

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 2019 recipients of twenty one \$3,000 scholarships, given in honor or memory of people who significantly inspired the Drake community over the school's 68-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 28, 2019. It was such an honor to be there announcing the student recipients of the 2019 Drake Scholarship Awards, along with fellow Board members, Cheryll Keast, Rick Franceschini and past board member Laura Shea.

This year 21 scholarships in the amount of \$3,000.00 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 investment returns 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 the continued gifts from you, the Drake community, which is 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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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.

Angel Ainembabazi

Gary Sorgen

Multicultural club president, student rep on Drake Leadership Council and Wellness Council, she was also a SOAR team member and Crew Leader. She was part of 10,000 Degrees, has held several part-time jobs, and knows four languages. She volunteered in several programs at the Fairfax Community Church – media team for Faith Builders Tabernacle, food pantry and senior lunch. She will attend Whitworth University.

Anna Bauer

Carl J “Red” Brown

A very active student at Drake, Anna was a captain of the swim team, events captain for the ASB class, and head lifeguard. She was a member of the Student Senate, attended the California Association of Student Leaders Camp, and was a member of the PALS club. She participated in Swim Across America (a fundraiser for cancer research, an open water swim that started under the Golden Gate Bridge and wrapped around SF). She volunteered at the St. Rita’s Church Homeless Shelter, attended the Marin County Youth Summit, and was a Triple Impact Competitor Finalist. She received Outstanding Achievement in

AP Calculus AB, Outstanding Academic Achievement, and won many swimming awards. She will attend UC Santa Barbara.

Naiya DeLaure

Joshua Portnoy

She volunteered at the Milo Foundation, the Sonoma Mission, and cultivated the Rake Garden. She ran booths at community events like Streets for People and was a member of FX in Motion, a pre-professional teen dance program at ROCO (danced an average of 10-11 hours a week) and performed in local dance festivals. She babysits, housesits and pet sits (“I specifically provide no technology babysitting as it is important for kids to spend time tech free.”) She was awarded a ROCK all-star award, Outstanding Achievement in AP Calculus AB, Outstanding achievement in Dramatic Literature, Outstanding Achievement in Language of Humor, Outstanding Personal Achievement, State Seal of Biliteracy, and Outstanding Academic Achievement among other awards. She will attend Santa Clara University.

Hailee Eastus

Chet Carlisle

She played basketball and softball

all four years, has volunteered at basketball camps throughout the Bay Area, has worked summer softball and basketball camps, and worked at a local children’s art store. “I find great happiness when it comes to helping the community. It’s important to me to help out and to spend time getting to know others in my community.” She was recognized at Senior Awards for obtaining the State Seal of Biliteracy. She will attend Sonoma State University.

Gwyneth Gordon

Daniel Joseph Vacha

Captain of the varsity tennis team and playing all four years, she received the coach’s award for positively demonstrating leadership and collaboration her senior year. Additionally, she was awarded Scholar Athlete all four years for tennis. She was the most improved player for soccer after playing for two years. Vice President of the Interact Club, she was a peer tutor with ELD and Bridge students for four years, tutoring students of varying levels of math, English and science during advisories, lunches and breaks. She worked at Wink Optics, babysits and housesits regularly. She was awarded Outstanding Achievement in AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus



BC, Outstanding Achievement in Peer Tutoring, Outstanding Personal Achievement, State Seal of Biliteracy, and Outstanding Academic Achievement. She will attend the University of Arizona Honors College.

Anna Gregory

Barbara McCune

Playing three years of water polo, two years of varsity soccer, three years of varsity swim, she was MVP for JV water polo, CIF Scholar Athlete and CIF Distinguished Scholar for varsity water polo, captain of the soccer team her senior year, NCS CIF Scholar Athlete and CIF Distinguished Scholar for varsity soccer, Coach's award for swimming and NCS CIF Scholar Athlete for Swimming. She worked as a lifeguard and swim instructor, was involved in the Peer Resource program, and member of the Surfrider Club. She was awarded Exceptional Leadership in Peer Resource, Outstanding Achievement in AP Calculus AB, Outstanding Achievement in AP Statistics, State Seal of Biliteracy, Outstanding Academic Achievement and Salutatorian at Senior Awards. She will attend UCLA.

Emma Honkola

Merrill "Mike" & Elsie Convis

Member and president of the Sexuality & Gender Alliance Club (held events in and outside of

school, gave presentations), and was president of Intersectional Feminist Club. She was a member of the Student Senate, and has held several jobs, including being a library page and dental assistant. She was a peer tutor, part of the 10,000 Degrees program and volunteered at Camp Kid Marin and Marin Headlands Nursery and Glide. She studied Japanese at COM as well as their Medical Career Exploration academy. She received an Award of Excellence in Physiology, Award for Personal Excellence, State Seal of Biliteracy and Outstanding Academic Achievement at Senior Awards. She will attend the University of Pittsburgh.

Tris Kelly

Nicholas Shea

Part of Drake's symphonic band all four years, 1st chair trumpet for Drake Jazz Band, and member of Northern California Honor Band, a competitive ensemble. He was also a member of the Drake Music Experience Club, welcoming all musicians, experienced and inexperienced. After sustaining multiple injuries, he dedicated himself to working out at the Fairfax Health Club 1-2 hours a day. He volunteered at Wildcare and SPAWN (Salmon Protection and Watershed Network), was an AP Scholar and achieved Outstanding Academic Achievement. He will attend UCLA.

Bernice Langali

Frances Parks

She was a member of Students Organized Against Racism (SOAR) which brings presentations and awareness to the Drake community about microaggressions and how to make students of color at Drake feel safe and confident in the classroom. Member of AVID and 10,000 Degrees, and part of the Black Student Union at her former high school in southern California. Also, she was a member of the swim and dive team and track and field at her former high school. She also participated in cheerleading and works part-time. She will attend San Francisco State University.

Georgia Little

Sue McDowell

Member of Teen Board of Directors for Beyond Differences, a non-profit organization targeted to stop social isolation in middle schools, she created the first high school Beyond Differences Club and last year was nominated for the Heart of Marin Award for her work with this organization. She interned at Kaiser for nine weeks, rotating through three departments, and after the program was asked to stay on in the patient outreach department. A member of the Fairfax Open Space Committee, she attended meetings and volunteered to raise money at events. An intern at Main County Health & Human Services,



she worked on campaigns to bring awareness to teen substance use. She played soccer for years and was awarded Scholar Athlete her junior year. She has held many jobs, including babysitting and being a nanny and was named a MCOE School to Career Junior Board member. She was awarded Outstanding Achievement in Economics and plans to attend Fairfield University.

Otis Lyons

Marilyn Lee Myers

Co-Editor in Chief of the Jolly Roger, he has been a sports editor and sportswriter for the paper. Co-captain of varsity soccer team, he received MCAL All League Honorable Mention. For Drake's Mountain Bike Team, he was ninth NorCal rider in Varsity and 9th at State Championship (team was State Champions all three years). Marin IJ correspondent this year, writing articles for the sports page, counselor at Fionna's soccer camp and counselor at mountain bike camp, he was also a member of the Marin men's soccer league and Extra Food volunteer. He received Outstanding Achievement in Journalism. NCS Scholar Athlete, Distinguished Scholastic Team for basketball and soccer, and Boys State alternate junior year. He was awarded Outstanding Academic Achievement at Senior Awards and will attend Penn State University.

Maycee Mosley

Gery Gomez

She played varsity softball all four years and was team captain this year. She was part of PALS Club all four years and part of 10,000 Degrees Leadership Corps and Outreach Team. A member of SOAR, she was a Crew/Advisor Class Leader and part of student senate this year. She was also a member of #METOO Club, multicultural club VP, and AVID volunteer (won AVID spirit award). She held several part-time jobs, is a volunteer/art assistant at Art Abloom, interned in physical and occupational therapy departments at Marin General, and was a camp counselor at Pirate softball camp. She has been awarded Outstanding Personal Achievement and recognized as a Peer Tutor All Star. She will attend San Diego State University.

Bella Moynihan

Coach Bob Franceschini

She was on Drake's varsity water polo team and swam all four years. A member of Sleepy Hollow Aquatics and Swim Team, she was a lifeguard at Sleepy Hollow Pool and swim instructor. Part of ASB, Crew Leader, member of PALS, and Drake Athletic Positive Coaching Alliance (members met once a week during their sport season to work with sports

psychologists and other Drake team captains to discuss what it means to be a team leader and learn strategies to improve group leadership skills). An NCS Scholar Athlete, she received Coach's award for water polo, defensive player for water polo, MVP water polo and MCAL player of the year. She was also MVP varsity swim, captain varsity swim, captain water polo. She achieved Outstanding Achievement in AP Calculus AB, State Seal of Biliteracy, and Outstanding Academic Achievement at Senior Awards. She will attend Bucknell.

Hailey Ramsey

Drake Faculty

Played volleyball for two years and club volleyball for seven years (MVP, MCAL All League 2nd team, NCS Scholar Athlete). Co-founded Drake -A-Wish to raise money for students with life-threatening diseases (was VP and then President.) Interned at Marin General and volunteered there. Participated in Global Glimpse, a summer immersion program in the Dominican Republic teaching English, building horse and cattle stables, and learning about the culture. Participated in Kaiser Day and Stanford's Women's Day. Awards: AP Scholar, Outstanding Achievement in AP Calculus AB, Outstanding Academic Achievement and one of the Salutatorians. She will attend UCLA.



Sterling Rodas

Drake Alumni & Community

He was part of Next Generation Scholarship Academic & Summer Academy, taking college-level classes and courses in public speaking and the arts. He helped rebuild an existing playground and was part of the cross-country team for two years, and the track and field team for three years. He has written about his family’s circumstances where his parents became US citizens and worried about being deported. Now they focus on the challenges of being poor in the U.S. He took a class at COM to learn about the history of the Latin community and seeks every opportunity to gain knowledge to explain the world around him. (He spoke with Pulitzer Prize winning author Jose Antonio Vargas about immigration policy and “hustled his way into a seat for a James Comey lecture.”) He was awarded Organizador Comunitario, Outstanding Academic Achievement,

and received an AP Spanish award. He will attend Wesleyan.

Ella Ross

Joseph Biasotti

A member of Global Student Embassy (eco action club at Drake), she has hosted two exchange students through GSE. She is also a member of the Peer Resource Class and the Drake Wellness Youth Council as well as a Helm Student Council member, meeting with Drake administration to talk about issues and events going on at school. A leader of the Body Positive Club, she joined the mountain bile team this year and was a member of Drake’s field hockey and dive teams. She has worked at Comforts all four years, been a nanny for two San Anselmo families, volunteers at Canal Alliance and has performed community service at Marin Municipal Water District and Nature Conservancy. Her hobbies include dancing tap, jazz and hip-hop and ceramics. She

has been a CIF Scholar Athlete and achieved Outstanding Achievement in Peer Resource and Outstanding Achievement in Drake Wellness. She plans to attend College of Marin with the plan to transfer to Cal.

Julia Rowell

Jeremy Collins

President of Model UN club, Mock Trial for two years, Drake Student Senate member for multiple years, she was also a member of Drake’s Jazz Choir and Concert Choir, member of NorCal Honor Jazz Choir, intern at Enriching Lives Through Music (completed 432 hours as a teaching assistant for two bilingual children’s choirs and a Spanish-speaking parent ukulele class). A Peer Juror for Youth Court, a paid intern for EarthScope Media, she also held a variety of jobs throughout high school and has completed 30.5 units of UC transferable credits from College of Marin with a 3.97 GPA. Some



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of her awards are: Boston Heritage Festival Adjudicator's Choice Award (jazz band), Boston Heritage Festival 1st place Award (jazz band) Drake Jazz Band Rising Star and Drake Counselor's Personal Achievement Award. At Senior Awards she achieved Outstanding Achievement in AP Economics, Outstanding Achievement in Concert Choir/Jazz Choir and Outstanding Academic Achievement as well as the State Seal of Biliteracy. She will attend UCLA.

Roxy Silva

Ellsworth Hagen

A member of SEA-DISC, VP ASB this year and member last year, part of Drake Leadership Council as student representative, she was also a founding member of SOAR, member of Drake Wellness Youth Advisory and student senate representative for three years. A participant of JV and Varsity lacrosse and varsity swimming, she was a teen board member for Beyond Differences, on the San Anselmo Sustainability Commission, and participated as youth crew member at the Marine Mammal Center. An Environmental Leadership Program Intern at All One Ocean, she held two-part-time jobs at retail stores and worked as an au pair for a family in Italy, taking care of three children and teaching them English. A Scholar Athlete for Lacrosse, she achieved Outstanding Achievement in English and Outstanding Academic Achievement. She will attend Cal.

Brooke Simon

Archie Williams

Competed in Varsity Track and Field for four years and club Track and Field, qualifying for regional competitions every year, she was MVP Track and Field and soccer for three years. She was coach at Manor School for their track and field team, soccer referee with SA Rec for four years, and president of Mountain Appreciation Club, intern with Kindness Evolution, and volunteer at Fairfax Library. She was also Peer Resource class member for two years, and member of Choral Group North Bay Sings for three years. She received Marin Athletic Foundation Outstanding Student Athlete Award as a senior, Outstanding Achievement in AP English Lit and Composition, Marin Athletic Foundation Scholar Athlete and Outstanding Academic Achievement. She will attend Claremont McKenna.

Jeanne Specht

Harold Allison

Personal Assistant for an art curator, Wanda Hansen-Ashe, since 2013, page at the Larkspur Library, she has held multiple part-time jobs. She has volunteered for the front desk at Marin General Hospital every week for 1 ½ hours, she will be trained for the cardiac specialty unit and has completed more than 175 volunteer hours at the hospital. Her extracurricular activities include piano, surfing, archery and boxing. She was a member of the Body

Positive Club for three years, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Life Member (COM), Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society (COM), 200 Volunteer Hours Award for Marin General, State Seal of Biliteracy and Outstanding Academic Achievement at Senior Awards. She will attend Wheaton College Massachusetts.

Devin Williams

Steve and Randy Schaffer

He helped start the string orchestra at Drake and has been playing the violin since age 5 and guitar since age 14. He plays concerts for the community (fundraisers, weddings) and has now played over 90 hours as a member of the Marin Symphony Youth Orchestra. He is also a member of the Mill Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, performing free concerts for the community. He is teaching himself code and is a business development intern at Indoor Reality (designed their website, sent marketing emails, made sales calls, etc.). He is a data science/mathematician at Beddr Sleep; using a programming language he performed statistical analysis of sleep data and reported findings to the CEO who used it in press releases and to fine tune their product. He has been a library page for years, is a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student, and achieved Outstanding Achievement in AP Calculus BC, Outstanding Academic Achievement, State Seal of Biliteracy and Salutatorian at Senior Awards. He will attend UC Santa Barbara.

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2nd row left to right: Sterling Rodas, Ella Ross, Hailee Eastus, Maycee Mosley, Roxy Silva, Daisy Stephens (not a DSF recipient but received another scholarship)
1st row left to right: Julia Rowell, Brooke Simon, Bella Moynihan, Georgia Little, Gwyn Gordon
Missing: Angel Ainembabazi, Emma Honkola, & Bernice Langali