2014 SCHOOL OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Class of 1955 Award
Established by members of the Class of 1955, this scholarship is awarded to a student enrolled in a School of Education program who intends to pursue a career in teaching, who is in good academic standing and who has financial need.
Nicole Dunham, Literacy

Class of 1956 Scholarship
Established by members of the Class of 1956, this scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate senior or graduate student accepted to or enrolled in a School of Education program who intends to pursue a career in teaching, who is in good academic standing and who has financial need.
Maria Barrera, Special Education and Literacy; Samantha Welter, Special Education and Literacy

Nelson J. Armlin Scholarship
Established in memory of Dr. Nelson J. Armlin, former teacher and director of the Capital Area School Development Association, this scholarship is awarded to a graduate student in the School of Education who has shown exceptional academic achievement, enthusiasm for teaching, and fosters cultural diversity in their work with students.
Keyana Williams, Secondary Mathematics Education

Beta Zeta Scholarship
Established by the sisters of the Beta Zeta Sorority at the New York State College for Teachers, this scholarship is awarded to a female student pursuing a career in teaching.
Thea Yurkewecz, Literacy Teaching and Learning

Paul G. and Marion Bulger Scholarship in Educational Administration
Established through the Estate of Marion Bulger ’34, this new scholarship is awarded to a graduate student pursuing a degree in Educational Administration.
Olivia Ciesielski, Educational Administration and Policy Studies

Delta Omega Scholarship
Established by members of the Delta Omega Sorority at the New York State College for Teachers, this scholarship is awarded to female students enrolled in a teacher preparation program. Each annual award is given in memory of a former sorority member, who also served on the faculty. In 2013 it is given in honor of Delta Omega sister Catharine Walsh Peltz, Class of 1922.
Suzanne Murphy, Early Childhood Education; Christina Zontini, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Louise Swire Baldwin & Norman Burton Baldwin Technology Education Scholarship
Established by Howard Baldwin in honor of his parents, New York State College for Teachers graduates Louise Swire Baldwin and Norman Burton Baldwin, this scholarship is awarded to a student whose course of study or research demonstrates a commitment to the integration of technology and learning.

Deborah Byrne, Curriculum and Instruction

Malcolm E. Blum Endowment
Established by Malcolm E. Blum ’54, this scholarship is awarded to students enrolled in full-time study in a School of Education program that leads to initial or professional certification in teaching.

Mary Mohajeri, Special Education and Literacy

Dr. Anna Maria Bonaventura Memorial Scholarship
Established by family in memory of Dr. Anna Maria Bonaventura ’74, ’78, ’87, this scholarship is awarded to a graduate student in the School of Education with an interest in teaching English as a second language.

John Teevan III, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Mary M. Briggs Scholarship
Established by Mary M. Briggs ’83, this scholarship is awarded to a University at Albany alumnus who is pursuing a career in teaching.

Christina Zontini, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Arvid J. Burke Scholarship
Established in honor of Dr. Arvid J. Burke, former professor of Educational Administration and Policy Studies, this scholarship is awarded to advanced degree students who demonstrate outstanding academic potential.

Maria Khan, Educational Administration and Policy Studies; Mohammad Mansoor Khan, Educational Administration and Policy Studies; Callie Lehrer, School Psychology; Sarah Zuckerman, Educational Administration and Policy Studies

Elizabeth H. Christen Endowment
Established by Elizabeth H. Christen ’38, this scholarship is awarded to a student in a literacy program who has a special interest in adult literacy.

Rebecca Benjamin, Literacy; Mahmuda Shaila, Literacy Teaching and Learning

Richard M. Clark Endowment
Established at the time of his retirement to honor Dr. Richard Clark’s distinguished career in the School of Education from 1966-1992, this scholarship supports a School of Education doctoral student who is either sole or first author of a paper which has been accepted for presentation at a professional meeting.

Xian Li, Educational Psychology and Methodology

Kenneth T. and Kathleen E. Doran Scholarship
Established by Kenneth T. ’39 and Kathleen E. Doran ’70, this scholarship is given to an academically successful and promising student accepted to or in the early stages of a School of Education program that leads to initial certification in teaching.

Ayesha Umer, Special Education and Literacy

Dr. Kimberly E. Esterman Memorial Award
Established in memory of Dr. Kimberly E. Esterman ’02, this scholarship is awarded to a student enrolled in the School of Education who is working with the Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program, with a demonstrated interest in working in alcohol, drug, and/or suicide prevention programs at the collegiate level.

Toni Verdejo, Mental Health Counseling
Ira & Elsie Ferber Freedman Education Scholarship
Established by David and Ann Freedman in memory of their parents Ira ’43 and Elsie Ferber Freedman ’42, this scholarship is awarded to a student interested in becoming an educator in the public schools who has shown exceptional academic achievement and demonstrated financial need.
Sarah Pulcher, Literacy

Jean Edgecumbe Groff ’38 Graduate Scholarship in Education
Established by Jean Edgecumbe Groff ’38, this scholarship is awarded to a School of Education student enrolled in a masters or doctoral program who demonstrates both academic merit and financial need.
Paula Rehm, School Psychology

Dr. Frank J. Filippone ’41 – Hillside House Scholarship
Established in honor of Dr. Frank J. Filippone ’41 by his daughter and Hillside Board President Julia Filippone, this scholarship is awarded to a graduate student in the School of Education, the College of Arts and Sciences (Department of Psychology), or the School of Social Welfare with financial need and academic achievement who demonstrates an interest in helping people with developmental disabilities.
Brittini Bartholomew, Special Education and Literacy; Stephanie Fox, College of Arts and Sciences; Johnathan Richardson, School of Social Welfare; Michelle Thornhill, School Psychology

Ralph W. Harbison Fellowship
Established by Irene Harbison in memory of her husband Dr. Ralph W. Harbison, former Dean of the School of Education, this fellowship is awarded to a newly admitted graduate student who demonstrates leadership, service, and commitment to education, and has a record of high academic achievement and the promise of future accomplishment. This fellowship places special emphasis on supporting students who have had limited opportunities to access graduate education.
Lan Hoang, Educational Administration and Policy Studies; Diana Akhmedjanova, Educational and Counseling Psychology; Nisa Felicia, Educational Administration and Policy Studies; Xiujun Liu, Literacy Teaching and Learning

Cathy Bertolino Hoey Scholarship
Established by Tom Hoey in memory of Cathy Bertolino Hoey, this scholarship is awarded to a School of Education student who has demonstrated steady academic performance as well as financial need.
Farrell Luttinger, Secondary Spanish Education

Kristen Huff Travel Award
Established by Dr. Kristen Huff of the Regents Research Fund, this scholarship supports graduate student travel to the Northeastern Educational Research Association (NERA) and the American Educational Research Association (AERA) conferences.
Fei Chen, Educational Psychology

Jack’s Fund
Established by family and friends in honor of Dr. John “Jack” Ether, this scholarship is awarded to a student who has shown exceptional academic achievement with a demonstrated interest in working with disadvantaged individuals.
Julien Almonte, Counseling Psychology

Mauritz Johnson Scholarship
Named for former distinguished service professor Mauritz Johnson, this scholarship is awarded to a graduate student pursuing a career in education, preferably in curriculum and instruction.
Not awarded in 2014
Dr. Ralph B. Kenney Endowment
Established by Mrs. Marjorie Waite Kenney ’29, in memory of her husband, Professor Ralph Kenney, this scholarship is awarded to a graduate student in the Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology who intends to incorporate school guidance in his/her work.

Michael Dygert, Mental Health Counseling

Alice Clark Long Scholarship
Established through a gift from Alice Clark Long, this scholarship is awarded to a School of Education student who plans to teach.

Katharine Shaffer, Counseling Psychology

Gertrude Hunter Parlin Teacher’s Scholarship
Established by Gertrude Hunter Parlin ’17, this scholarship is awarded to students in a School of Education program that leads to initial or professional certification in secondary teaching.

Cayla Cluckey, Literacy; Adam Cutspec, Secondary Social Studies; Emily Shoop, Literacy

Matthew John Pietrzyk Scholarship
Established by Susan Benjamin ’80 in memory of her brother, Matthew John Pietrzyk, this scholarship is awarded to a first year graduate student in the Department of Reading who is in excellent academic standing and demonstrates financial need.

Lisa Michaels, Literacy Teaching and Learning

Stella R. Pietrzyk Scholarship
Established by Susan Benjamin ’80 in memory of her mother Stella R. Pietrzyk, this scholarship is awarded to a student in the Department of Reading who recognizes the importance of children’s literature to support attendance at a national conference.

Tarie Lewis, Literacy Teaching and Learning

Philip and Jeanne Rizzi Scholarship
Established by anonymous donors in honor of Philip and Jeanne Rizzi, this scholarship is awarded to an outstanding graduate student in the School of Education.

Alyssa Abitabile, Educational Administration and Policy Studies

Bill and Margaret Robelee Scholarship
This new scholarship was established by Margaret and William Robelee ’64, ’87, ’89, and is awarded to a graduate student accepted for full-time study in the Division of School Psychology who plans a career in school psychology.

Lia Luciano Wagner, School Psychology

Bette Knowlton Roe Scholarship
Established by Bette Knowlton Roe ’42 and her husband Dan, this scholarship is awarded to students committed to teaching careers.

Lisa Boccio, Special Education and Literacy; Samantha Bonk, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Paul Saimond Memorial Scholarship
Established by friends and colleagues in memory of Paul Saimond, former Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at UAlbany, this scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a career in secondary teaching or school leadership who has shown exceptional academic achievement and demonstrates financial need.

Farrell Luttinger, Secondary Spanish Education
Gladys G. Sawyer ’37 & J. William Sawyer ’31 Scholarship
These separate scholarships were established by Gladys G. Sawyer ’37 and J. William Sawyer ’31 and are awarded to undergraduate students pursuing a career in education.
Jeffrey Schwartz, Educational Studies minor

Secondary Education Scholarship
Established by an anonymous donor, this scholarship is awarded to a student enrolled or enrolling in a School of Education program that leads to certification in secondary education, and who demonstrates intent and ability to teach high school.
Not awarded in 2014

Dr. H. Craig Sipe Science Education Scholarship
Established by Elizabeth Sipe in memory of her husband Dr. H. Craig Sipe, former professor of science education, this scholarship is awarded to a matriculated School of Education student who demonstrates exceptional academic achievement and an interest in pursuing a career in science education, preferably chemistry or physics.
Michelle Feder, Educational Administration and Policy Studies; Jennifer Phillips, Curriculum and Instruction

Joshua Smith and Yun-dih Chia-Smith Young Scholar Travel Award
A gift from Joshua Smith ’02 and Wendy Chia-Smith ’04, this award supports a School of Education graduate student’s travel to a national professional conference.
Christopher Valle, Educational Psychology

Jake Alexander Straughter Memorial Scholarship
Established by local businessman Michael C. Hoffman, this scholarship is awarded in memory of his grandson Jake Alexander Straughter, and is presented to a student enrolled in the School of Education who provides direct services to students in the Albany, Schenectady, Troy, or Cohoes school district as a classroom teacher or specialist.
Robert White, Special Education and Literacy

Gene M. Winter Scholarship
Established by Kate Winter and the former Two-Year College Development Center, in memory of her husband Gene M. Winter, former Director of the TYCDC, this scholarship is awarded to a doctoral student whose dissertation research focuses on issues in higher education, preferably with regard to two-year college administration and teaching.
Taya Owens, Educational Administration and Policy Studies

Wishnoff Professional Development Fund
Established by Dr. Bob Wishnoff ’75, ’77, this scholarship is awarded to a graduate student who plans to go into Counseling, to support the student’s attendance at professional development conferences.
Michael Gale, Counseling Psychology