CA.

1985 Christina Teply-Martin. B.A. French Studies, U.C. San Diego and Diploma from La Sorbonne in France. Her career arranging international performance tours for musicians has allowed her to travel all over the world.

2011 David Cowman. B.S. Environmental Studies, U.C. Santa Cruz. He works as a Forestry Aide in the California State Parks in Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties, California.

1980 Hart F. Smith. B.S., Ph.D. in Mathematics, U.C. Berkeley. Professor of Mathematics at University of Washington, he resides in Seattle Washington.

2011 Anna Garfink. B.A. Political Science, U.C.L.A. She is a Program Associate at the Center for WorkLife Law at Hastings School of Law. She has worked in several previous internships, including at the U.S. State Department and as a Fellow at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

2000 Tim Adams. B.A. Film Studies and Anthropology, U.C. Berkeley. Tim is a documentary film maker, video creator, freelance director/editor and full time producer of Nickelodeon digital videos. He has worked in New York and San Francisco.

2004 Sophia Gottlieb. B.A. Community Studies, U.C. Santa Cruz. She also studied Wilderness Psychology at Sierra Institute. For the past five years she has led and developed hiking and biking trips in the Arezzo area of Italy.

1993 Felicia Younger. Sonoma State University. She is a Family Advocate for Marin Head Start in Marin City, CA. working with

families and teachers in a supportive role and connecting families with community resources. She lives in Rohnert Park, CA.

1980 Doris Hellman. Dominican University. She is a Production Accountant for 20th Century Fox with a long professional career of film credits. Doris resides in Pasadena and Malibu CA.

2001 Claudia Munoz. B.S. in Biological Sciences, U.C. Santa Barbara. She works as a Naturalist/Educator in the East Bay Regional Parks District. Earlier she served two years in the Peace Corps in Niger, Africa. She worked as a field instructor for Ecology Project International, an environmental educator for Nature Bridge, and as a H.S. Biology teacher for Cal Academy of Sciences in San Francisco CA.

2008 Ricky Vargas-Delman. B.S. Computer Science and Math; Statistics Minor, U.C.L.A. He works as a software engineer for Google. He resides in San Anselmo, CA.

1996 Jennifer LaPlante. B.A. Literature, University of Chicago. She is a literary scout in New York City locating American books for foreign publishers, a position that involves travel to Europe.

2010 Alec Kassin. B.A. American Studies, Public Policy, U.C. Berkeley. He also studied one year in France. He currently is an associate in the Business Leadership Program at LinkedIn. Alec resides in San Anselmo, CA.

2004 Morgan Cantrell. B.A. Drake U.; BBA International Finance and Marketing, U. of Miami. Morgan studied in Monaco for a semester and played volleyball on the Monaco national team. He joined the tech startup, BrightTALK, in San Francisco and worked in the London office for two years. Morgan is now Managing Director of the firm in the Bay Area and is living in Oakland (playing beach volleyball there.)

2009 Savanna Susnow. B.A. U.C. Santa Cruz. Currently she is a student in two masters programs: the Teaching Urban Education and Social Justice program and the Teaching Reading and Multiple Subject Credential program at University of San Francisco (USF).

2001 Gemma Edward-Aron. B.A. Art, Anthropology, University of Washington. She is a freelance video producer who has worked in marketing and advertising industries with numerous Bay Area clients, projects that have taken her all over the world.

2011 Ellis Garey. B.A. Sociology & Middle Eastern Studies, New York University (NYU). First year Ph.D. candidate in joint History & Middle Eastern Studies, he is researching the political economy of the Middle East, social movements, agrarian transformation and Ottoman Palestine. Previously he interned at the Arab-American Family Support Center in New York City.

1993 Amy Glenn. B.A. in Marketing and Management, M.B.A. in Strategic Leadership, Dominican University. She works as a Stylist, Costumer, and Designer for film, TV, commercials and print. Amy resides in Los Angeles CA.

2009 Alanna Cottrell. B.S. Environmental Science-Ecological Restoration, minor in Geo-Spatial Science, Humboldt State University. She works as Biological Coordinator for Transcon Environmental, a Berkeley company specializing in environmental planning and facility safety, working with utilities, industries and government agencies that develop infrastructure.

1985 Eric Vermaas. B.S. Genetics, U.C. Berkeley. Eric has had a long career as a research biologist and holds a number of patents. He is a Director at Illumina, a San Diego biotech/healthcare/pharmaceutical company where he is in charge of consumables product development. He resides in San Diego, CA.

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Back row, l to r: Noah Marty, Levi Ummel, Jackson Saavedra, Mark Steccone, Oona Kummert, Katy Wearing, Sophia Lin
Middle row, l to r: Noah Block, Ella Marrero, Julia Friedman, Paloma Prudhomme, Rick Miles,
Lisette Werba, Dennise Rodriguez-Reyes, Emily Conway
Front row, l to r: Nadov Rader, Sasha Tcherepanov, Caitlin Gregory, Wylie Cassinelli, Jasmine Denny, Tai Soladay

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