



20 YEARS OF BUILDING LEADERS FOR TOMORROW

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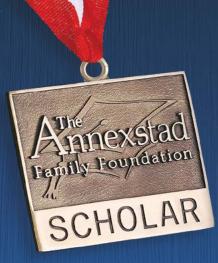
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"Our Scholars have the potential to excel in life. All they need is the opportunity. We help them hit the ground running." – Al and Cathy Annexstad

> Vanderbilt University Scholars Olivia Franklin and Donovan Carr.

# The Annexstad Family Foundation Begins a Third Decade of Changing Lives

On an early morning walk in the California desert some 20 years ago, Al and Cathy Annexstad discussed the state of the world as it entered a new century. Just as they had once experienced, young adults were navigating their way within an ever-changing society. But by the year 2000, the rising expense of education and the crucial nature of a four-year degree had become an uphill battle for students who were brimming with the potential and the drive to make an impact, yet lacked the means to finance the meaningful future they envisioned.

It was during this walk that the couple reached a decision which would, over time, alter the life trajectory of a thousand students with college-bound dreams. A special calling was tugging at their heartstrings: Al and Cathy wanted to personally connect with young students who have endured extraordinary challenges and help them fulfill their destiny of becoming the world's next generation of young leaders impassioned to make a difference.

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The Annexstads' desire to create a golden opportunity for an exceptional group of promising students stemmed from facing their own misfortunes while growing up. As children of single-parent homes created by the untimely death of a parent, neither one of them had forgotten those days of hardship as they witnessed their parents and mentors struggle to provide them with the best lives possible. After much thought and preparation, they established The Annexstad Family Foundation in the year 2000, with the noble mission of helping to bring the gift of higher education to commendable young people who far too often are forgotten. Higher education, say the Annexstads, is a powerful force for social change.

"It's not our surrounding circumstances that define us," shares AI. "When faced with challenges, Annexstad Scholars are determined individuals with a thirst for knowledge that can't be quenched. These students deserve an opportunity to go to college and learn how to make our world a better place."

*"Higher education can truly be a great equalizer in life... and, with the right partnerships, it can help craft the next generation of leaders for America."* 

> – Al and Cathy Annexstad Co-founders

#### 20 Years, 1,000 Dreams Fulfilled

Two decades later, 2020 celebrates 20 years of life-empowering Scholarships – along with the Scholars, whose paths took a distinct turn the moment they received the news they had been selected as a recipient. On that memorable day, the great majority of those Annexstad Scholars became the first in their families to go to college. Many were raised in a single-parent home, lived at or below the poverty line, and had often survived traumatic situations that ranged from drug abuse, violence, and serious crime to homelessness, hunger, foster home stays, neglect, or a serious illness, injury, or physical handicap. Each of them had already proven an inner strength and an unwavering wherewithal to rise above the cards they had been dealt. They needed only an open window of opportunity to pursue the higher education they had spent their school years striving for at every turn.

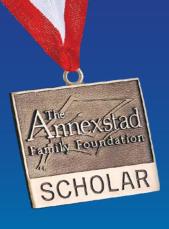
When the Annexstad family stepped into their lives, these Scholars were able to pen a new chapter in their individual success stories. The funds they needed to earn a college degree materialized, along with a devoted support system of caring team members to walk the journey right alongside them.

# Giving Hope and Opportunity to Bright Minds with Big Dreams

- 1,000 Scholarships Awarded to Date
- An Overwhelming Majority of Annexstad Scholars Graduate Debt Free!
- 92% of Annexstad Scholars Graduate in 4 Years
- 95% of Annexstad Graduates are Gainfully Employed or Pursuing Advanced Degrees
- 109 New Scholars in 2020
- 457 Graduates to Date
- 62 Participating Institutional Partners

Before 2020 draws to a close, 1,000 Scholars will have received the priceless gift of a higher education. Moreover, three generations of the Annexstand family now fulfill an essential role in encouraging these students as they pursue their degrees and aim to graduate within four years. The Annexstads bring their own personal touch by sending care packages, attending on-campus events to cheer on their Scholars, and presenting each student with their own Annexstad Family Foundation medallion. The medallion serves as another reminder that the Annexstads recognize them as an extraordinary young person who has demonstrated substantial moral character, grit, intelligence, and aptitude.

Al and Cathy's now legendary Scholarship program honors Scholars' perseverance and affirms their capability to move forward and lead outstanding lives in their chosen fields, oftentimes dedicated to the service of others. One look at the smiling faces in The Annexstad Family Foundation's annual program and it is clear that, over the past 20 years, lives have been forever changed and burgeoning leaders have been given the tools they need to lead future generations – one education at a time.



# 2000

On May 1, 2000, The Annexstad Family Foundation is established in Minnesota with the mission of helping bring the dream of higher education to deserving first-generation students. Al and Cathy are joined by their son, Tom, and daughter, Patti, on the Board of Directors.

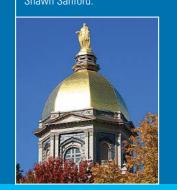
# 20 Years of Building Leaders for Tomorrow

# 2002 **Bright Minds, Big Dreams**

The Foundation embarks upon a commitment to support students who have benefited from adult mentoring and who have aspirations of becoming first-generation college students.



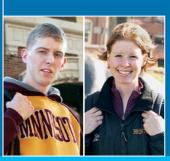
The framework forms for the national Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship Program with the first Scholarship awarded at the University of Notre Dame to Shawn Sanford.



# 2006

Jacob and Bridgette Hemmesch become the Foundation's first siblings to be awarded Scholarships to the University of Minnesota. In 2009, Jacob earns a degree in Agribusiness while Bridgette receives a degree in Veterinary Medicine in 2010.

25 Scholarships 2 Graduates





# 2001

Miller at Gustavus Adolphus College in honor of Al's mother, Alice.



Encouraged by Father Bill Lies, the Foundation establishes its second Scholarship program at the University of Notre Dame.



2005

#### **5th Anniversary**

The Foundation's first Scholar, Amy Abrahamson Miller, graduates from Gustavus Adolphus College with a B.A. in Biology. The Annexstad Family and campus leadership share in her celebration at Gustavus' commencement

The University of Minnesota becomes a participating institution.

Annexstad Family Foundation Scholars attending University of Redlands (I-r): holars Kenia Gonzalez, Isaac Rodriguez, Fernando Herrera, Ariel Herrera, Leslie Vargas, and Kimberly Rios-Hernandez.

# 2008

Shawn Sanford graduates with a B.A. in African American and Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame Shawn is the Foundation's first Leaders for Tomorrow Scholar. She goes on to earn an M.B.A. from Loyola University in Chicago in 2018.

75 Scholarships 6 Graduates





# 2007

Al and Cathy set an ambitious goal of funding 1,000 Scholarships by the end of 2020.

The University of Notre Dame and Gustavus Adolphus College become the first participating institutions where Annexstad Scholars will earn degrees in four years free from student debt.

- 50 Scholarships · 4 Graduates

# 2010

**10th Anniversary** 150th Scholarship is awarded to Hayden Rodarte law degree from Yale in 2019.

150 Scholarships 20 Graduates





# 2009

The Foundation establishes the first Hope and Inspiration Scholarship at Al's alma mater, St. Peter High School, spurring on special partnerships with designated American high schools.

Anastasia Nereson becomes the first recipient of the Scholarship. She earns a degree in Communication Studies from Minnesota State University, Mankato in 2014.

The Annexstad family sits on the Board and is committed to its mission.

attending Stanford University. Hayden earns his

The prestigious Horatio Alger Award, one of America's highest civilian honors, is presented to AI in recognition of his inspiring life story of achieving personal and professional success despite a challenging upbringing.



# 2011

Courtney Bell becomes the 5th Scholar to graduate from the University of Minnesota. She goes on to earn a Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Leadership in 2020.

The Foundation expands to a third generation of service by welcoming Shane Annexstad to the board of directors. Soon after Morgan, Kaci, Mackenzi, Blake and Maggie also joined.

# 2012

Oscar Gonzalez graduates from the University of Notre Dame. He goes on to complete a Ph.D. in Quantitative Research Methods from Arizona State University in 2018. That same year he begins his career as an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, becoming the first Scholar to teach at an institutional partner.

The Leaders for Tomorrow program is formally launched as a National Scholarship program.

· 250 Scholarships · 50 Graduates





# 2013

65th Graduate, Cameron Cochran, earns a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the Jniversity of St. Thomas

The Foundation partners with the Horatio Alger Association to establish the AI and Cathy Annexstad Horatio Alger Association cholarship at select stitutions nationwide.

# 2014

425th Scholars is awarded to Elyse Lopez to study Biology at Washington University in St. Louis.

Logan Galindo is awarded the inaugural Hope and Inspiration Scholarship at Kingsford High School in Michigan. He earns a degree in Music Education from Northern Michigan University in 2018 and returns to his alma mater to teach music.

· 425 Scholarships 100 Graduates

Gustavus Adolphus College christens the Annexstad Mall.







#### **15th Anniversary**

Annexstad Scholars surpass a four-year graduation success rate of 90%.

500th Scholarship is awarded to Molly Morgan (left) to study chemical engineering at the

500 Scholarships 125 Graduates · 58 Institutional Partners

## 2016 Vinnesota State University,

Mankato partners with the Foundation to establish the Marie Eustice Scholarship in the College of Education in honor of Cathy's mother.

Scholars Tierra Jorgensen, Vannessa Buth, George Vang and Irene Kim have received this award.

600 Scholarships 175 Graduates 61 Institutional Partners



2017

245th Graduate, Alexis Mundo

graduates from Vanderbilt

University with a degree in

Medical Health Science.

700th Scholarship

Miguel Velasco to

study Biology and

Carleton College

700 Scholarships

· 65 Institutional Partners

245 Graduates

is awarded to

# 2018

800th Scholarship is awarded to Ajah Singleton to study Biomedical Engineering at the University of Mississippi.

The Foundation establishes A Hope and Inspiration Scholarship at Rabun County High School in Tiger, Georgia.

800 Scholarships 60 Institutional Partners







900th Scholarship is awarded to asmin Azizi to pursue a teaching degree rom Gonzaga University.

100th *Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship* is awarded at the University of Notre Dame.

900 Scholarships 385 Graduates · 62 Institutional Partners

eceive the Nilliam P. Sexton ward from Notre ame, awarded to on-alumni who have contributed utstanding service to the Iniversity and hose lives xemplify the spirit of the University.

Al and Cathy



320 Graduates

2020 **20th Anniversary** 

450th Graduate, Vincent Chicaderis earns a B.S. in Nursing from North Dakota State University Daniel Williams, Jennifer Gonzalez,

Elise Gotthardt, and Kiana Pitsch are named Annexstad Scholars by Gustavus Adolphus College, thus enabling the Foundation to reach the significant milestone of 1,000 Scholarships awarded since it was established in 2000.

🔥 🗉 1,000 Scholarships • 457 Graduates · 62 Institutional Partners



# A Loving Legacy

Annexstad

As part of their evolving Foundation, the Annexstads chose to honor their mothers by creating a Scholarship in each of their names at two esteemed colleges in the couple's home state of Minnesota.

#### Alice Annexstad's Legacy

Soon after losing her husband when Al was only five, the newly widowed Alice moved her family to St. Peter, Minnesota. There, Alice worked in the food service department at Gustavus Adolphus College. "During her 40 years there, every student had a nutritious meal," Al says. "Her days were long, but she loved working with the students and staff, and they loved her."

As a child, Al helped his mom in the kitchen. Moved by those endearing memories and his mother's sacrifice, Al and Cathy established the first Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship at Gustavus Adolphus College.

### The First Annexstad Scholar

**Amy Abrahamson Miller** was selected as the Foundation's first recipient. Amy's "never give up" attitude combined with the Annexstad Scholarship kept her on the labor-intensive path to graduate debt-free with a Biology degree in 2005. "I am forever grateful for their

> generosity," Amy says. "Some days I would get really discouraged. Then I would think of how hard I have worked, what I have overcome, and how badly I want to help animals with a

career in the veterinary medical field. The Annexstads have helped give my life purpose and helped me follow my dreams."

#### Marie Eustice's Legacy

In 2012, the Annexstad Family Foundation introduced the Marie Eustice Scholarship in the College of Education at Al's alma mater, Minnesota State University, Mankato. The Scholarship has become the college's flagship award presented to a deserving student who, despite adversity, dedicates him or herself to shaping a classroom of young minds as an elementary education teacher, just like Cathy's mother Marie.

Marie was renowned for her work ethic and her ability to prepare her wide-eyed grade-school students for lifelong learning. While teaching full-time in the late 1950s, she commuted two hours on nights and weekends to what is today, Minnesota State University, Mankato, to attend classes toward her bachelor's degree. On a wintry December morning in 1959, just before graduation, Marie tragically lost her life in a car accident. In 2012, as Minnesota State University, Mankato bestowed honorary doctorate degrees upon Al and Cathy for their humanitarian contributions, President Davenport posthumously awarded Marie Eustice her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. There was hardly a dry eye in the house.

Marie

Eustice

That same day, the University announced the Marie Eustice Scholarship. Each Scholar is selected during their junior year and completes the two-year Elementary Education Professional Program without the burden of student loans.

Tierra Jorgensen, the first recipient, was selected in 2016, and The Annexstad Family Foundation has since welcomed a new Scholar each year. The Foundation is very proud to welcome Irene Kim, the 2019 Marie Eustice Scholarship recipient. Irene was motivated by her mother to pursue a career as an elementary education teacher. "My mom, being a teacher, had a huge impact on my life. It instilled in me a passion to become a quality teacher, and I am working hard to achieve my goal. I want to do my best to promote a classroom where children feel welcomed and accepted!"



Left: First Annexstad Scholar, Amy Abrahamson Miller. Above: Marie Eustice Scholars (I-r): The first Tierra Jorgensen; the second and third, Vannessa Buth and George Vang; the fourth, Irene Kim.

# Bright Minds, Big Dreams

After the launch of the first Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship back in 2000, the Foundation established a commitment to support students who have benefitted from adult mentoring during their formative years.

"Exceptionally bright young people from backgrounds of personal and financial hardship have something truly special within them that others do not," Al says. "They are the brightest of the bright, the neediest of the needy, and the toughest of the tough. And they will make the best of their college opportunity." Their track record of academic and personal achievements stands testament to their propensity to excel against all odds.

In 2002, AI and Cathy coined the phrase, "Bright Minds, Big Dreams" as the focus of their Foundation. The couple decided this mantra would encapsulate the defining qualities that the Annexstad family would look for in every one of the students awarded a college Scholarship.





# Shawn Sanford Triumph Over Tremendous Adversity

A driven woman who had bolstered herself up through uncommon hardship, Shawn Sanford embodied the "Bright Minds, Big Dreams" character when Al and Cathy met her in 2004.

"I grew up with no one pushing," explains Shawn, who had flourished academically despite multiple foster home placements. "No one knew the day that I graduated from high school, nor that I was a commencement speaker." Once she was accepted into college through sheer self-motivation, the contact and support she received from the Annexstads made all the difference. "Someone was always there to ask, 'How are you?' How would anyone have known that I was homeless during the summer? When I was emancipated from the state, it was

Al and Cathy who saw what I needed. I am so thankful; they have done so much for me." Shawn graduated from Notre Dame in 2008 and has pledged to forge a bold career path that will inspire her 10-year old daughter. "I want to be a living testimony to the care that came from the Annexstads."

Since graduating from Notre Dame, Shawn has already taken steps to fulfill that promise. She completed an M.B.A. at Loyola University in 2018 (while working full-time), has served in leadership roles on the board of various non-profits in the Chicago area and Notre Dame community, and has started a successful career as an association management professional. Shawn has truly exemplified the type of impact AI and Cathy dreamed of when first establishing their Scholarship

program at

Notre Dame.

# Oscar Gonzalez

**Thriving for His Family** 



Since his boyhood days in Mexico, Oscar longed to provide financial stability to his family. Even when they immigrated to the United States when he was 10, poverty followed them. To make matters worse, his father was then diagnosed with cancer and struggled to find steady work. Oscar worked hard to secure their livelihood.

"As a new American first-generation student, I had to push myself out of my

Spanish-speaking, homogeneous bubble of South Texas to attend a college with a rigorous academic curriculum," he shares. "I found supportive mentors, joined the Navy JROTC corps, and became my high school's valedictorian.

"Receiving The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship was instrumental to my future. Notre Dame provided the academic rigor to lay the foundation for a rising research career and the service experiences they offered fostered my moral development. At Notre Dame, I developed compassion and solidarity. I have worked in organizing the Latino community in Chicago, volunteered at a youth center in South Africa, and interned in a hospital for people who are paraplegic. These experiences have made me more sensitive to issues related to social justice, health equity, race relations, and the policy that can affect each of these areas.

"The Annexstad family, along with the close-knit community of Notre Dame, showed me the value of caring. It's easy to feel lost in navigating the college demands and the social environment. But having AI, Cathy, and a community that cares about what you do and how you do things is extremely powerful. Together they made me feel loved, appreciated, and confident that I would thrive."

Oscar graduated from Notre Dame in 2012, completed a master's degree, and was awarded a prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. After receiving his Ph.D. in Quantitative Methods in Psychology from Arizona State University in 2018, he is now working as

an Assistant Professor of Quantitative Psychology in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He researches the development and evaluation of questionnaires and teaches courses in both measurement and predictive analytics at the undergraduate and

graduate levels.



# Moving the Mission Forward

The Annexstads have a deep concern for the future of the United States and believe those who receive a higher education are poised to spark, fuel, and feed the fires of positive change on a grand scale.

While Annexstad Scholars work toward their degrees without the weight of student loans, they each willingly participate in the Federal Work Study program. Institutional partners cite that work study advances personal responsibility and time-management skills while helping tie students to the campus community on the road to graduation.

Several years ago, Al coined the phrase *Leaders for Tomorrow* in describing the Foundation's passionate endeavor to help craft the nation's next generation of leadership in fields the Annexstads identify as critical to America's future. At that time, AI and Cathy announced their ambitious goal of funding 1,000 Scholarships by the end of the Foundation's second decade of operation. It is fitting that the Annexstad Family Foundation awarded its 1,000th Scholarship to a student attending Gustavus Adolphus College, where their idea took root. To date, 40 Gustie Scholars who grew up with significant financial hardships have earned their degrees at the college and gone on to make their lives count.





# Haley Coller A Fortune 500 Gustie Grad

A 2016 graduate from Gustavus Adolphus College with a degree in Public Accounting and Political Science, Haley Coller is now a Senior Analyst in the Securities division at Goldman Sachs. "The Annexstad family provided a direct pathway to college, which in turn equipped me with the skills necessary to shine at a Fortune 500 company," she says. "At Gustavus, I formed a great bond with the other Annexstad Family Foundation Scholars.

The Annexstads gave me the opportunity of four years without the worry of debt and provided a support network to assist with the challenges of college."

Post graduation, Haley took a gap year to explore the world before embarking on her career in finance. She currently mentors a college-bound high school student. "I am a product of mentorship from organizations like The Annexstad Family Foundation, and I want to use my time giving back to others." By its purposeful design, The Annexstad Family Foundation Leaders for Tomorrow National Scholarship makes a departure from most non-institutional scholarship programs. First and foremost, the program's objective dictates that *Leaders* for Tomorrow Scholars graduate in four years as free from debt as possible. Additionally, the Foundation works closely with participating colleges to nurture appropriate relationships of trust with Annexstad Scholars throughout their college careers. In this way, they can together mitigate challenges - personal, academic, and otherwise - which students from such backgrounds often experience and bring about resolutions to problems without compromising the dignity and confidentiality of Annexstad Scholars.

Cathy shares, "When we first meet our Scholars, most of them are so shy and uncomfortable in their own skin. After a couple of years, these same Scholars are confident, poised, and gracious. It's an incredible transformation! We didn't realize that spending time with them would mean so much to them, but they email and text us photos of themselves in their school sweatshirts or working on whatever project or job they are doing. We are so proud of them. We believe in them. We really have become an extended family, and they to us."



# Chelesa Fearce **Tutor, Mentor, Doctor**

"The Annexstad Family Foundation deeply impacted my sense of community," says Chelesa Fearce, a 2017 Spelman College graduate who majored in Biochemistry and is now a medical student at Yale School of Medicine. "The opportunities to connect with other Scholars kept me grounded and gave me a supportive circle to reach out to throughout my college journey."

In addition to conducting research, volunteering at a non-profit wellness clinic, and being a chapel assistant, Chelesa

served as a chemistry tutor for three years. Those tutoring sessions crossed over into mentorship and more. "Several young women came from international countries. They were able to find a friend in me because I had experienced some of the same hardships they had faced, such as lack of housing and food. We bonded together in solidarity and formed strong friendships that will stand the test of time."

With her sights set on becoming chair or dean of an academic institution as well as a physician and scientist, Chelesa wants "to show other black, brown, and impoverished children that they can and will become anything they set their mind to." She has found a voice to speak out for what she believes is right and plans to advocate for marginalized communities that face barriers to accessing healthcare.

"The Annexstads have been a light in a dark tunnel," she shares. "They gave me hope for a future that seemed unattainable. I am grateful for the relief the Scholarship has provided, and I hope to impart that same sense of relief to my future patients."

The commitments made by institutional partners such as Spelman College are paramount to each Scholar's success. Moving into its third decade, the Annexstad Family Foundation has partnered with over 62 of the nation's preeminent institutions of higher learning, among them Duke University, Harvard University, Washington University in St. Louis, Stanford University, the University of Notre Dame, Yale University, the University of Mississippi, Vanderbilt University, the University of Michigan, and the University of Georgia. In the past year alone, 109 new awards were made by institutional partners.

The Foundation proudly points to a graduation success rate of over 90% of Annexstad Scholars who have earned or are on track to earn their undergraduate degrees in four years. This is well above the national graduation rate, especially for first-generation students.

> Being a first-generation college graduate, however, is not the only commonality among more than 90% of Annexstad Scholars. Hurdles that would PELMA have dissuaded others from pressing onward have only spurred APANA these young adults to stay strong, leap higher, and to get up and keep on running when they fell.

Below left: Scholars at the University of Minnesota Scholarship Luncheon (I-r): Alicia Durkee, Arleth Pulido-Nava and John Sevilleja; Back row: Patti Annexstad Marinovich and Goldy Gopher. Below right: The Annexstad Family celebrates the 2010 cohort of Annexstad Family Foundation Scholars.





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# Cavonte Johnson Engineering a Brighter Future

As rare as he is determined, Cavonte Johnson defied what might have been a grim outcome after bouncing from home to home as a boy, but in 2017 he graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Mechanical Engineering degree. His athleticism also enabled him to play Division 1 football for the school.

"My mom was a prostitute and incarcerated; I never met my dad. I moved in with a retired couple in eighth grade, but there was no way for me to go to school and no opportunities for me to pursue. I didn't have anything. But the rarity of someone reaching out to me, trusting my character, trusting my hard work, gave me all the opportunity in the world," Cavonte says. "This Foundation and this family are dedicated to giving young adults a means to accomplish their dreams. They are not simply sending money; they brought me into their family and made me a part of their community."

In addition to working as an engineer for Mortenson Construction, he serves on their stewardship committee. Cavonte hopes to use his early life experiences to help those who are struggling with many of the same issues he encountered – from homelessness to drug addiction to suicide prevention. Today, *Leaders for Tomorrow* Scholars like Cavonte are making remarkable strides in their blossoming careers in critical fields such as business, medicine, law, finance, agriculture, science, engineering, and education. The legacy of leadership that the Foundation has created continues to pay great dividends in the minds, hearts, and contributions that Scholars are making for generations to come.

"America needs exceptional people who will one day measure their success not merely in personal terms, but in terms of how they have contributed to improving the quality of life of their fellow citizens," Al has said.

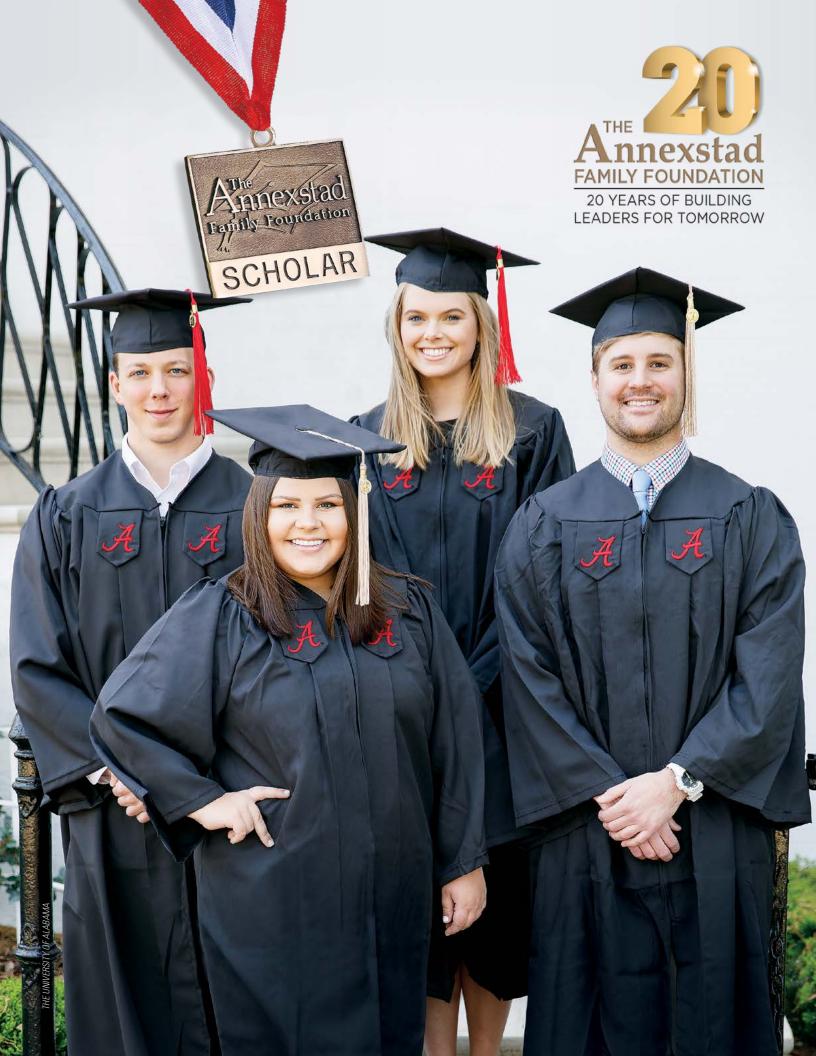
While the desert sun rose during one couple's morning walk nearly 20 years ago, a vision was given light which has immeasurably changed the lives of many, many people. The Scholars, their families, and those whose lives they have touched while paying it forward have expressed sincere and immeasurable gratitude to Al and Cathy Annexstad and their family for having the courage and resolve to make a difference –

making America a stronger nation along the way.

Below left: Al and Cathy celebrate Rosemary Hartline's graduation by attending a program at the University of Alabama. Rosemary shared her inspiring undergraduate experience to students and Alabama officials during the Foundation's visit in November. Below right: The Foundation primarily focused on supporting students throughout the Midwest before expanding nationwide through the Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship Program.







# National Scholars Changing the World

#### 1 Auburn University Turner, Ella

#### 2 Augsburg College

Barger, Sierra Goodwin, Danielle Jacobs-Hurtubise, Gabe Jacobson, Leah Roberson, Jacarri Trevino, Crystal Ung, Robert Yang, Lee

**Bemidji State University** Morgan, Jordan

#### 4 Bethel University

Barlue, Elijah Barthel, Tyler Bauer, Levi Bjorgo, Janessa Hser, Hsa Hsay Mortenson, Grant Osagiede, Andrew Pe'A, Bronson Sanchez-Sanchez, Lizzie Thosaengsiri, Ratsamee Xiong, Zang Zar, Ehkhudah

#### 5 Boston College

Barry, Lou Briar, Naren Collier, Jared Davidson, Raven DePina, Kyannah Dowling, Kayla Encarnacion, Eric Fotopoulos, Joseph Hunt, Angelo LaSage, Kelby Okorie, Chiamaka Sam-Hinton, Mikaela Tang, Amy

#### California State University, San Bernardino

Estacio, Katrina Hanson, Jennifer Martinez, Adrian

#### California State University, San Marcos

Duenas, Trinity

#### 8 Carleton College

Abdirahman, Ahmed Ahmed, Sagal Brooks, DeJimon Bui, Thien Campos González, Danny Cota, Oswaldo Finch, Zene Korems-Wolinski, Heidi Legba, Francine Seley, Molubah Velasco, Miguel Williams, Chavonn

#### 9 Clemson University

Briz, Karen Capleton, Darryl Creswell, T'Laysha Haley, Danielle Hunter, Arabella Pou, Sabriyya Smith, Xavier Stewart, Destiny Widdifield, Winter

#### College of Saint Benedict

Bevan, Amanda Harms, Janessa Hengel, Stephany Morral, Catlin Rodriguez, Yariset Saffert, Gretchen Sumrall, Lydia

#### 1 College of the Desert

#### Concordia College Teigen, Lindsey

Williams, Britany
Britany
Crown College

Bonati, Skye

#### 14 Duke University

Ahmed, Mohamed Argueta, Laura Brockman, Emily Butron, Lynette Chaudhry, Haseeb Cheng, Amy Clayton, Timothy Hamill, Haley Hewett, Bethany Koleini, Mehdina Middlebrooks, McKenzie Real Williams, Vanessa Sanchez-Rolon, Alexandra Schmidt, Brooke Wayne, Moses

#### **1** Emory University

Blount, Christian Gaytan, Nayive Guyette, Lindsay Kilic, Elif Lee, Ariona Macri, Christian Mammas, Demetrios Martin, Lalita

Open to see the impressive list of Annexstad Family Foundation Scholars McDonald, Tanique Paul, Brandi Pendergrast, Keaton Porto, Joshua Rhee, Amie Rivera, Suzanne Sell, Jason Shana Soas, Alex Thompson, Tristen

#### 10 Georgetown University

Ali, Habon Asuen, Esohe Brault, Gabrielle Elliott Cooper, Demetrius de Araujo, Katie De Zoysa, Anaga Garcia, Elsie Haddad, Stephanie Junaid, Ojuolape Larios, Karen Lujan, Steven Mailha, Maisha Manoukian, Alex Perez, Kevin Perez, Yanely

#### Georgia Institute of Technology

Bruschi, Melissa Chester, Raymond Cvijetinovic, Ivan Fung, Florey Johnston, Heather Miranda, Isabella Perry, Timothy Robinson, Alexis Rodriguez, Vanessa Saunders, Shaunice Shirley, Courtney Suffrena, Alaika Tuttle, Charitty Zaharieva, Yoana Zaharieva, Zornitsa

#### B Gonzaga University

Azizi, Jasmin Bazie, Felecia Benjamin, Marychristie Carrillo, Loren Lanegraff, Meghan

#### Gustavus Adolphus College

Abrahamson Miller, Amy Afful. Anthony Araya, Christian Atkinson, Monica Campbell, Madeline Choenyi, Tenzin Coller, Halev Davis, Nadvia Dornon, Chrissy Dubose, Jeffrey Dubose, Veronica Durgapersad, Asha Ellefson, Erica French, Amanda Green, Donte Hansen, Hannah Halvorson-Johnson, Alex Htoo, Baby Hutchins Feldman, Kelsey Johnson, Kady Juantos, Neida Kramer, Michael Lavan, Gabrielle Love, Grace Meadows, Patrick

Metcalf, Ashleigh Naber, Carrie Newell, Jesse Mayén, Brian Reliford, Shaketta Robbins, Emma Say, Eh De Cem Simmons, Megan Sosa, Ashley Spaulding, Elizabeth Thao, Tong Trejo, Louis Ung, Mindy

#### 20 Harvard University

Boone, David Ellison, Zacharv English, Kevin Fox. Justin Harris, Tomoro Hegwood, Naomi Howard, Reuben Jenkins, Richard LaRocque, SaNoah Mollett, Hunter Morris, Taylor Nietfeld, Emi Ringkob, Caleb Vonadara, Britnev Weeks, Olivia Zhao, Shao 21 High Point University

## Riley, Lauren **22 Hillsdale College**

Gallick, Elizabeth Lee, Micheal **23 Indiana University,** 

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Egeler, Frances Harris, Richard Henderson, Victoria Klawiter, Samantha Matias, Joseline Shelley, Christina Underhill, Clayton

#### Michigan Technological University

Brown, Ashley Collard, Spencer Cortez, Xena Downs, Ryan Malikova, Fidan McGee, Michael Pilatovs, Artur Saldana, Riley Smith, Alyssa Soderman, David Storm, Allison Thompson, Jemel

#### Ø Minnesota State University, Mankato

Abdulahi, Yaxye Anderson, Skylar Brito Lino, Yuseina Brown, Angie (Foster) Buchanan, Tiarra Buth, Vannessa Cordova, Emily Creger, Payton Edel, Gabriell Fedder, Sierra Grove, Blake Herber, Hunter Jorgensen, Tierra Kanz, Christina Kim, Irene Nereson, Anastasia Nguyen, Zoey Papadakis, Marybeth Polinder, Jenny Schumacher, Molly Sellers, Travon Sjodin, Brendan Van Dalen, Hannah Vang, George Walstrom, Maggie

#### Williams, Shanique Minnesota State University, Moorhead

Hettwer, Amber Martin, Michael Rudenick, Molly Stulken, Timothy Winkelman, Kattlynn **2 Mississippi State** 

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#### Ross, Samantha North Dakota State University Al-Hammad, Adam Baumgartner, Jesse Chicaderis, Vincent Gronvold, Whitney Haller, Rebecca Johnson, Mel Lamba, Emilio

Nelson, Nick Nelson, Samantha Rude, Ashley Semmens, Jacob Schmiesing, Daniel Swanson, Duncan Van Phan, Tony Whiteaker, Wyatt Zitzow, Kirkland

#### Orthern Michigan University

Creighton, Michael Currie, Hailey Galindo, Logan Martin, Kelsey Qualley, Courtney

#### **O Pomona College**

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# St. Olaf College Culpepper, Dimitri Dubose, Mariah Maskalo, Guttu Welle, Megan

#### Santa Clara University\*

Southwest Minnesota State University Koehler, Paris Perry, Leon

#### Spelman College Britton, Courtney

Brown, La'Candis Craddock, Brie Davis, Aubriana Fearce, Chelesa Hammonds-Wyatt, N'Zinga Harpe, Ka'Necia Hawkins, Jala Haves, Unique Holmes, Jada Kenyatta, Ikya King, Nia Lawson, Aryanna Lewis, April Mickens, Ataesia Mitchell, Chevane Monroe, Monique Nash, Jordan Shimobi-Obijuru, Niké Shortt, Jasmine Westbrook, Alesha Young, Asattah

#### 38 Stanford University

Calvin, Ghawayne Demir, Nikita Duan, Lee King, Chelsea Marquez, Azucena Mason, Eric McCloud, Paula Mi, Jessica Nichols, Emily Rodarte, Hayden Sambrick, Maria Tran. Christina Vu. Khan Williams, Joelle Williams, Kayla Zoch, Jeffrey

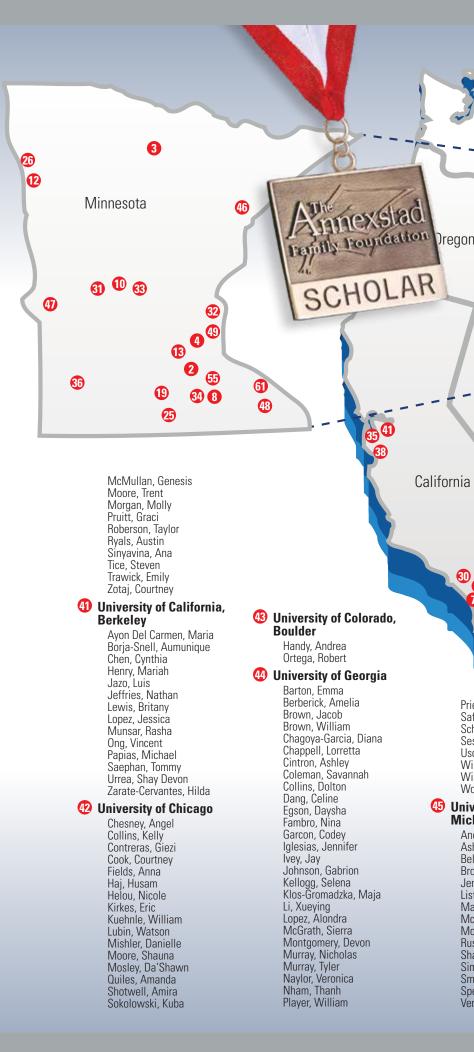
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#### 40 University of Alabama

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# 62 Prestigious Colleges & Universities



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#### University of Pennsylvania

\* New college and university partners in 2020

Cummings, Bethany

Dacy, Ashley

Davís, Brandon

Acevedo, Brandon Asemani, Kayvon Bell, Tahir Conniff, Elijah Davis, Sylvia Fisher, James Garcia, Carlos Gatter, Shandi Krone, Michael Muñoz, Yareqzy Perez, Daisy Rivera-Garcia, Alexies Shah, Bhavya Weiner, Noah

#### University of Redlands

Arellan, Elena Dimas, Yusvizaret Gonzalez, Kenia Herrera, Ariel Herrera, Fernando Huerta Navarro, Vanessa Manzi, Paul Munoz, Jennifer Rios-Hernandez, Kimberly Rodriguez, Isaac Romero, Beatriz Vargas, Leslie

#### University of St. Thomas

Alba Garner, Janelle Cazin, Devin Coborn, Kenzi Cochran, Cameron Dolge, Andrew Ellis, Bethany Erickson, Hazel Fields, Shaye Flores-Reyes, Alan Franklin, Ćarissa Franklin, Walter Herzog, Andrew HoangLong, Samantha Nur, Ismaiil Osuji, Stephany Villwock, Nicholas Weeks, Taylor Welle, Mitchell Woessner, Logan Yang, Christina

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# Smith, Joanna

#### 58 Vanderbilt University

Boyd, Joi Brown, Zackary Carr, Donovan Conwell, Sara-Catherine Driscoll, Maureen Franklin, Olivia Hammons, Kaitlynn Martinez, Jaylen Miceli, Charles Moore, Heath Mundo, Alexis Rushing, Jaret Smolock, Kadie Speelman, Steele Zanibi, Hannah

#### Washington University in St. Louis

Abdalla, Riyad Branson, Chelsea Chambers, Andrea Cook, Amaia Lopez, Elyse Molinatti, Natalia Perkins, Connor Sheptin, Jeffrey Stokalyuk, Mykyta Tinoco, Alexis Turner, Naimah Ungerleider, Adriana Williams, Isabelle Williams, Jakyra Wynn, Briana

#### Western Carolina University

Dyer, Bethany Moritz, Taylor Renfroe, Victoria Shuler, Jade Towery, William

#### 6) Winona State University

Becker, Crystal Curtis, Nathan Escalera, Jada Gee, Brianna Harvey Rigby, Jessica Hernandez, Sonva Larson, Taylor Lende, Makayla O'Brien, Max Pelletier, Nina Peterson, Chelsev Smith, Zaria Tavlor-Moore, Ervkah Ward, Haley Wenzel, Isaac Zarate, Helena

#### 62 Yale University

Adaya, Patricia Anifowoshe, Kanyinsola Bauman, Bessie Choe, John Dibich, Reed Foley, Elaina Hunt. Victor Lee, Kyung Mi Lilollari, Adela Lopez Águirre, Oscar Mahoney, Madison Morsy, Abdelrahman Olivares, Kevin Price, Jaclyn Shea, Patrick Toste, Helder

# Annexstad Family Scholarships

#### Leaders for Tomorrow National Scholarship Program

Working with a select group of America's most revered institutions of higher learning, the Leaders for Tomorrow National Scholarship Program makes a significant investment in developing America's future leaders from deserving young people who have come from humble, challenging beginnings. The schools identify, educate, and nurture highly talented young people into tomorrow's leaders. Scholarship recipients show a great deal of character, grit, and intelligence. The program invests in extraordinary future leaders who will make a huge difference in the world. The Foundation collaborates with colleges and universities which are carefully chosen among the nation's most prestigious institutions of higher learning to cultivate what America needs most: exceptional people who will one day measure their success not merely in personal terms, but in terms of how they have contributed to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens. Scholarship candidates are exclusively identified by participating universities and earn their undergraduate degrees as free from debt as possible.

#### Al and Cathy Annexstad Horatio Alger Association Scholarship

In 2010, AI Annexstad was the recipient of the Horatio Alger Award, one of America's highest civilian honors, given in recognition of his inspiring life story of achieving personal and professional success despite a challenging upbringing. The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans bears the name of the renowned author Horatio Alger Jr. whose tales of overcoming adversity through unyielding perseverance and basic moral principles captivated the public in the late 19th century. The Association was organized to recognize men and women of outstanding achievement and to remind Americans of the limitless possibilities that exist through the free enterprise system. Deeply moved by this recognition, Al and Cathy chose to pay it forward by establishing a scholarship at a select group of prestigious institutions that identify recipients from their ranks who reflect the spirit of the Horatio Alger Association.

#### Open to see a map of the 62 Prestigious Universities 1,000 Scholars have attended.

#### St. Peter High School Hope and Inspiration Scholarship

In appreciation of their hometown roots, the Annexstads endowed a college Scholarship at St. Peter High School, which they hope will help change the lives of some deserving young people who have not experienced many of life's blessings which so many others are fortunate to have received.

#### The Annexstad Family Foundation Veteran Student Scholarship

As a military veteran, Al Annexstad recognizes the sacrifices our service men and women make for our country. He and Cathy believe our veterans are a vital resource to our nation and that they, too, can benefit from higher education. To this end, they fund 25 Scholarships for veterans at the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, California.

#### Annexstad Family Foundation Hope and Inspiration Scholarship at Northern Michigan University

The Annexstads established a Scholarship at Northern Michigan University to help bright young people who have had to overcome difficult challenges. The Foundation partners with Northern Michigan University and Kingsford High School in Michigan's Upper Peninsula on this Scholarship program.

#### Annexstad Family Foundation Hope and Inspiration Scholarship at Rabun County High School

In the spirit of goodwill and charity, the Annexstads established a college Scholarship at Rabun County High School in the North Georgia mountains. The program assists deserving students from the surrounding community who have overcome significant hardship in their young lives.

#### **Marie Eustice Scholarship**

The Marie Eustice scholarship is awarded by Minnesota State University, Mankato College of Education to a deserving student in their junior year pursuing the Elementary Education Professional Program. The recipient of the Scholarship has not faced the easiest path in life but possesses outstanding potential to become an extraordinary elementary education teacher.

# The Knowledge, Energy and Passion **Dick Sherwood** Behind The Annexstad Family Foundation for 20 Years

#### By Al Annexstad, Co-founder

Twenty years ago, Cathy and I dreamed of helping a small number of talented students attend college, kids like Cathy and me, who overcame circumstances out of their control in pursuit of a better life. When we established The Annexstad Family Foundation in 2000, we had no idea that we were starting a movement of change, not only for a group of special kids, but for their communities and for society as a whole. Looking back, we could have never succeeded without our Executive Director, Dick Sherwood.

During my former career, I hired Dick nearly 40 years ago, and I can honestly say his knowledge, energy and passion for excellence drive him every day. Reaching the great milestone of funding our 1,000th Scholarship in our first 20 years is more than an achievement, it's a testament to Dick's hard work and dedication to the mission of the Foundation.

> Dick has been involved with The Annexstad Family Foundation since day one, leading

the Foundation's mission and forming trusting relationships with University Presidents, administrative officials, and community leaders. Along the way, Dick developed a talented staff of Program Administrators who work closely day to day with students and college officials to assist our Scholars in achieving their dreams. As Executive Director, Dick forged partnerships with 62 of America's finest institutions of higher education.

For Dick, it all started with our very first Scholarship at Gustavus Adolphus College in my hometown of St. Peter, Minnesota. Dick often says that Gustavus is where his crash course in higher education scholarship administration began. In a few short years, The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship at University of Notre Dame was established, an achievement which Dick affectionately calls his personal moon landing. As devout Catholics, Cathy and her family always had a special place in their hearts for the University of Notre Dame, an extraordinary place filled with traditions of excellence in academics, athletics, and community service. So, we asked Dick if he could find a way to help us establish a Notre Dame scholarship.

Shortly after his arrival on Notre Dame's campus, he noticed a small bookstore where he found a book written by Notre Dame's former president Father Edward Malloy. It was an account of his years as president, and his reflections on Notre Dame's rich history

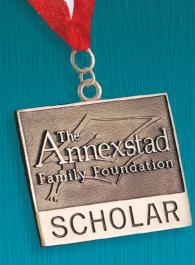
> Patti Annexstad Marinovich and Dick Sherwood.

of service to humankind. Dick started reading the book back at his hotel, finishing it at dawn just in time for his morning meeting with Notre Dame officials.

Throughout that morning, Dick shared Cathy's and my personal stories of losing a parent to an untimely death in our youth and how those days have shaped our lives. Things really clicked in Dick's meeting due to his previous night's research. Notre Dame stepped forward to work with us, but the framework for our Leaders for Tomorrow national Scholarship was also established. This program has become the pillar of our Foundation's mission across America. During Dick's meeting at Notre Dame, friendships were forged and, as years have passed, Notre Dame officials indicate that they are proud to share our values, especially our outreach to deserving students in hopes that one day they can help change the world.

As Dick retires this year, the torch of leadership will pass to our beloved daughter, Patti Annexstad Marinovich, who has served as CFO and Secretary/Treasurer of The Annexstad Family Foundation since 2000. Like Dick, Patti is sharp, energetic, and filled with passion for our mission. Patti and Dick have worked closely over the years. As she is poised to take the reins as Executive Director, I know Patti joins Cathy and I, our son Tom, and three generations of Annexstad board members in saluting Dick for his selfless efforts to help many, many deserving kids have greater opportunity in life through the gift of higher education.









# Auburn University



🔺 Ella Turner Class of 2016 **B.A.** Communication Studies

# Augsburg College



A Sierra Barger Class of 2014 **B.A. Psychology** 



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A Danielle Goodwin Class of 2012 **B.S. Political Science** 



A Gabriel Jacobs-Hurtubise Class of 2014 **B.A. Communication Studies** 



A Leah Jacobson Class of 2012 **B.S. Social Work** 



🔺 Jacarri Roberson Class of 2017 **B.A. Journalism** 



🔺 Crystal Trevino Class of 2016 **B.S. Social Work** 



A Roger Ung Class of 2014 B.A. Business – Specialization in Music Business



**A Lee Yang** Class of 2014 B.S. Computer Science

# Bemidji State University



🔺 Jordan Morgan Class of 2016 B.S. Enivronmental Studies and B.A. Sociology

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# Bethel University



A Tyler Barthel Class of 2016 **B.A. Missional Ministry** 



🔺 Levi Bauer Class of 2019 **B.A. Human Resource** Development



A Grant Mortenson Class of 2019 **B.A. Computer Science** 



A Zang Xiong Class of 2014 B.A. Psychology and Reconciliation



A Ehkhudah Zar Class of 2019 **B.A. Relational Communication;** and Theatre, Acting and Directing B.A. Sociology

# **Boston College**



A Lou Barry Class of 2016 **B.S. Finance, Management** and Leadership



A Jared Collier Class of 2017 **B.A. Linguistics** 



🔺 Kayla Dowling Class of 2018 **B.S. Applied Psychology**, Human Development and Sociology



A Eric Encarnacion Class of 2019 **B.A. International Studies** 



Angelo Hunt Class of 2018



# Alyssa Smith

Madison, WI

#### Michigan Technological University B.S. Exercise Science Class of 2019

#### Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship

"My time at Michigan Tech allowed me to explore my passions including a love for rural health, occupational therapy, and research. I am currently serving as a Research Assistant and looking forward to graduating in 2021 with a Master of Occupational Therapy from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. On the job, making it through a day knowing I learned a skill

or concept valuable in treating a person who is experiencing some of the worst moments defines my list of accomplishments. I never knew the degree of work that went into graduate coursework, and it has given me a vast appreciation for what I have learned. Presently, I am fortunate to be participating in a groundbreaking research project regarding the neurodevelopment of infant rhesus macaque monkeys in relation to the Zika virus. Our studies are focusing on the impact of prenatal exposure in human development. We hope this research will help drive OT interventions with children who may be delayed. It has been such an honor to work on this study."



A Chiamaka Okorie Class of 2017 B.S. Nursing

# Carleton College



Ahmed Abdirahman Class of 2019 B.A. Cognitive Science



▲ Zene Finch Class of 2019 B.A. Studio Art



▲ Chavonn Williams Class of 2015 B.A. Psychology and African American Studies





▲ Stephany Hengel Class of 2010 B.A. Psychology



▲ Catlin Morral Class of 2018 B.A. Elementary Education



A Yariset Rodriguez Class of 2017 B.A. English



▲ Gretchen Saffert Class of 2014 B.S. Management

# Concordia College



▲ Lindsey Teigen Class of 2014 B.A. Psychology



A Britany Williams Class of 2018 B.A. Biology and Psychology

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# Crown College



A Skye Bonati Class of 2015 B.A. Music and Christian Studies

# Duke University



A Mohamed Ahmed Class of 2018 B.S. Markets and Management Studies



Amy Cheng Class of 2016 B.A. Economics

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A McKenzie Middlebrooks Class of 2017 B.S. Neuroscience



Alexandra Sanchez Rolon Class of 2019 B.A. Psychology and Gender Studies



A Moses Wayne Class of 2018 B.S. Economics

# Emory University



Ariona Lee Class of 2019 B.S. Anthropology and Biology



▲ Tanique McDonald Class of 2019 B.S. Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology

Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN



A Brandi Paul Class of 2017 B.S. Chemistry



▲ Joshua Porto Class of 2018 B.S. Biology



Amie Rhee Class of 2017 B.S. Biology



# **Courtney Bell**

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities B.A. Law, Criminology and Deviance Class of 2011

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters Program**

"The Annexstad Family Foundation allowed me to be a full-time scholar – and first-generation college graduate – without the worry of working to pay for school. At UMN, I gained a systemic, socio-historical, and socio-political understanding of the U.S. education system and the impacts that it has on its constituents. This has outlined my mission of eradicating educational inequity. As a leader with the UMN Black Student Union, I learned the value of community, leadership, and mentoring. After completing

my Master of Education at the University of Minnesota, I taught social studies at my alma mater, North High School, in North Minneapolis for four years. I am now a Program Manager of Culturally Responsive Instruction for Saint Paul Public Schools. I continue to mentor my former students and those who have started college. I am truly grateful for the blessing the Annexstad family has been in my life. I was able to break a generational cycle of educational inequity and go on to achieve personal goals and professional accomplishments, from purchasing a home for my family, to being named a 2018 finalist by the Minnesota Teacher of the Year Program, to finishing my Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Leadership from the U of M this year."

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# Azucena Marquez

Cambridge, MA

Stanford University B.A. History Class of 2019

#### Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship

"I have known I wanted to be a lawyer and bring a voice to the voiceless since I was very young. Having the unwavering support and encouragement of The Annexstad Family Foundation gave me the freedom to pursue my degree. Currently I am an Economic Analyst at Cornerstone Research in Silicon Valley, where I am working to expand the firm's pro bono and diversity and inclusion efforts. Once I begin classes again, as part of the class of 2023 at Harvard Law School, I am excited about providing pro bono immigration services to vulnerable populations in the greater Boston area in addition to serving as a mentor to current *Leaders for Tomorrow* Scholars."



A Suzanne Rivera Class of 2017 B.S. Nursing



▲ Jason Sell Class of 2018 B.A. Psychology

# Georgetown University



A Habon Ali Class of 2018 B.S. Foreign Service Regional and Comparative Studies



A Katherine de Araujo Class of 2018 B.A. Culture, Politics and International Relations



▲ Ojuolape Junaid Class of 2018 B.S. Foreign Service in Internatinoal Relations



▲ Karen Larios Class of 2016 B.S. International Business



▲ Steven Lujan Class of 2019 B.S. Anthropology



A Yanely Perez Class of 2017 B.A. Government

# Georgia Institute of Technology



A Melissa Bruschi Class of 2017 B.S. Chemical and Biological Engineering



A Raymond Chester Class of 2019 B.S. Nuclear and Radiological Engineering



A Heather Johnston Class of 2017 B.S. Public Policy

# **Gonzaga University**



A Loren Carrillo Class of 2019 B.A. Political Science

# Gustavus Adolphus College



Anthony Afful Class of 2015 B.S. Physics and B.A. Music



▲ Tenzin Choenyi Class of 2018 B.A. Financial Economics



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A Haley Coller Class of 2016 B.A. Public Accounting and Political Science



A Nadvia Davis Class of 2011 B.A. Communication Studies and English



▲ Chrissy Dornon Class of 2018 B.A. Political Science



▲ Jeffrey Dubose Class of 2014 B.A. Physics



▲ Veronica Dubose Class of 2012 B.A. Dance



▲ Erica Ellefson Class of 2018 B.A. Biology and Psychology



▲ **Kelsey Feldmann** Class of 2006 B.A. Art Education and Art History



Amanda French Class of 2007 B.A. History and Sociology



A Donte Green Class of 2014 <u>B.S. Business Ma</u>nagement



Alex Halvorson-Johnson Class of 2015 B.A. Education



▲ Kady Johnson Class of 2013 B.A. English



▲ Neida Juantos Class of 2017 B.A. Psychology and Spanish



A Michael Kramer Class of 2011 B.A. Communication Studies



▲ Grace Love Class of 2019 B.A. Biology and Religion



A Brian Perez Mayén Class of 2019 B.A. Spanish and Financial Economics



Amy Abrahamson Miller Class of 2005 B.A. Biology



▲ Carrie Naber Class of 2008 B.A. Sociology

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# Bridgette Hemmesch Deters Mabel, MN

#### University of Minnesota, Twin Cities B.S. Veterinary Science, D.V.M. Class of 2007

#### Big Brothers Big Sisters Program

"Like Mr. Annexstad, I grew up on a family farm and lost my own father when I was very young. I, too, was raised by the courage of my mother. As a first-generation student who always wanted to be a veterinarian, The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship allowed me to go on to veterinary school by keeping the cost of college low. I never could have paid for college on my own. The Annexstads Scholarship gave me the advantage to live on campus, focus on studying, and make the most of opportunities provided to me.

The day I graduated with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 2011 from the University of Minnesota, St. Paul College of Veterinary Medicine was a memorable one! I am now a veterinarian who supports dairy farmers in the care of their animals. My way of paying forward the Annexstads' kindness and generosity is by mentoring veterinary students in the job's real-world challenges and the skills they will need to succeed."



A Jesse Newell Class of 2013 B.A. Athletic Training



A Shaketta Reliford Class of 2015 B.A. Communication Studies



A Emma Robbins Class of 2019 B.A. Financial Economics



Elizabeth Spaulding Class of 2014 B.A. Studio Art and Philosophy



▲ Tong Thao Class of 2012 B.S. Geography



▲ Louis Trejo Class of 2007 B.A. Financial Economics and B.S. Chemistry



▲ Mindy Ung Class of 2012 B.S. Nursing

# Harvard University



A David Boone Class of 2016 B.S. Computer Science



▲ Justin Fox Class of 2017 B.S. Enivromental Science and Public Policy



A Reuben Howard Class of 2017 B.A. English



▲ Taylor Morris Class of 2016 B.A. Anthropology



A Margaret Nietfeld Class of 2015 B.S. Computer Science





▲ Caleb Ringkob Class of 2019 B.S. Biomedical Engineering



A Shao Zhao Class of 2018 B.A. Social Studies

# Indiana University, Bloomington



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▲ Frances Egeler Class of 2018 B.A. Liberal Studies



▲ Christina Shelley Class of 2013 B.S. Political Science and English

# Michigan Technological <u>Un</u>iversity



**Xena Cortez** Class of 2018 B.S. Scientific and Technical Communications



Ashley Huckabone Class of 2018 B.S. Computer Network and Systems Administration



Alyssa Smith Class of 2019 B.S. Exercise Science

**Bloomington**, MN

# Minnesota State University, Mankato



▲ Skylar Anderson Class of 2016 B.S. Information Technology



Angie Foster Brown Class of 2010 B.S. Community Health



▲ Tiarra Buchanan Class of 2015 B.S. Biomedical Sciences



# Jesse Newell

Gustavus Adolphus College B.A. Athletic Training Class of 2013

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters Program**

"The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship allowed me to discover my true passion of helping train others to achieve their athletic goals while also allowing me the opportunity to play college football for Gustavus. During my senior year, I led the defensive line during pre-game workouts and worked with underclassmen to define their skills. This experience led me to get my Master's in Applied Exercise Science from Concordia University Wisconsin and work as a Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer. Currently I am the Head Athletic Trainer for Bloomington Kennedy High School. I am also a board member of a startup nonprofit called Foreshadow, an organization focused on bringing change by bridging the achievement gap for youth within the Twin Cities. The work is rewarding, and I am grateful for the chance to make a difference."

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# Jordan Morgan

Bemidji State University B.S. Environmental Policy and Planning; B.A. Sociology; Sustainability minor Class of 2016

#### St. Peter High School Hope and Inspiration Scholarship

"As an Annexstad Scholar, I soaked up every opportunity, which included serving as the President of Students for the Environment and participating in the Doris Duke Conservation Scholar and the McNair Scholar programs. The Annexstads helped me make the most of my college experience by giving me the finances and time to do so. I recently earned a Master of Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy from the University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs, where I was also a Dove Fellow. A highlight of my experience there was attending the COP23 International Climate Negotiations in Germany. Now a Special Education Paraprofessional/ Sustainability Coordinator for the LoveWorks Academy for Performance and Visual Arts, I find immense satisfaction in working one-on-one with low-income students who have learning disabilities and need special education accommodations to help them learn. I also hope to make LoveWorks Academy a more sustainable institution."



A Vannessa Buth Class of 2019 B.S. Elementary Education



▲ Emily Cordova Class of 2018 B.S. Psychology



A Payton Creger Class of 2018 B.S. Computer Engineering Technology



▲ Gabriell Edel Class of 2017 B.S. Recreation, Park and Leisure Services



A Sierra Fedder Class of 2017 B.S. Urban and Regional Studies



A Blake Grove Class of 2018 B.S. Family Consumer Science, Dietetics



Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN

A Tierra Jorgensen Class of 2018 B.S. Elementary Education



A Christina Kanz Class of 2014 B.S. Management



Anastasia Nereson Class of 2014 B.S. Communication Studies



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A Zoey Nguyen Class of 2018 B.S. Accounting



A Marybeth Papadakis Class of 2016 B.S. Food and Nutrition



A Jennifer Polinder Class of 2014 B.F.A. Art/Photography



▲ Travon Sellers Class of 2015 B.S. Marketing



▲ Brendan Sjodin Class of 2011 B.S. Economics



A George Vang Class of 2019 B.S. Communication Arts and Literature



A Maggie Walstrom Class of 2017 B.S. Law Enforcement



▲ Shanique Williams Class of 2014 B.S. Mass Media

# Minnesota State University, Moorhead



Amber Hettwer Class of 2016 B.A. Psychology and Biology



A Michael Martin Class of 2011 B.S. East Asian Studies



▲ Timothy Stulken Class of 2011 B.A. Education



▲ Kattlynn Winkelman Class of 2018 B.A. Graphic Design

# Mississippi State University



A Samantha Ross Class of 2015 B.S. Veterinary Medicine

# Morehouse College



A Shakeal Moore Class of 2017 B.A. Philosophy



▲ Evan Phillips Class of 2016 B.A. Education



A Marcel Zeh Class of 2014 B.A. Business Administration and Management

# North Dakota State University



Adam Al-Hammad Class of 2016 B.S. Marketing



▲ Nicholas Nelson Class of 2013 B.S. Marketing



A Samantha Nelson Class of 2016 B.S. Human Development and Family Science



▲ Jake Semmens Class of 2018 B.S. Civil Engineering



▲ Duncan Swanson Class of 2016 B.S. Mechanical Engineering

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# Hayden Rodarte

#### Stanford University B.S. International Relations, Latin Language and Culture Class of 2009

#### Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship

"I have had the honor of working with the Annexstads and the Annexstad Family Foundation for over 10 years now. From that very first call when Stanford offered me the Scholarship, I knew my life had changed dramatically. I am who I am today because of the Annexstad's immense generosity, warmth, and support. I thank AI and Cathy Annexstad not only for the opportunity to access a quality university undergraduate education, but also for the numerous doors

#### San Francisco, CA

they have opened for me in the decade since. Now a practicing immigration and civil rights attorney in San Francisco, California, I have dedicated my personal and professional life to paying forward the opportunities I have received and reinvesting the resulting privileges I now enjoy as both a college and law school graduate. Over the years, I have been fortunate to meet and mentor Annexstad Scholars around the country, each of whom have in turn inspired me greatly. I am proud to impart my experiences and lessons learned to future leaders of color and first generation college students. None of this would be possible without the Annexstads' dedication to supporting a new generation's brightest minds and biggest dreams."



A Wyatt Whiteaker Class of 2018 B.S. Chemistry Education

# Northern Michigan University



▲ Logan Galindo Class of 2018 B.A. Music Education



▲ Courtney Qualley Class of 2019 B.S. Business Management

# Northwestern University



▲ Hazim Abdullah-Smith Class of 2016 B.A. African American Studies



A Xiomara Contreras Class of 2017 B.A. Communication Studies



▲ Kayla Famurewa Class of 2016 B.A. Communication Studies



▲ Emmaline Rees Class of 2017 B.S. Education and Social Policy

# Saint John's University



▲ Terrence Ellis Class of 2016 B.S. Nutrition



A Devon Fleck Class of 2015 B.S. Communication



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A Noah Louks Class of 2017 B.S. Global Business Leadership

# St. Catherine University



A Precious Collins Class of 2017 B.A. Legal Studies and B.S. Communication



Ashley Dubose Class of 2012 B.S. Mathematics



▲ Shalonda Hopkins Class of 2014 B.S. Public Health



▲ Roberta Howard Class of 2014 B.S. Public Health



▲ Ici Kelley Class of 2018 B.S. Social Work



Andrez Rush Class of 2015 B.S. Accounting

# St. Cloud State University



A Bradley Dingman Class of 2009 B.A. Criminal Justice



A Ryan Goman Class of 2011 B.S. Social Work



▲ Krystal Kassahn Class of 2011 B.A. Travel and Tourism



A Lynn Koester Class of 2016 B.S. Accounting and British Studies



▲ Kang Moua Class of 2018 B.S. Social Work



▲ Michelle Papadakis Class of 2011 B.A. Business



▲ Kelly Roering Class of 2009 B.A. Painting, Photography, and Printmaking



# Isaac Wenzel

Winona State University B.A. Mass Communications Class of 2015

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters Program**

"When I first arrived on campus, it was The Annexstad Family Foundation that helped me get involved. The Annexstad Scholars was the first group I joined. Through events like the Federated Challenge, I was able to ask fellow students for advice on the program and what to expect. This gave me tremendous

#### Indianapolis, IN

confidence. From my coursework, group projects, and student organizations, I gained a great deal of experience that prepared me to work in my chosen field of radio. After graduation, I launched my career by working in a number of smaller markets until I landed a job as a Radio Personality and Music Director for WFMS 95.5. Moving to the larger market of Indianapolis was a dream come true. I'm constantly learning and growing, scheduling the music for the station and building relationships with record labels. I'm excited to see where the future takes me!"

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# **Gretchen Saffert**

#### **College of St. Benedict B.A. Management (Leadership)** Class of 2014

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters Program**

"Without The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship, I would not have been able to accept two international internships I was offered while at the College of St. Benedict. for Amerigo Education, a holistic program These experiences – as a marketing and communications intern for an import/export company in China and at a summer camp for students in Sarajevo, Bosnia, and Herzegovina – were my first interactions working in an international environment, which opened up a whole new world of possibilities for my career path. After graduation, I completed a Fulbright English

Teaching Assistant award in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, where I was recognized with the Outstanding ETA Award for 2016-2017, before earning my M.A. in Comparative International Development and Education from the University of Minnesota.

Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN

Currently I am a Student Support Counselor for 9th-12th grade international students at Cretin-Derham Hall. I am responsible for academic and school-related advising, university guidance for all grades, and assisting students as they acculturate into the U.S. education system. The Annexstads have demonstrated to me just how meaningful a difference education can make in a young person's life."



🔺 Melissa Swanson Class of 2011 **B.S. Social Work** 

# St. Olaf College



A Dimitri Culpepper Class of 2017 **B.A.** Economics



🔺 Mariah Dubose Class of 2016 B.A. Mathematics. Economics. and Management Studies



🔺 Guttu Maskalo Class of 2014 B.A. Biology; Race and **Ethnic Studies** 



🔺 Megan Welle Class of 2013 **B.A.** Philosophy

# Southwest Minnesota Spelman College **State University**



A Paris Koehler Class of 2012 **B.S. Justice Administration** 



🛦 Leon Perry Class of 2014 **B.A. Graphic Design** 



🔺 La'Candis Brown Class of 2018 **B.S. Political Science** 



A Brie Craddock Class of 2017 **B.A.** International Studies



🔺 Chelesa Fearce Class of 2017 **B.S.** Biochemistry

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▲ Ka'Necia Harpe Class of 2015 B.A. Political Science



▲ Unique Hayes Class of 2018 B.S. Science, Biology



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▲ Jada Holmes Class of 2017 B.S. Biology B.A. English and B.S. Pre-Medicine



Ataesia Mickens Class of 2016 B.A. Political Science



▲ Monique Monroe Class of 2019 B.S. Mathematics



A Niké Shimobi-Obijuru Class of 2019 B.A. English



A Jasmine Shortt Class of 2014 B.A. Political Science



Alesha Westbrook Class of 2019 B.S. Health Sciences

# **Stanford University**



Azucena Marquez Class of 2019 B.A. History



A Paula McCloud Class of 2019 B.A. Communications, B.A.H. African and African American Studies



A Hayden Rodarte Class of 2013 B.S. International Relations, Latin Language and Literature



A Maria Sambrick Class of 2017 B.S. Mechanical Engineering



A Joelle Williams Class of 2016 B.A. Human Biology



▲ Jeffrey Zoch Class of 2018 B.S. Computer Science

# University of Alabama



Austin Goodwin Class of 2019 B.A. Advertising and Communication Studies



▲ Rulondo King Class of 2017 B.A. Criminal Justice



A Meg McGuire Class of 2018 B.A. Communications and Information Sciences



▲ Genesis McMullan Class of 2017 B.A. Social Work



▲ Trent Moore Class of 2014 B.A. Philsophy



A Molly Morgan Class of 2019 B.S. Chemical Engineering





# Abigail Gabriel

Tempe, AZ

#### University of Minnesota, Twin Cities B.S. Psychology Class of 2017

#### Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship

"The Annexstad Family Foundation gave me financial independence during my college years along with a sense of community by connecting me with fellow Scholars. But what I have carried with me is the character I developed as an Annexstad Scholar. My commitment to the values of diversity, equity, and social justice for marginalized groups led me to become a leader. After my undergrad

studies, I began a doctoral program in Family and Human Development at Arizona State University where my research on Asian American racial identity was presented at an international Developmental Psychology Conference in Athens, Greece. In 2020, I completed a Master of Science and am now on the road to receiving my Ph.D. in Spring 2023. I enjoy volunteering at local cultural events to teach community members about ethnic history. I also work with the Asian Pacific Community in Action (APCA), a non-profit organization that advocates for health equity and promotion among AsianAmerican individuals and families living in Arizona.



A Graci Pruitt Class of 2018 B.A. Criminal Justice



Austin Ryals Class of 2019 B.S. Commerce and Business Administration



Ana Sinyavina Class of 2019 B.S. Commerce and Administration Business Management



▲ Steven Tice Class of 2017 B.A. Communications and Information Sciences; and Commerce and Business Administration

# University of California, Berkeley



Aumunique Borja-Snell Class of 2018 B.S. Business Administration



▲ Cynthia Chen Class of 2016 B.S. Business Administration



A Britany Lewis Class of 2015 B.S. Social Welfare



A Jessica Lopez Class of 2017 B.A. Integrative Biology



▲ Tommy Saephan Class of 2018 B.S. Integrative Biology



A Shay Urrea Class of 2019 B.A. Business Administration

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▲ Hilda Zarate-Cervantes Class of 2019 B.A. Letters and Science; Legal Studies

# University of Chicago



▲ Courtney Cook Class of 2019 B.A. Biology and Psychology



A Husam Haj Class of 2019 B.S. Economics and Statistics



A Eric Kirkes Class of 2017 B.A. Music



▲ William Kuehnle Class of 2017 B.A. History

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A Shauna Moore Class of 2016 B.A. East Asian Languages and Civilizations



A Da'Shawn Mosley Class of 2016 B.A. English Language and Literature



Amanda Quiles Class of 2017 B.A. Comparative Human Development



Amira Shotwell Class of 2018 B.A. Comparative Human Development

# University of Colorado, Boulder



Andrea Handy Class of 2017 B.A. Sociology and B.S. Public Health



▲ Robert Ortega Class of 2014 B.F.A. Film Studies

# University of Georgia



▲ William Brown Class of 2017 B.S. Agribusiness



▲ Savannah Coleman Class of 2018 B.S. Middle Grades Education



# Karen Larios <sup>Chicago, IL</sup>

Georgetown University B.S.B.A. in International Business and Marketing Class of 2016

Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship

"As a first-generation Latina college graduate, I never imagined that I would one day work in the finance industry. However, my Georgetown education expanded my horizons, taught me to network, and challenged me to work in a field I love. In my current position as an Associate at Chicago Equity Partners, a boutique asset management firm, I focus on client relationship management, compliance, and supporting the equity portfolio management team. My plans to obtain a Master's in Business Administration are underway as an MLT MBA Prep Fellow. Looking back, the financial and emotional support I received as an Annexstad Scholar gave me a confidence I maintain today while allowing me to leverage relationships and resources to better myself. As a way to give back, I volunteer with the Big Shoulders Stock Market Program where I teach investment principles to 8th graders. My dream is to help advance financial development in the world and create funding opportunities for underserved communities all over the globe."

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**Jeffrey Zoch** 

San Francisco, CA

#### Stanford University B.S. Computer Science Class of 2018

#### Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship

"The vastly diverse perspectives I encountered at Stanford prepared me to be a leader in my community and beyond. Intellectual vitality shaped my experience, as did coming into a situation humbly. Now I am a Software Engineer at Salesforce, where I design and write code to ensure customer data is secure and backed-up. I enjoy helping our interns, as I was a teaching assistant during school.

Without this Scholarship, I simply wouldn't have been able to attend Stanford. I would have had to decline the opportunity to attend one of the best schools in the world because I was born into a situation that I could not control. I will carry the impact with me the rest of my life. I hope that I, just like the Annexstad family, can impact communities in as profound a manner."



A Jennifer Iglesias Class of 2013 B.A. Education



A Maja Klos-Gromadzka Class of 2017 B.A. International Affairs



A Xueying Esther Li Class of 2017 B.S. Chemistry



A Devon Montgomery Class of 2016 B.S. Mechanical Engineering



▲ Nicholas Murray Class of 2019 B.S. Finance



Class of 2019 B.S. Computer Systems Engineering



A Efra Uscanga Class of 2017 B.S. Computer Science



Ashley Wilkerson Class of 2016 B.S. Mathematics



A Brittany Wilson Class of 2015 B.S. Health Promotion and Behavior

# University of Michigan



▲ Gage Belko Class of 2016 B.S. Architecture



Andre Brooks Class of 2017 B.S.E. Mechanical Engineering



Alexandria Liston Class of 2016 B.A. English

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Ariana McCowin Class of 2018 B.A. Psychology



▲ Samantha Sims Class of 2018 B.A. English and History



▲ Barbara Venson Class of 2019 B.A. Psychology

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# University of Minnesota, Duluth



▲ Tyler McMillan Class of 2015 B.A. Communication



A Branden Nation Class of 2013 B.A. English Literature, Language and Culture



A Jessica Parnow Class of 2015 B.A. Graphic Design



Lisa Paulson Class of 2011 B.A. Physical Education and Health



▲ Nathaniel Trainor-Sample Class of 2016 B.S. Health and Wellness

# University of Minnesota, Morris



▲ Desiree Sunde Class of 2018 B.A. Biology

# University of Minnesota, Rochester



A Phillip Nguyen Class of 2017 B.S. Health Sciences

# University of Minnesota, Twin Cities



▲ Mohamed Ali Amiin Class of 2013 B.A. Biology, Society and the Environment



▲ Eldred Bach Class of 2012 B.S. Elementary Education



A Jason Bates Class of 2017 B.S.B. Accounting



▲ Courtney Bell Class of 2011 B.A. Sociology of Law



A Jasmine Brown Class of 2019 B.S.B. Management Information Systems



▲ Kevin Cao Class of 2018 B.S. Kinesiology



A Bridgette Hemmesch Deters Class of 2007 B.S. Veterinary Science



▲ Sherry Durrah Class of 2011 B.S. Political Science

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#### James Fisher

New York, NY

#### University of Pennsylvania B.A. French and Francophone Studies Class of 2019

#### Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship

"Having grown up in the Bronx, I pursued a college degree to spark change in a high-impact setting: the classroom. As a teacher, I am shaping underserved communities like the one I grew up in. At the University of Pennsylvania, I connected with a talented network of educators and professionals that prepared me for a career in education. I leveraged my time as an Annexstad Scholar to pursue summer fellowships at various schools in the New York City area. By the time I graduated, I had a full-time offer to teach at Brownsville Ascend Middle School in Brooklyn, NY. I recently accepted a position with DREAM Charter School in East Harlem, where I will teach AP Literature. Outside of the classroom, I founded my company, Enlighten Tutors, in 2019 to offer individualized tutoring, test preparation, and academic skills consulting to all grade levels. In light of recent events, we have greatly expanded our digital offerings to continue to help close the academic achievement gap."



A Zakiya Edwards Class of 2011 B.A. Broadcast Journalism



Abigail Gabriel Class of 2017 B.S. Psychology



Alexander Grant Class of 2011 B.S. Chemical Engineering



▲ Jacob Hemmesch Class of 2009 B.S. Agriculture and Food Business Management



A Brandy Hill Class of 2014 B.S. Child Psychology and Marketing



▲ Tierra Howard Class of 2013 B.S. Youth Studies



A Megan Jacot Class of 2016 B.S. Nursing



A Cavonte Johnson Class of 2016 B.S. Mechanical Engineering



A Cassandra Knott Class of 2015 B.S. Biochemistry



▲ Eileen Lee Class of 2016 B.S. Health and Wellness



▲ **Kimberly Long** Class of 2011 B.A. Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature



▲ Leif Lusty Class of 2014 B.S. Management Information Systems

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Alexander Medina Class of 2018 B.A. History



A David Moreno Class of 2014 B.S. Biomedical Engineering



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▲ Ciara Newton Class of 2014 B.F.A. Ceramics and Painting



A Rosemary Nyuma Class of 2018 B.S. Child Psychology



▲ Kayla Othoudt Class of 2014 B.A. Linguistics



A Kadeeja Rivers Class of 2017 B.S. Nursing



▲ Gabriela Shaffer Class of 2018 B.S. Medical Laboratory Science



A Mao Xiong Class of 2014 B.S. Business Marketing and Education, Family Social Science, and Leadership Integrated

#### University of Mississippi



▲ Tan Le Class of 2019 B.S. Exercise Science

#### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Afi Apefa Bello Class of 2019 B.A. African, African American, and Diaspora Studies



# Austin Goodwin Boca Raton, FL

University of Alabama B.A. Communication and Information Studies; Advertising and Communications Studies Class of 2019

Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship

"The Annexstads taught me to aspire for more to create my own opportunities. I believe that being exceptional should be the standard to become the best version of yourself. Your Scholarship permitted me a peace of mind that I had never experienced. Finances had defined every waking decision, which saps passion from your soul – you've empowered me to focus, take chances, and thrive. A few months after graduation, my father passed away. The emotional strain of grieving while being the decision maker was draining, but I am proud of how I faced the challenge while balancing the everyday world.

I am currently working as a Creative Director managing a talented team of marketing professionals. Recently I launched a pre-workout supplement, from designing its branding to formulating the ingredients. I have combined my passion for creativity and the world of bodybuilding into one mission. I've never had more fun and felt more satisfied."

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# Maureen S. Willkom Kailua, HI

#### University of Notre Dame B.A. Psychology Class of 2009

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters Program**

"I grew up listening to Notre Dame's Victory March. It played regularly in our house because my dad had attended the University for a short time but did not get to graduate. He died when I was 12, and his love for Notre Dame motivated me to finish what he had started. But when I was 16, my mom died of cancer. I knew I needed to help my siblings, and college wasn't in the picture. When I received my acceptance letter, my joy was soon turned to anxiety over finances. The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship helped me attain what seemed like an impossible goal. They supported me financially and emotionally, giving me the confidence I needed to finish.

After graduation, I worked as a child and adolescent case worker before going to law school and earning my J.D. from Marquette University Law School in 2013. I practiced law in Wisconsin for six years before my husband and I moved to Hawaii where I joined a firm. One of my proudest career moments was being admitted to the Hawaiian State Bar in January 2020. In this beautiful place, I practice community association law, representing homeowners and associations in litigation and alternative disputes."



A Martin Hottel Class of 2019 B.S.B.A. Business Administration; B.A. Music

#### University of Notre Dame



▲ Sam Arroyo Class of 2018 B.S. Biological Sciences and B.A. Spanish



▲ **Amber Barnes** Class of 2015 B.A. Sociology and Japanese



▲ Serina Bellamy Class of 2011 B.A. Japanese and Anthropology



▲ **Promise Choice** Class of 2018 B.B.A. Management



▲ Tasmine Clement Class of 2015 B.S. Engineering



A Shanice Cox Class of 2015 B.S. Science Pre-Professional and Theology



Ashley Dacy Class of 2014 B.S. Chemical Engineering



▲ Evan de la Rosa Class of 2018 B.B.A. Information Techology Management

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▲ Elicia Dennis Class of 2018 B.A. Sociology



A Breanna Devore-McDonald Class of 2017 B.S. Computer Science



▲ Elizabeth Escobar Class of 2017 B.S. Sociology and Pre-Health



A Hope F. Class of 2015 B.A. Theology



A Michael Feeney Class of 2018 B.S. Business Administration – Economics



Andrew Fribush Class of 2014 B.S. Political Science



▲ Dionna Gary Class of 2012 B.S. Sociology



▲ Travis Gayle Class of 2018 B.S. Computer Science



A Jessica Gomez Class of 2017 B.S. Neuroscience and Behavior



▲ Oscar Gonzalez Class of 2012 B.A. Psychology and European Studies



▲ Brianna Hagans-Johnson Class of 2019 B.B.A. Accountancy



▲ Gary Hunt, III Class of 2013 B.S. Information Technology Management



A Michael Hutchinson Class of 2017 B.S. Electrical Engineering



▲ Lisa Huynh Class of 2010 B.A. Psychology



▲ Ruben Inzunza Class of 2019 B.S. Mechanical Engineering



A Monika Kress Class of 2017 B.A. Psychology



A Rachel Lewis Class of 2018 B.A. Program of Liberal Studies



▲ Katrina Linden Class of 2016 B.A. American Studies and Latino Studies



▲ Cristian Magdaleno
 Class of 2019
 B.A. Program of Liberal Studies



A Pablo Martinez-Silva Class of 2018 B.S. Neuroscience and Behavior



▲ Tania Mathurin Class of 2012 B.A. Politcial Science and French



▲ Logan McAbee-Thomas Class of 2019 B.A. Psychology

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### Travon Sellers

Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN

#### Minnesota State University, Mankato B.S. Marketing Class of 2015

#### Big Brothers Big Sister Program

"The generosity of the Annexstad family has greatly reduced my financial burden and has allowed me to turn my passions into paychecks. While at school, I completed five paid internships, served as the vice president of the marketing club, spoke at our commencement ceremony, and built a thriving entrepreneurial marketing career by teaching myself the principles of design.

Today, I am a digital marketing specialist at Hamline University leading enrollment

marketing and strategy through data, technology, UX design, digital communications, channels, and presentation tools. We are creating and continually improving a quality online and digital user experience for prospective students, current students, and alumni, as well as prospective donors, faculty, staff, and stakeholders. After hours, I own and manage my own design company that specializes in innovative digital, print, and web campaigns. I am proud to serve as creative director for a local startup company and to have been selected as one of the Advertising Federation of Minnesota's '32 under 32' recipients."



A Yolandis McCaskill Class of 2015 B.S. Biological Science



A Christine McDwayne Class of 2011 B.A. Business Administration



▲ Tristan McGrath Class of 2019 B.A. Psychology and Russian



A Sasha Meyer Class of 2018 B.B.A. Accountancy



Andrew Mikes Class of 2018 B.S. Chemical Engineering



▲ Matthew Miller Class of 2016 B.S. Chemical Engineering



A Jasmine Moxley Class of 2016 B.S. Neuroscience



A Robert Mungia Class of 2014 B.B.A. Information Techology Management



▲ Eduardo Oronia Class of 2016 B.S. Architecture



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▲ Lamara Parnell Class of 2018 B.A. Sociology and Africana Studies



▲ Juan Rangel Class of 2015 B.A. Political Science and Latino Studies



A Christopher Rhyne Class of 2016 B.A. Psychology and Chinese

#### BUILDING A LEGACY OF FUTURE LEADERS 45



A Shawn Sanford Class of 2008 B.A. African American Studies and Latino Studies



▲ Kim Smith Class of 2016 B.S. Mechanical Engineering



Aaron Tarnasky Class of 2016 B.S. Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics



▲ Juliana Tiscareno Class of 2019 B.B.A. Information Techology Management



Anvi Ton Class of 2017 B.A. Finance and Sociology



Adam Vargas Class of 2013 B.A. Psychology



A Dolores Vargas Class of 2017 B.A. Psychology



A Makayla Vasquez Class of 2019 B.B.A. Business Analytics and Film, Television, and Theatre



A Maureen S. Willkom Class of 2009 B.A. Psychology



A Matthew Zepeda Class of 2015 B.S. Business

#### University of Pennsylvania



▲ Kayvon Asemani Class of 2018 B.S. Economics and Management



#### Logan Woessner Austin, TX

University of St. Thomas B.S. Neuroscience, Chemistry minor Class of 2018

**Big Brothers Big Sisters Program** 

"I am currently a full-time student pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin. I am also a Senior Certified Pharmacy Technician who primarily helps neurology patients at a local pharmacy. Transitioning from retail to specialty pharmacy was a tremendous professional achievement for me. I am responsible for securing insurance coverage for life-changing medications and promoting patient adherence to improve positive outcomes. I completed very difficult coursework at the University of Saint Thomas; The Annexstad Family Foundation scholarship gave me the ability to delve into my studies. Now I have the confidence and the technical skills necessary to become a leader in the field of pharmacy. I am able to synthesize and integrate information quickly to identify the best solutions. I cannot thank the Annexstads enough for believing in me and giving me the education to help the most critical patients live better lives."

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#### JUAN RANGE Washington, D.C.

#### University of Notre Dame B.A. Political Science, Latino Studies Class of 2015

#### Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship

"As an Annexstad Scholar at Notre Dame, I was able to fully invest myself in understanding the political realities of our country and the issues impacting the Latino community. I learned the importance of coalition building and community organizing for underserved communities while joining Student Government and advocating for equal opportunities. As an alum, I mentor Notre Dame students who participate in the Institute for Latino Studies' Cross-Cultural Leadership Program while assisting them with their professional goals and networking skills.

My path after graduation led me to work on strategizing immigration policy and advocacy for the Latino community alongside Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, the first woman of color elected to congressional leadership. Today I am a Senior Associate at D&P Creative Strategies where I serve as a political consultant developing strategies to achieve legislative goals."



▲ Tahir Bell Class of 2017 B.A. Political Science and Creative Writing



A James Fisher Class of 2019 B.A. French and Francophone Studies



A Michael Krone Class of 2019 B.A. Political Science and Economics



▲ Daisy Perez Class of 2017 B.A. Sociology



▲ Noah Weiner Class of 2018 B.S Computer Science and Cognitive Science





▲ Elena Arellan Class of 2016 B.S. Sociology and Anthropology



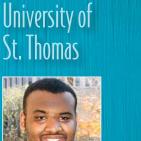
▲ Paul Manzi Class of 2016 B.S. Biology



A Vanessa Huerta Navarro Class of 2018 B.S. Chemistry



A Beatriz Romero Class of 2018 B.S. Chemistry



Alex Berryman Class of 2015 B.A. Sociology



A Devin Cazin Class of 2015 B.A. English



A Kenzi Coborn Class of 2017 B.S. Urban and Regional Studies

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▲ Cameron Cochran Class of 2013 B.S. Mechanical Engineering



Andrew Dolge Class of 2019 B.S. Computer Science



A Bethany Ellis Class of 2018 B.S. Biology

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A Shaye Fields Class of 2017 B.A. Business, Marketing Management



A Carissa Franklin Class of 2016 B.S. Social Work



A Walter Franklin Class of 2014 B.S. Mechanical Engineering



A Stephany Osuji Class of 2010 B.A. Marketing Management



▲ Nicholas Villwock Class of 2018 B.A. Geology and Enviromental Studies



▲ Taylor Weeks Class of 2019 B.A. English, Communication and Journalism



A Mitchell Welle Class of 2012 B.A. Philosophy and Catholic Studies



▲ Logan Woessner Class of 2018 B.S. Neuroscience

#### University of Wisconsin – Madison



Amien Paust Class of 2017 B.S. Zoology and Environmental Studies

#### Valdosta State University



A Joanna Smith Class of 2018 B.A. Political Science

#### Vanderbilt University



▲ Joi Boyd Class of 2018 B.A. Communication Studies



A Zackary Brown Class of 2016 B.S. Neuroscience



A Maureen Driscoll Class of 2017 B.S. Human and Organizational Development



A Charles Miceli Class of 2019 <u>B.A. Econo</u>mics



A Heath Moore Class of 2018 B.S. Medicine, Health and Society



Alexis Mundo Class of 2017 B.S. Medicine, Health and Society, B.A. Spanish





# Unique Takia Hayes

#### Spelman College B.S. Biology Class of 2018

#### Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship

"During my years as an Annexstad Scholar, Spelman prepared me to become a leader and instilled that I have the choice to change the world. At the same time, The Annexstad Family Foundation allowed me the opportunity to focus on the academic rigors and campus engagement without financial uncertainty. The core values of perseverance, consistency, and autonomy I developed while a first-generation college student led me to be more open-minded as I began to navigate the field of medicine. In the summer of 2020, I earned my Masters of Science in Medical Physiology from Case Western Reserve University while working the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. I currently counsel socio-economically challenged teens as an adolescent health educator."

**Cleveland**, OH



A Kadie Smolock Class of 2019 B.A. Public Policy

#### Washington University in St. Louis



A Chelsea Branson Class of 2017 B.S. Systems Science and Engineering



▲ Elyse Lopez Class of 2016 B.S. Biology



▲ Natalia Molinatti Class of 2019 B.A. Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology



▲ Connor Perkins Class of 2018 B.S. Biology and B.A. Philosophy



▲ Jeffrey Sheptin Class of 2017 B.S. Chemical Engineering



▲ Naimah Turner Class of 2019 B.S. Biology



Adriana Ungerleider Class of 2016 B.S. Biochemistry



▲ Briana Wynn Class of 2019 B.S. Mechanical Engineering





A Crystal Becker Class of 2019 B.S. Elementary Education



▲ Brianna Gee Class of 2013 B.S. Human Resource Management



A Sonya Hernandez Class of 2013 B.A. Mass Communications

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▲ Taylor Larson Class of 2017 B.S. Nursing



A Max O'Brien Class of 2017 B.S. Geology



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A Chelsey Peterson Class of 2014 B.S. Exercise Science



▲ Zaria Smith Class of 2019 B.A. Psychology and Communications



▲ Isaac Wenzel Class of 2015 B.A. Mass Communication

#### Yale University



A Reed Dibich Class of 2017 B.A. Humanities



▲ Victor Hunt Class of 2018 B.S. Cognitive Science



Adela Lilollari Class of 2018 B.A. Ethics, Politics and Economics



Abdelrahman Morsy Class of 2017 B.S. Political Science

Washington, D.C.



▲ Kevin Olivares Class of 2016 B.A. Economics



▲ Jaclyn Price Class of 2019 B.A. Political Science



A Helder Toste Class of 2016 B.A. Latin American Studies and History of Art



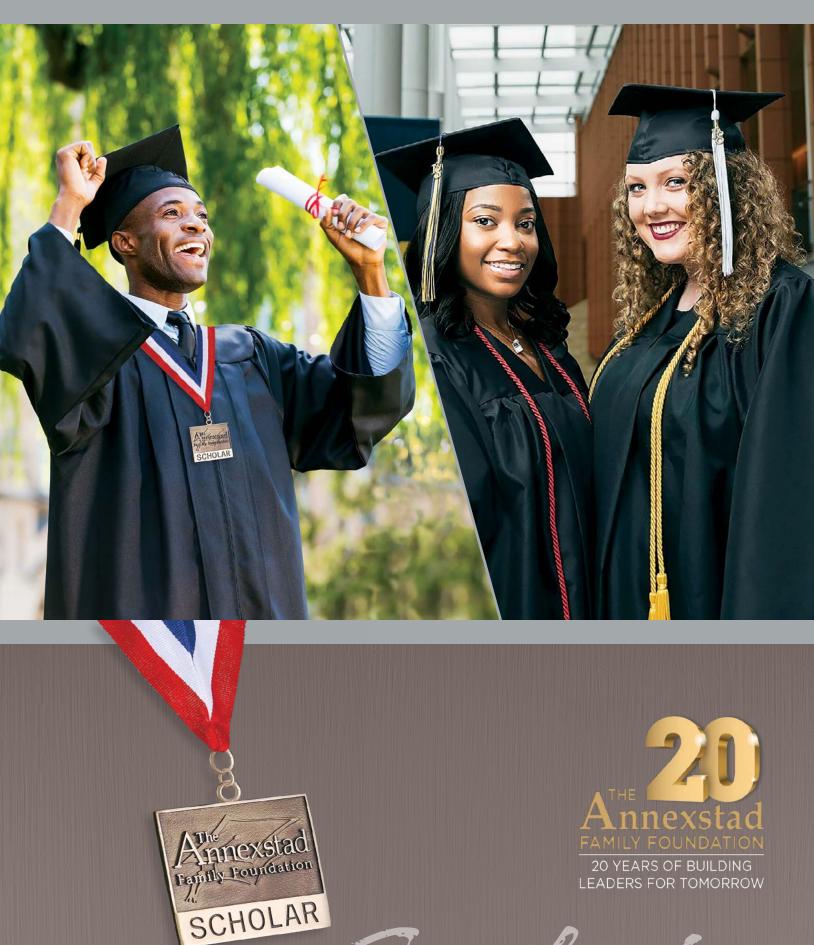
# Tania Mathurin

University of Notre Dame B.A. Political Science Class of 2012

#### Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship

"I am so grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation. You allowed me to prioritize and focus on my education while having a close-knit family within a family environment at Notre Dame. I learned humility and perseverance while also having the opportunity to learn from great leaders and students within the field of international development. After graduating from college, my most memorable accomplishment was receiving my Master's in Public Affairs from Princeton University. I am currently serving as a Program Officer at Results for Development, managing all activities related to a USAID Health Systems Strengthening project in responding to HIV in the Cote d'Ivoire. Since graduating, I have lived in two different countries and am mentoring a Haitian student in applying to colleges in the US through a program called Education Haiti."

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Graduates

The Class of 2020's senior traditions and commencement ceremonies looked different this past spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Annexstad Family Foundation would like to highlight this special group of graduating seniors. The resiliency, flexibility, and determination demonstrated by this class proves these young leaders and change-makers will continue to defy expectations and embolden innovation. This class holds a special place in hearts of the Annexstad family, Foundation staff, and institutional partners. From a distance, congratulations to the Class of 2020!

#### Bethel University



▲ Janessa Bjorgo Class of 2020 B.A. Psychology

My work at at a homeless shelter for foster children has led me to pursue a counseling degree. Thank you for supporting this time of growth in my life!

#### Boston College



▲ Naren Briar Class of 2020 B.S. Political Science

I am eternally grateful to the Annexstad family for providing me this opportunity. I will work hard in law school to ensure that you and Boston College believe your investment in me was worthwhile.

#### Carleton College



A DeJimon Brooks Class of 2020 B.A. Psychology

I am so grateful to The Annexstand Family Foundation. You have supported me financially and soulfully, allowing me time to join a myriad of cultural clubs, which has changed my life forever.

#### College of Saint Benedict



Amanda Bevan Class of 2020 B.S. Biology

Your Scholarship has allowed me to receive a great education, build long-lasting friendships, and have a fighting chance to improve my future. I am grateful beyond words for what you have done for me!



A Hsa Hsay Hser Class of 2020 B.S. Biology

Your generosity has given me time at Bethel to open my mind and explore like never before. I will be entering a Physician's Assistant program in the future.



A Joseph Fotopoulos Class of 2020 B.A. International Studies

Thank you for recognizing my potential. Currently I am a Credit Analyst in Boston and my hope is to pay it forward and support future students to become *Leaders for Tomorrow.* 



A Danny Campos González Class of 2020 B.A. Psychology

Thank you so much to The Annexstad Family Foundation. Your support throughout my time at Carleton was truly a blessing!

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#### **Duke University**



A Emily Brockman Class of 2019 **B.A. English Education** 

I was 13. Your Scholarship has afforded me the luxury of being able to focus on my studies with less financial anxiety. It means the world to me.



A Timothy Clayton Class of 2020 B.A. Psychology, Theatre Studies, Biology

I was looking at taking out massive student loans, but The Annexstad Family Foundation saved me and allowed me to follow my dreams. Thank you.



A Haley Hamill Class of 2019 **B.S. Biology** 

Receiving The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship really allowed me to follow my dreams at Duke University. Thank you!



A Bethany Hewett Class of 2020 **B.A. Religion, Philosophy** 

Thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation. Your generous Scholarship has made it possible for me to attend one of the most prestigious

Emory University

A Christian Blount

**B.A. Creative Writing** 

Foundation's support and

be where I am today.

🔺 Lindsay Guyette Class of 2020

**B.S. Neuroscience and** 

allowed me to be financially

secure, educationally confident,

and focus on achieving my goals.

**Behaviorial Biology** 

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has

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#### 🔺 Lalita Martin Class of 2020 **B.S. Environmental Science**

You have given me the hope and courage to chase my dreams I hope that I will one day be able to return the favor to someone else in need just as you have so graciously done for me!



#### 🔺 Kevin Perez Class of 2020 B.A. Philosophy and Economics

network to ensure my well-being. Now I am a financial analyst focused on shaping global economic policies and a community leader in economic empowerment programs.

#### **Gonzaga University**



🔺 Meghan Lanegraff Class of 2020 **Bachelor of Education Special Education: Elementary Education** Certification

Thank you for your tremendous support leading me to receive my Special Education Degree. I plan on pursuing additional education in Educational Psychology or

#### Gustavus Adolphus College



#### A Patrick Meadows Class of 2020 **B.A. Politial Science**

Thank you to the entire Annexstad Family Foundation. It has been a wonderful four years at Gustavus and it would never have been possible without help from you!

#### Harvard University



#### A Zach Ellison Class of 2020 B.S. Computer Science

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship made it possible for me to attend Harvard University and focus on my future.



▲ Kevin English Class of 2020 B.A. Psychology

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship gave me the chance to attend the school of my dreams.

#### Michigan Technological University



A Michael McGee Class of 2020 B.S. Chemical Engineering

Thank you so much for your help in funding my education. You made a goal of mine achievable and I am very grateful for that!

#### Minnesota State University, Mankato



#### A Yaxye Abdulahi Class of 2020 B.S. Electrical Engineering

After graduation, I plan to work as an electrical engineer and one day start my own business. My focus is to always help people with my engineering knowledge, and, thanks to you, I am one step closer to achieving my goal.



A Hunter Herber Class of 2020 B.S. Biomedical Sciences

Your generous Scholarship has allowed me to focus on my education. I will be entering the Physician's Assistant program at the University of Minnesota, Duluth this fall!



#### A Yuseina Brito Lino Class of 2019 B.S. Elementary Education with a STEM Certificate

The Annexstad Family Foundation has allowed me to focus on my goals to empower future students through their education. Thank you for your unyielding support!

#### Minnesota State University, Moorhead



▲ Molly Rudenik Class of 2020 B.F.A. Art Education

Throughout my time at MSU, Moorhead, I have had the opportunity to teach art education classes to children of all different ages. Now I am excited to start my career as an art teacher!

#### North Dakota State University



A Vincent Chicaderis Class of 2020 B.S. Nursing

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has changed my life! I am very excited for my future in the nursing field.



▲ Daniel Schmiesing Class of 2019 B.S. Construction Management

Thank you so much for your support throughout my time at NDSU. With your help, I started my career in construction management last spring.

#### Northern Michigan University



▲ Kelsey Martin Class of 2019 B.S. Criminal Justice

You have helped me graduate from college! I could never have afforded it on my own. I want to work with juveniles, so my plans include working in the probation or parole system.

#### Pomona College



▲ Zemia Edmonson Class of 2020 B.A. Individual Studies

The Annexstad Family Foundation gave me the privilege to discover my passions and create myself. I am pursuing a career in screenwritng.

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#### Saint John's University



#### Aye Bra Tha Class of 2020 B.A. Communication

I am so grateful for your support during my time at St. John's University. I have started my career with the Upward Bound Program in the Twin Cities.

#### Spelman College



April Lewis Class of 2020 B.S. Health Sciences

Wow! Your Scholarship has meant so much to me. I am so honored; you have given me the opportunity to excel in my class and go on to medical school.



A Cheyane Mitchell Class of 2020 B.A. Psychology

What an impact you have had on my development. Your support and encouragement mean the world to me. I am pursuing a Master of Science in General Psychology at the University of Louisiana, Lafeyette.



A Jordan Nash Class of 2020 B.A. Comparative Women's Studies with a Concentration in Digital Media

Without The Annexstad Family Foundation, Spelman was just a dream. Now armed with my degree, I have started my own digital marketing consuting firm. You have made my dreams become a reality.

#### Stanford University



▲ Nikita Demir Class of 2020

**B.S. Computer Science** The generosity from the Annexstads has given me the chance to go to graduate school at Stanford. You have given me a tremendous opportunity – one that I will be grateful for the rest of my life.



#### ▲ Eric Mason Class of 2020 B.S. Neuroscience

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has given me a first-class education while at the same time giving me an endless support network, something I have wanted my entire life. You mean the world to me.

#### Texas Christian University



#### ▲ Charity Mason Class of 2020 B.S. Social Work

You believed in me and my dreams and have given Scholars like me another stepping stone to place our foot on to keep moving towards success. Your support gives me the hope to follow my dreams of being a social worker!

#### University of Alabama



#### A Rosemary Hartline Class of 2020 B.S. Psychology

Your Scholarship means the world to me. It gave me the ability to go to college because without it I wouldn't have been able to afford it.



#### ▲ Kailey Lones Class of 2020 B.S. Psychology

Thank you for giving me hope and a future. Your Scholarship taught me and my siblings that we can chase our dreams even when the odds are stacked against us. I am excited to pursue my graduate degree from UA in the fall.



#### A Courtney Zotaj Class of 2020 B.A. Public Relations, Advertising and Applied Communications

"Thank you" hardly expresses how grateful I am for your continuous support, encouraging messages, and taking the time to meet with us every fall. I am excited to attend the Univeristy of Alabama Schol of Law this fall.

#### University of California, Berkeley



▲ Vincent Ong Class of 2020 B.B.A. Business Administration

UC Berkeley was a dream that I did not think I could afford, but your Scholarship allowed me to attend the best public university in the world. Now I am working at KPMG in Washington, D.C.

#### University of Chicago



A Kelly Collins Class of 2020 B.A. Psychology and Comparative Human Development

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has allowed me to live independently and follow my passions at the University of Chicago!

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A Kuba Sokolowski Class of 2020 B.A. Geographical Sciences, and English Language and Literature

Thank you for the tremendous support you have shown me during my time at the University of Chicago.

#### University of Georgia



A Gabrion Johnson Class of 2020 B.A. Financial Planning

Without a doubt, I would not be the man I am today, if it wasn't for The Annexstad Family Foundation. The opportunities you have opened for me are priceless. I am beyond grateful to be working at E\*Trade and focusing on my future.



A Rachel Priest Class of 2020 B.A. Journalism and History

In a life full of unknowns, receiving this Scholarship and graduating from UGA has been one of my life's highlights. You have lifted financial burdens and given me the opportunity to become involved.

#### University of Michigan



▲ Emma Ashford Class of 2020 B.F.A. Musical Theatre

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for making my dreams possible. College seemed impossible and you have allowed me to live at school and focus on my passion for acting and writing.



Ashton Russo Class of 2019 B.S. Industrial Operations Engineering

I am truly grateful for the support shown to me during my time at the University of Michigan. I graduated last December and started my career as an Operations Industrial Engineer for the USPS in Oakland, CA.

#### University of Minnesota, Twin Cities



A Sofiya Ahmed Class of 2020 B.S. Biology

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship allowed me to pursue my dreams of one day becoming a pediatrician and helping those in my community have better access to medicine.



Alicia Durkee Class of 2020 B.S. Plant Science

I am so honored to be an Annexstad Family Foundation Scholar from the University of Minnesota. I am excited to share that I have started my career in agronomy sales!

#### University of Mississippi



A David Pfaelher Class of 2020 B.A. International Studies and French

You have given me the financial freedom to pursue a degree, the mental freedom to focus on my studies and extracurricular involvement, and the social freedom to break out of the cycle of poverty. You have inspired me to change the lives of others!



A Rotavious Taper Class of 2020 B.S. Biochemistry

For me, The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship was the first assurance that I had support and encouragment outside of my family at college. I cannot thank you enough.

#### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



A Davis Kirby Class of 2020 B.S. Exercise and Sports Science

Your Scholarship means opportunity. As a first-generation graduate, I have been on a quest to do something that no one else has done. My success has an impact on my entire family – anything is possible!



▲ Tarik Woods Class of 2020 B.A. Economics and Philosophy

You gave me the financial and emotional support I needed \_ thank you! With my degree, I hope to change how people view the world.

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#### University of Notre Dame



A Janaya Brown Class of 2020 B.S. Aerospace Engineering

Your support has meant the world to me. The past four years have not been the easiest, but it has definitely been the most formative and beneficial time of my life. I will always be grateful for your commitment to my success.



#### A John Henry Hobgood Class of 2020 B.A. Program of Liberal Studies

Thank you for everything The Annexstad Family Foundation does. Notre Dame would not have been possible for me without people like you.



Ashby Martin Class of 2020 B.S. Neuroscience and Behavior

I was really driven to demonstrate how far I could thrive because I had kind, thoughtful, and impactful people like the Annexstads believing in me. Thank you!



▲ John O'Brien Class of 2020 B.B.A. Finance

I am grateful for the support The Annexstad Family Foundation has given me over the last four years. Thank you for believing, acting, and living your Foundation's mission.



▲ Erin Rausch Class of 2020 B.A. Political Science

I am so thankful for the support I received from The Annexstad Family Foundation. After graduation, I plan on working as a Legal Writing Specialist at a law firm in Chicago.



Avian Robinson Class of 2020 B.B.A. Business Analytics and German

Thank you, AI and Cathy! Your investment in the lives of students make a palpable difference. I have been blessed with several character-shaping experiences that were made possible because of you, and for that I am forever grateful!



#### A Varsha Vadlapatla Class of 2020 B.B.A. Business Analytics

Thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation for all you have done to help me achieve my dreams!



A Taylor Vucinich Class of 2020 <u>B.B.A. Business</u> Technology

You have given me tremendous opportunity. I have recently moved to Washington, D.C. to work at Booz Allen Hamilton as a Cybersecurity Engineer.

#### University of Pennsylvania



#### ▲ Sylvia Davis Class of 2020 B.S. Psychology

Getting accepted to Penn and being selected to be an Annexstad Scholar has boosted my confidence and reassured me that I deserve a quality education and the opportunity to build the career of my choice.



#### ▲ Yareqzy Muñoz Class of 2020 B.A. Urban Studies

Thank you for seeing and believing in the potential of others and for supporting us every day with all of your contributions. Your invaluable care for students nationwide will always be remembered and appreciated.

#### University of Redlands



#### ▲ Kimberly Rios-Hernandez Class of 2020 B.S. Psychology

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship isn't just a Scholarship; I gained a family who cared about my well-being. It means so much to me that your are interested in students like us.



▲ Leslie Vargas Class of 2020 B.A. Spanish, Sociology and Anthropology

I was so close to throwing in the towel on attending my dream school, but your Scholarship opened doors and gave me a support system that has meant the world to me.

#### University of St. Thomas



🔺 Hazel Erickson Class of 2020 **B.A. Justice and Peace** Studies, Political Science, and Communication and **Journalism Studies** 

**Receiving The Annexstad Family** Foundation Scholarship really at the University of St. Thomas. Thank you!

#### Vanderbilt University



A Sara-Catherine Conwell Class of 2020 **B.S. Medicine, Health,** and Society

Your Foundation's Scholarship serves as a reminder that there are people willing to help students in challenging situations and that person's success

#### Washington University Winona State in St. Louis



🛦 Amaia Cook Class of 2020 **B.A. Classics** 

The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship has allowed me to make the most out of the opportunities I had at WashU. This fall, I'll be attending Harvard Divinity School to pursue a Master of Divinity.

#### Western Carolina University



A William Towery Class of 2020 **B.S. Criminal Justice** and Spanish

You have given me the hope and courage to chase my dreams. I hope that I will one day be able to Foundation has so graciously done for me!

University



🛦 Jessica Harvey Rigby Class of 2020 **B.A. Sociology** 

I cannot express enough how grateful I am for The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship. I know it is going to take me to amazing places!

#### Yale University



A Oscar Lopez Aguirre Class of 2020 **B.A. English** 

Your Scholarship is more than someone paying for my education. It represents a group of people power to make substantial change in the world



#### 🛦 Madison Mahoney Class of 2020 B.A. Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology

I could never have dreamed of the opportunities that I've had at Yale. Your support gave me an education to unite global affairs a job at IQVIA in Boston.



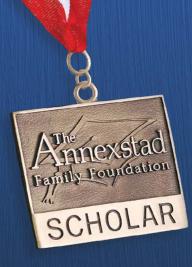
A Patrick Shea Class of 2020 **B.A. English** 

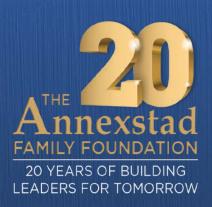
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Annexstad Family Foundation board and staff representatives with the University of Mississippi Scholarship cohort.

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#### Bethel University



▲ ★ Elijah Barlue 2019-2023 Majors: Marketing and Finance



Andrew Osagiede 2018-2022 Majors: Accounting and Finance



▲ ★ Bronson Pe'A 2019-2023 Major: Elecrical Engineering and Business Marketing



▲ Lizzie Sanchez-Sanchez 2017-2021 Major: Community Health



A Ratsamee Thosaengsiri 2018-2022 Major: Biblical and Theological Studies

#### **Boston College**



A Raven Davidson 2018-2022 Major: Biochemistry



▲ ★ Kyannah DePina 2019-2023 Major: Psychology



▲ ★ Kelby LaSage 2019-2023 Major: Political Science



A Mikaela Sam-Hinton 2017-2021 Major: Undecided



▲ ★ Amy Tang 2019-2023 Major: Undecided

#### California State University, San Bernardino



▲ Katrina Estacio 2018-2022 Major: Nursing



A Jennifer Hanson 2018-2022 Major: Nursing

# Gustavus Adolphus College



# Dr. Rebecca M. Bergman, President

"Gustavus Adolphus College is proud to be the first institution to partner with The Annexstad Family Foundation. Through this rich union, the Annexstads help us make the dream of education a reality for talented students regardless of their background or economic status. We are honored to continue to build on the legacy of access as we equip students with the skills and ignite in them the passion to address the world's great challenges."

#### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

# Minnesota State University, Mankato Dr. Richard Davenport, President

"The culture of Minnesota State University, Mankato, aligns with the values and mission of the Annexstad Family Foundation. We take pride in having recognized Al and Cathy as honorary doctorate degree recipients because they epitomize our University's goal to nurture the passion within students and to push them beyond possibility on the way to realizing their dreams. This is particularly true with the Annexstad Scholars, who are challenged with remarkable hardships and realize amazing success. These same students understand and embrace our culture of big ideas and real-world thinking."



Adrian Martinez 2018-2022 Major: Communications

#### California State University, San Marcos



▲ Trinity Duenas 2018-2022 Major: Child and Adolescent Behavior

#### Carleton College



▲ Sagal Ahmed 2018-2022 Major: Political Science, International Relationships



▲ ★ Kevin Bui 2019-2023 Major: Computer Science



A Oswaldo Cota 2018-2022 Major: Women and Gender Studies



▲ ★ Francine Legba 2019-2023 Majors: Environmental Studies and Chemistry



A Molubah Seley 2017-2022 Major: Biology



A Miguel Velasco 2017-2021 Majors: Chemistry, Biochemistry and Philosophy

#### Clemson University



▲ Karen Briz 2017-2021 Majors: Language and International Relations



▲ Darryl Capleton 2018-2022 Major: Civil Engineering



▲ ★ T'Laysha Creswell 2019-2023 Major: General Engineering



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▲ ★ Danielle Haley 2019-2023 Major: Computer Science



▲ ★ Arabella Hunter 2019-2023 Major: General Engineering



▲ ★ Sabriyya Pou 2019-2023 Major: Paraprofessional Health Studies



▲ ★ Destiny Stewart 2019-2023 Major: History



▲ Winter Widdifield 2017-2021 Major: Genetics

#### College of Saint Benedict



A Janessa Harms 2017-2020 Major: Philosophy



▲ Lydia Sumrall 2018-2022 Major: Peace Studies

#### Duke University



▲ Lynette Butron 2018-2022 Major: Biology



▲ ★ Haseeb Chaudhry 2019-2023 Major: Undecided



▲ Medhina Koleini 2017-2021 Major: Environmental Science



▲ Vanessa Real Williams 2018-2022 Major: Public Policy

#### **Emory University**



▲ Elif Kilic 2018-2022 Major: Linguistics

# Spelman College



# Mary Schmidt Campbell, Ph.D., President

"Spelman College applauds The Annexstad Family Foundation's commitment to socio-economic diversity in higher education. Spelman's mission is to educate Black women to become global leaders. Generous contributions the Annexstads make allow Spelman students, half of whom qualify for PELL grants, to succeed in completing a college degree at a leading liberal arts college."



# University of St. Thomas



# Dr. Julie Sullivan, President

"The University of St. Thomas is grateful for The Annexstad Family Foundation's commitment to first-generation and low-income college students. We are thankful to work with them to make a St. Thomas education a reality for young people who have faced great challenges and want to embrace leadership opportunities and make a difference in the lives of others. We are dedicated to educating life-ready, values-based leaders who can persuasively communicate, see connections, and solve complex problems in a rapidly changing world. The Annexstad Family Foundation's commitment will help ensure that this opportunity remains accessible to students and families who need it most."



A **Demetrios Mammas** 2019-2023 Majors: Political Science and Psychology



▲ Keaton Pendergrast 2017-2021 Majors: Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology, Pre-Med Track



▲ **Shana** 2018-2022 Majors: Applied Mathematics and Statistics



Alex Soas 2017-2021 Majors: Creative Writing and Biology







▲ <mark>★ Esohe Asuen</mark> 2019-2023 Major: Undecided



A Gabrielle Elliott Brault 2017-2021 Major: Culture and Politics



A Stephanie Haddad 2018-2022 Majors: Arabic and Psychology



Alex Manoukian 2018-2022 Majors: Government and Arabic

#### Georgia Institute of Technology



▲ Alaika Suffrena 2018-2022 Major: Chemical Engineering



▲ ★ Yoana Zaharieva 2019-2023 Major: Computer Science



▲ ★ Zornitsa Zaharieva 2019-2023 Major: Business Administration

#### Gonzaga University



▲ ★ Jasmin Azizi 2019-2023 Major: Political Science

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▲ Felecia Bazie 2017-2021 Major: Biology



▲ Mary Benjamin 2018-2022 Major: Economics

#### Gustavus Adolphus College



A Christian Araya 2016-2021 Major: Sociology



▲ ★ Monica Atkinson 2019-2023 Major: Social Studies Education



▲ ★ Madeline Campbell 2019-2023 Majors: Management and Art



▲ Asha Durgapersad 2017-2021 Major: Nursing



A Hannah Hansen 2018-2022 Major: Chemistry



▲ ★ Gabrielle Lavan 2019-2023 Major: Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies



Ashleigh Metcalf 2018-2022 Majors: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Chemistry



▲ Eh De Cem Say 2018-2022 Major: Nursing



A Megan Simmons 2018-2022 Major: Elementary Education



▲ ★ Ashley Sosa 2019-2023 Majors: Psychology and LALACS/Spanish

# University of Redlands



# Dr. Ralph W. Kuncl, President

"The University of Redlands is deeply appreciative of The Annexstad Family Foundation and its continued partnership in developing future leaders on our campus. Through the Foundation's generous Scholarships and personal support, we have witnessed firsthand a notable difference for these deserving recipients. While the recipients have experienced tremendous hardships, they are among our most dedicated and hard-working students, and we see that they are able to embark into successful lives and careers as a result of the Foundation's investment in their educational journeys at Redlands."

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# University of Pennsylvania



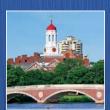
# Dr. Amy Gutmann, President

"As a first-generation college student, I will never take for granted just how life-changing access to quality higher education can be. Here at the University of Pennsylvania, inclusion and affordability are our highest institutional priorities. Driven by a commitment to bring the most talented students to Penn regardless of means, we are proud to partner with The Annexstad Family Foundation in our efforts to equalize opportunity and expand our diverse community of scholars."

#### Harvard University



▲ **★ Tomoro Harris** 2019-2023 Major: Undecided



▲ ★ Naomi Hegwood 2019-2023 Major: Undecided



A Richard Jenkins 2018-2022 Major: Psychology



A Hunter Mollett 2017-2021 Major: Biology or Biomedical Engineering



A Britney Vongdara 2017-2021 Major: Anthropology



A Olivia Weeks 2018-2022 Major: Philosophy

#### High Point University



A ★ Lauren Riley 2019-2023 Major: Undecided

#### Hillsdale College



▲ ★ Elizabeth Gallick 2019-2023 Major: Philosophy



A Micheal Lee 2018-2022 Major: Politics

#### Indiana University, Bloomington



A Munti Al-Shamri 2020-2021 Major: Informatics, Computing and Engineering



A Richard Harris 2018-2022 Major: English



▲ ★ Victoria Henderson 2019-2023 Major: Political Science





▲ ★ Samantha Klawiter 2019-2023 Majors: Human Development and Family Studies



▲ Joseline Matias 2017-2021 Majors: International Studies and Social Work



▲ Clayton Underhill 2018-2022 Majors: Spanish and International Studies

#### Michigan Technological University



▲ Spencer Collard 2016-2021 Major: Mechanical Engineering



▲ ★ Ryan Downs 2019-2023 Major: Chemical Engineering



▲ ★ Fidan Malikova 2019-2023 Major: Chemical Engineering



Artur Pilatovs 2018-2022 Major: Sound Design



▲ Riley Saldana 2016-2020 Major: Civil Engineering



A David Soderman 2017-2021 Major: Mechanical Engineering

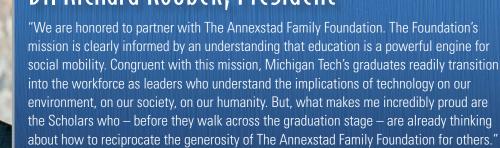


Allison Storm 2017-2021 Major: Mechanical Engineering



A Jemel Thompson 2018-2022 Major: Environmental Engineering

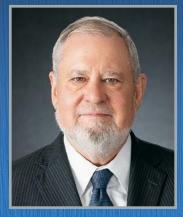
# Michigan Technological University Dr. Richard Koubek, President



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# Hillsdale College



### Dr. Larry P. Arnn, President

"Hillsdale College was founded in 1844 by men and women grateful to God for the inestimable blessings resulting from the prevalence of civil and religious liberty and intelligent piety in the land. They believed that the diffusion of sound learning was essential to the perpetuity of these blessings and therefore founded and endowed the college. We are grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation for continuing this work through their financial support of students who wish to receive a comprehensive education focused on developing the mind and improving the heart."

#### Minnesota State University, Mankato



▲ ★ Irene Kim 2019-2021 Major: Elementary Education



▲ Hannah Van Dalen 2016-2020 Major: Biomedical Sciences

#### North Dakota State University



▲ ★ Jesse Baumgartner 2019-2023 Major: Sports Management



A Whitney Gronvold 2018-2022 Major: Social Science Education



A Rebecca Haller 2017-2022 Major: Music



▲ Mel Johnson 2016-2022 Majors: Pharmacy



**Emilio Lamba** 2017-2021 Major: Business Administration



Ashley Rude 2015-2021 Major: Pharmacy



▲ **★ Tony Van Phan** 2019-2023 Major: Finance



▲ Kirkland Zitzow 2018-2022 Majors: Computer Engineering and Electrical Engineering

#### Northern Michigan University



▲ ★ Michael Creighton 2019-2023 Major: Marketing

# SCHOLARS





▲ Hailey Currie 2018-2022 Major: Business Management

#### Pomona College



A Devon Baker 2018-2022 Major: Public Policy Analysis



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A Daniel Garcia 2017-2021 Major: Public Policy Analysis

#### Saint John's University



▲ ★ Alex Arellano 2019-2023 Major: Environmental Studies <u>and Bio</u>logy



▲ Joseph Figueredo 2018-2022 Major: Elementary Education

#### Spelman College



▲ ★ Aubriana Davis 2019-2023 Major: Documentary Filmmaking



▲ Jala Hawkins 2017-2021 Major: Mathematics



▲ Ikya Kenyatta 2018-2022 Major: English



Aryanna Lawson 2018-2022 Major: Psychology, Pre-Med Track



▲ ★ Asattah Young 2019-2023 Majors: Sociology and Psychology

#### Stanford University



A Ghawayne Calvin 2017-2021 Major: Biology

# Duke University



# Dr. Vincent E. Price, President

"Duke is committed to welcoming talented students from all backgrounds and providing them with an education that sparks their curiosity, tests their convictions, and strengthens their character. We are grateful for our partnership with The Annexstad Family Foundation, which is helping us to build a more inclusive, exceptional campus community."



# Indiana University, Bloomington Dr. Michael A. McRobbie, President



"Indiana University deeply appreciates the outstanding work that The Annexstad Family Foundation has done to make this gift possible, not only for our Hoosiers but for the many other students across the country so positively impacted by this program. With the arrival of our inaugural class of Annexstad Scholars in 2017, it is already evident what an impact this program makes and will continue to make at Indiana University. We are very grateful to the Foundation for supporting our students and making their college goals a reality."



A Lee Duan 2018-2022 Majors: Classics and Economics



A Jessica Mi 2017-2021 Majors: Human Biology and Health Policy and Public Policy



▲ ★ Emily Nichols 2019-2023 Majors: Political Science and Science, Technology, and Society



▲ ★ Khan Vu 2019-2023 Major: Management Science and Engineering



▲ Kayla Williams 2018-2022 Majors: Political Science and Statistics





▲ Janae Jackson 2018-2022 Major: Political Science



A Romane Mays 2017-2021 Major: Business Administration Systems



▲ ★ Mario Terrell, II 2019-2023 Majors: Sports Broadcasting and Theatre

#### University of Alabama



A Wyatt Bennett 2018-2022 Major: Finance



▲ ★ Jonathan Birmingham 2019-2023 Major: Political Science



▲ ★ David Dillard 2019-2023 Major: Computer Science



▲ Nicholas Gangwer 2017-2021 Major: Athletic Training



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**Ty Goodwin** 2018-2022 Major: Finance



Alivia Gore 2018-2022 Majors: English and Creative Writing



▲ ★ Jhabrea Jackson 2019-2023 Major: Accounting



▲ Taylor Roberson 2017-2021 Major: Finance



**Emily Trawick** 2018-2022 Major: Public Relations

#### University of California, Berkeley



▲ ★ Maria Ayon Del Carmen 2019-2023 Majors: Legal Studies and Public Policy



▲ Mariah Henry 2017-2021 Majors: Political Science and Philosophy



A Luis Jazo 2018-2022 Major: Environmental Engineering



A Nathan Jeffries 2017-2021 Major: Energy Engineering



▲ Michael Papias 2016-2021 Major: Ethnic Studies

# University of Alabama



# Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President

"The Annexstad Family Foundation's commitment to helping students achieve their dreams is extraordinary. We are honored to partner with them to ensure these promising students succeed both during and after college. Through the Annexstads' generous support, these students are inspired to make a real difference in the world and to help others succeed as well."



#### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

# Pomona College



# Dr. G. Gabrielle Starr, President

"Pomona College's commitment to access, affordability, and equity is central to our identity. From its founding 131 years ago, we seek to create a diverse, meritocratic community of the best and brightest, a commitment that is backed up with need-blind admission and generous scholarship support. We consider diversity to be essential for a rigorous liberal arts education, because all students benefit from engaging with peers who bring different backgrounds, life experiences, and opinions to the classroom and residence halls. The Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship is awarded to a student who has overcome significant obstacles and has proven academic excellence and resilience. We are grateful to the Annexstad family for their support, and we are honored to partner with them in educating leaders for tomorrow!"

#### University of Chicago



Angel Chesney 2017-2021 Major: Philosophy



▲ Giezi Contreras 2018-2022 Majors: Neuroscience and Biological Sciences



▲ ★ Nicole Helou 2019-2023 Major: Neuroscience



▲ ★ Watson Lubin 2019-2023 Majors: Public Policy and International Relations



▲ Danielle Mishler 2018-2022 Majors: French and Economics

#### University of Georgia



▲ ★ Diana Chagoya-Garcia 2019-2023 Major: Animal and Dairy Science



Ashley Cintron 2018-2022 Major: Early Childhood Education



A **\* Dolton Collins** 2019-2023 Major: Biology



▲ Daysha Egson 2018-2022 Major: Biology



▲ Codey Garcon 2018-2022 Major: Religion



**▲ Jay Ivey** 2018-2022 Major: Agribusiness



Alondra Lopez 2018-2022 Major: Psychology

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▲ ★ Sierra McGrath 2019-2023 Major: Horticulture



A **★ Veronica Naylor** 2019-2023 Major: Spanish and International Studies



A Thanh Nham 2018-2022 Major: Computer Science Entineering

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▲ Caitlin Safford 2017-2021 Major: Civil Engineering



▲ ★ Banta Sesay 2019-2023 Major: Trumpet Performance



A Holly Worden 2018-2022 Major: Biology

#### University of <u>M</u>ichigan



▲ Krystel Anderson 2017-2021 Major: Psychology



A Sonny Jenema 2015-2021 Major: Industrial and Operations Engineering



▲ Sophia Mason 2018-2022 Major: Cell and Molecular Biology



A Kaylee Mondrella 2017-2021 Major: Organizational Studies



A Davon Shackelford 2016-2020 Major: General Studies

# University of California, Berkeley Dr. Carol T. Christ, Chancellor

"The University of California, Berkeley is unique in its commitment to access, to a culture where students, whatever their background, can become something they have only dreamed of. Thanks to our partnership with The Annexstad Family Foundation, we are able to extend opportunities to new generations of young people to serve, to excel, and to transform the world. Their future is ours."

#### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

# University of Georgia



# Jere W. Morehead, President

"The University of Georgia greatly values its partnership with The Annexstad Family Foundation. Through their generous support of the Leaders for Tomorrow and the AI and Cathy Annexstad Horatio Alger Scholarship Program, they are helping talented UGA students who have faced adversity in their lives obtain a college education and become our nation's future leaders. I am deeply appreciative of The Annexstad Family Foundation and continually inspired by our Annexstad Scholars."



▲ ★ Cadigan Smith 2019-2023 Majors: Biopsychology, Cognition and Neuroscience



▲ Hailee Spencer 2018-2022 Majors: Biopsychology, Cognition and Neuroscience

#### University of Minnesota, Twin Cities



▲ ★ Dylan Durgapersad 2019-2023 Major: Chemistry



A Melanie Fellows 2017-2021 Majors: Theatre Arts and English



A Rita Kwakye 2015-2020 Majors: Finance and Marketing



Abbeygail Nguyen 2018-2022 Majors: Cellular and Organismal Physiology



Arleth Pulido-Nava 2018-2022 Majors: Biology, Society and the Environment



A John Sevilleja 2018-2022 Major: Physiology



▲ Jocelyn Sol-Lopez 2017-2021 Major: Child Psychology



▲ ★ Miranda Thompson 2019-2023 Major: Health and Wellbeing Sciences



▲ Fue Xiong 2017-2021 Major: Kinesiology



▲ Lue Yang 2017-2021 Major: Physiology

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▲ ★ Mulki Yusuf 2019-2023 Major: Computer Science

#### University of Mississipi



▲ ★ Hannah Harris 2019-2023 Major: Biomedical Engineering



▲ **★ Ethan Lambert** 2019-2023 Major: Chemical Engineering



▲ Laurel Lee 2017-2021 Major: Biology



A Gloma Milner 2017-2021 Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences



▲ ★ Peter Nguyen 2019-2023 Major: International Studies



Ajah Singleton 2018-2022 Major: Biomedical Engineering



▲ Kaden Spellmann 2018-2022 Major: Economics

#### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



▲ Hope Conn 2017-2021 Major: Business Administration



A Yamahjai Lewis 2018-2022 Major: Biomedical Engineering

# Gonzaga University



# Dr. Thayne M. McCulloh, President

"The Annexstad Family Foundation's aim to demonstrate care for young people in today's world through education is truly appreciated by Gonzaga University. The Annexstads' commitment and generosity in supporting students in need perfectly aligns with our Jesuit mission and effort to increase access to education for all. During this unique time in our history when the coronavirus and national discord are having an impact worldwide, we know the world needs thoughtful, compassionate, Jesuit-educated individuals more, now than ever before. Recent events have also led to students and their families experiencing greater need, which makes the Annextads' support of these Scholarships, will lead lives of leadership and service for the common good."

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# University of Michigan



# Dr. Mark Schlissel, President

"Talent is distributed equally throughout our society, but opportunity most certainly is not. One of our highest priorities at the University of Michigan is to guarantee that a diverse group of the world's brightest students will be able to study on our three campuses and go on to make a positive impact in communities here and around the world. I appreciate the work of The Annexstad Family Foundation in providing valuable support to students who are pursuing higher education."



🔺 🛨 Abigail Hamrick 2019-2023 Major: Exercise and **Sports Science** 



A Ciara Plumley 2017-2021 Major: Psychology



🔺 🛨 Christian Salinas 2019-2023 **Major: Business** Administration

#### University of Notre Dame



🔺 🕇 Raul Amezcua 2019-2023 Major: Computer Engineering



🔺 Samantha Amezquita 2017-2021 Major: Environmental Engineering



🔺 🛨 Kayla Anderson 2019-2023 **Major: Biological Sciences** 



🔺 Namir Argilagos 2017-2021 Major: Chemical Engineering

A Raphael Banuelos

Major: Mechanical

A Matthew Bisner

and Peace Studies

Majors: Political Science

2018-2022

2017-2021

Engineering



🔺 🛨 Alexander Cattaneo 2019-2023 Major: History



🔺 🕇 Bethany Cummings 2019-2023 **Major: Sociology** 



A Brandon Davis 2016-2021 Major: Architecture





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▲ Christina Dulal 2017-2021 Major: Physics



▲ ★ Hezekiah Edwards 2019-2023 Major: Neuroscience and Behavior



▲ ★ Sydney Florine 2019-2023 Majors: Design and Spanish



▲ Giovanni Folkes 2018-2022 Major: Science Business



▲ ★ Nicolas Gutierrez 2019-2023 Major: Music



**A Karry Hammond** 2018-2022 Major: Finance



A Shae Himmelberger 2018-2022 Major: Finance



▲ ★ Uriel Ibarra 2019-2023 Major: Science Business



A Ellyn Jarrell 2018-2022 Major: Business



ASeaira Knopoff 2018-2022 Major: Environmental Science



▲ ★ Valentin Matveev 2019-2023 Major: Mechanical Engineering



▲ Gregory Miller 2018-2022 Majors: Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics, and Economics

# High Point University Dr. Nido R. Qubein, President



#### "Education has the power to create transformation. High Point University is grateful for The Annexstad Family Foundation and their partnership as we seek to transform the lives of talented first-generation college students. When these deserving students are equipped with a premier life skills education from HPU that is grounded in their values and supported by caring people, they are capable of changing the world for the better. HPU is proud to contribute to this transformational journey that The Annexstad Foundation has made possible for so many future leaders."



# North Dakota State University



# Dr. Dean Bresciani, President

"I highly commend The Annexstad Family Foundation for their generosity and commitment to helping young people achieve the dream of a college education. They wisely understand the power of education and the importance of helping students who have significant financial need gain access to a positive future. NDSU is very proud to have so many Annexstad Scholars enriching our campus. I have had the pleasure of personally meeting them, and it comes as no surprise to me that they are excellent students and demonstrate a high level of enthusiasm and energy. I have no doubt they will be successful future leaders!"



🔺 Kelsie Muha 2017-2021 Major: Applied and **Computational Mathematics** and Statistics



A Kiely Novak 2018-2022 **Majors: Neuroscience** and English



🔺 Taylor Parker 2018-2022 Major: Environmental **Sciences** 



A Yvette Pino 2018-2022 Majors: Theology and History



A Mikaela Murphy 2017-2021 Major: American Studies



🔺 Joan Ngai 2018-2022 Majors: Architecture and Chinese



🔺 ★ Abraham Ortiz Santibanez 2019-2023 Major: Mechanical Engineering



🔺 🛨 Cheyenne Parker 2019-2023 Major: Italian



A Tommy Pham 2018-2022 Major: Neuroscience and Behavior



A Cynthia Pierre 2018-2022 Major: Anthropology



Ashley Presley 2018-2022 Major: Psychology



🔺 Mikaela Ramsey 2017-2021 Major: Spanish





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▲ ★ Elie Rathon 2019-2023 Major: Economics



A Dakota Rivers 2017-2021 Major: Political Science



A Helton Rodriguez 2018-2022 Major: Biology



▲ ★ Matelda Sweis 2019-2023 Major: Computer Science



▲ Jordan Theriault 2018-2022 Major: English



A Nicholas Trittipo 2018-2022 Majors: Economics, Applied Computational Mathematics



▲ Cynthia Trujillo 2017-2021 Major: Sociology



▲ ★ Aisha Tunkara 2019-2023 Majors: International Economics and Global Affairs



▲ ★ Airrial Tutton 2019-2023 Majors: Chinese and Linguistics



▲ ★ Noah Watson 2019-2023 Major: Mechanical Engineering

#### University of Pennsylvania



A Brandon Acevedo 2017-2021 Majors: Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

# Winona State University



# Dr. Scott Olson, President

"The Annexstad Family Foundation makes dreams come true! Everyone should have the ability to participate in the American dream, and a great education is the best way to open the door of opportunity. The Annexstads have changed the world for the better by opening that door of opportunity for those who might otherwise not have the chance to walk through it. It is amazing how many lives the Annexstad Family Foundation has touched. The world is so much better for it. Winona State University is proud to be a partner with the Annexstads in helping students achieve their dreams."



# University of Minnesota



# Joan T. A. Gabel, President

"Congratulations to The Annexstad Family Foundation on 20 years of changing lives and creating tomorrow's leaders. At the University of Minnesota, we share your belief that education builds a pathway to success. Like AI and Cathy themselves, new generations of motivated students are working hard to overcome the obstacles they face and pursue their dream of a college education. Your generous support is a game-changer for deserving young people across the University. Together we are opening doors for students with great need and great potential. That is an investment that lasts a lifetime, and we are proud to partner with you in this important work. Thank you for The Annexstad Family Foundation's inspiring leadership, generosity, and vision. We look forward to continuing our partnership for years to come."



▲ Elijah Conniff 2017-2021 Major: Statistics and Management



A Carlos Garcia 2018-2022 Major: Economics



▲ ★ Shandi Gatter 2019-2023 Major: Nursing



A **★ Alexies Rivera-Garcia** 2019-2023 Major: Biophysics



2018-2022 Majors: Biology and Economics

#### University of Redlands



▲ ★ Yusvizaret Dimas 2019-2023 Majors: Communication Sciences and Disorders, Spanish



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A Kenia Gonzales 2018-2022 Major: English Literature



▲ Ariel Herrera 2017-2021 Major: Political Science

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▲ Fernando Herrera 2017-2021 Major: Business Administration



A ★ Jennifer Munoz 2019-2023 Major: Biology



▲ Isaac Rodriguez 2018-2022 Major: Biochemistry

#### University of St. Thomas



▲ ★ Alan Flores-Reyes 2019-2023 Majors: Business Entrepreneurship and Sociology



▲ Janelle Alba Garner 2016-2021 Majors: Justice and Peace Studies



Andrew Herzog 2018-2022 Major: Neuroscience



▲ Samantha HoangLong 2017-2021 Majors: Communication and Journalism



▲ Ismaiil Nur 2018-2022 Major: Mechanical Engineering



▲ ★ Christina Yang 2019-2023 Major: Mechanical Engineering

#### University of West Georgia



▲ ★ Isaac Oakes 2019-2023 Major: Music Education

# **Emory University**



# Dr. Claire E. Sterk, President

"Part of what makes Emory University distinctive is its uncommon balance between ground-breaking, transformative research and an emphasis on excellent teaching and mentoring. Emory is committed to educating the next generation, discovering new knowledge, and making a positive impact on the world. These are values and commitments we share with The Annexstad Family Foundation. By supporting young people who have endured extraordinary challenges, we are able to help shape bright minds and empower individuals for the benefit of society."

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# Clemson University



# Dr. James P. Clements, President

"I am a firm believer that education is the key to a better life, both for individuals and for society as a whole. I am grateful to The Annexstad Family Foundation for making a college education possible for so many young people, and I am extremely proud that Clemson is now a partner school in the *Leaders for Tomorrow* Scholarship Program."

#### Vanderbilt University



Donovan Carr
2018-2022
Majors: Computer Science
and Economics



A Olivia Franklin 2018-2022 Majors: Human and Organizational Development



▲ ★ Kaitlynn Hammons 2019-2023 Major: Undecided



A Jaylen Martinez 2017-2021 Major: English



▲ ★ Jaret Rushing 2019-2023 Major: Classical Studies

#### Washington University in St. Louis



▲ ★ Riyad Abdalla 2019-2023 Major: Biology



Andrea Chambers 2017-2022 Major: Public Health



▲ Nick Stokalyuk 2018-2022 Majors: Economics and Mathematics



Alex Tinoco 2017-2021 Major: Environmental Biology



▲★ Isabelle Williams 2019-2023 Major: Cognitive Neuroscience



A Jakyra Williams 2018-2022 Major: International and Area Studies

#### Western Carolina University



A **\* Bethany Dyer** 2019-2023 Major: Undecided



▲ ★ Tayor Moritz 2019-2023 Major: Film and Television Production



▲ Victoria Renfroe 2017-2021 Majors: Business and Law Administration, International Studies



A Jade Shuler 2017-2021 Major: English Education

#### Winona State University



▲ Nathan Curtis 2018-2022 Majors: Finance and Economics



▲ ★ Jada Escalera 2019-2023 Major: Secondary Education



▲ <mark>★ Makayla Lende</mark> 2019-2023 Major: Nursing



A Nina Pelletier 2017-2020 Major: Legal Studies



Erykah Taylor-Moore 2017-2021 Major: Biology



A Haley Ward 2016-2021 Major: Legal Studies



▲ Helena Zarate 2018-2022 Major: Social Work

#### Yale University

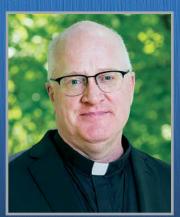


▲ Patricia Mae Adaya 2018-2022 Major: Political Science



▲ ★ Kanyinsola Anifowoshe 2019-2023 Major: History of Art

# Friend and Mentor



# Father Bill Lies, c.s.c.

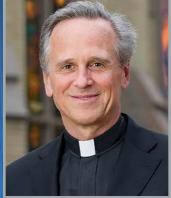
Father Bill Lies, CSC is the Provincial Superior of the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers. He oversees the mission of the Province which includes the work and welfare of more than 500 priests, brothers, and seminarians. As such, he oversees higher education across the U.S. Province as well.

"Father Bill is very special to our family and was an extraordinary leader at the University of Notre Dame," shares AI. "He was the first person we met at the university, and together we started the first Annexstad Family Foundation Scholarship at Notre Dame." Prior to his election, Father Bill served as Vice President for Mission Engagement and Church Affairs at the University of Notre Dame.

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# University of Notre Dame



# Reverend John I Jenkins, c.s.c., President

"We at the University of Notre Dame are deeply grateful for our continued partnership with The Annexstad Family Foundation. Together we are able to transform lives and help to form the leaders of tomorrow, as we provide opportunities for first-generation college students and those from low-income families who might not otherwise be able to afford a Notre Dame education. We are committed to ensuring that every Notre Dame student has the best possible experience - learning from and interacting with world-class scholars and teachers, participating in research, studying abroad, forming friendships and becoming part of the campus community, and developing fully their unique gifts and talents. Congratulations and thank you to The Annexstad Family Foundation for your continued commitment to the success of these students and for all you are doing to prepare leaders for our nation and the world."



🔺 Bessie Bauman 2017-2021 **Major: Economics** 



🔺 🛨 John Choe 2019-2023 Majors: Economics and **Political Science** 



🔺 Elaina Foley 2017-2021 Majors: Political Science and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies



🔺 Kvuna Mi Lee 2017-2021 Major: English



The Annexstad family celebrates the 2014 cohort of Annexstad Family Foundation Scholars at the University of Notre Dame.



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"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others." – Booker T. Washington

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