

259 CSM students receive more than \$300,000 in scholarships

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Kaitlin Benitz, right, a CSM nursing student and recipient of the Ethelmae M. Lilly Nursing Memorial Scholarship, meets Reuben Lilly Sr., left, and CSM Foundation Chair Jay Lilly, center, at the CSM Foundation Scholarship Reception in La Plata on Sept. 17.

The College of Southern Maryland celebrated the 2014-15 academic year scholarship awardees and donors on Sept. 17 during a reception at the Center for Business and Industry on the La Plata Campus. More than \$300,000 in scholarships were awarded to 259 students.

CSM President Dr. Brad Gottfried recognized 77 scholarship donors, who are making a difference in Southern Maryland by partnering with the CSM Foundation in keeping education affordable and accessible—which in turn, he said, enhances the health and welfare of the local economy.

"I see daily the lives that are being changed here at CSM and it is because of the support of our donors that we are able to continue our work of helping students realize their potential," said Gottfried. "The more opportunities we present as a community for our students to succeed, the bigger impact we will make in transforming the Southern Maryland region."

Speaking to scholarship recipients, CSM Foundation Chair Chris Rush said, "I have firsthand knowledge of the support of this community because just like you, I attended the College of Southern Maryland, Class of 1987. Today, as the chair of the Foundation and an active member of the Southern Maryland community, I see the impact of CSM. Everywhere I turn there is something CSM-related: a campus, a student, a program, an employee. That says a lot about CSM and its presence in the community, and you are now a part of this great tradition."

Two scholarship recipients spoke at the reception, Nichole Estep of Lusby, who received the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce Annual Scholarship, and Liza Dalrymple of Prince Frederick who received the Dennis Lake Smith Memorial Art Scholarship and the Jerome A. Zanelotti, Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

Estep, a nursing student, told donors that in addition to her supportive husband, mother and siblings, she is "thankful for the people who are not my family, who don't know much about me, who I never met—until tonight—but who have also encouraged me, stood by me and believed in me: the people who create and donate to scholarships so people like me can pursue their dreams. I would personally like to thank all of you who give to the foundation for your selfless charity."

Dalrymple returned to college to pursue a passion in art. "At this present moment, the opportunity to return to college is a joyous gift. I'm living in the moment—and enjoying the present. But I'm also living with the understanding that everything I do, every class I take, every teacher's lecture, every art project—is shaping my future. I want to promise the donors of the scholarships that I received—I will make you proud. I promise, your generous donations are appreciated," she said.

More than 72 percent of college students nationwide graduate with student loan debt, according to Gottfried. "This is why CSM is taking great strides to educate our students, their spouses and parents about the opportunity and wise decision to save more than \$29,000 by starting here at CSM for their freshmen and sophomore years."

Scholarships awarded for the 2014-15 academic year include:

Adjunct Faculty Scholarship

Hannah Arnold
Christina Day
Valerie Dowell
Kenneth Howard

Albert L. Elder Jr. Family Scholarship

Sean Frost

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Scholarship

Keanuu Smith-Brown

Anna Mae Ziencik Hess Memorial Scholarship

Monica Jones
Mandi Ransome

Besche Family Scholars and Mentoring Program Annual Scholarship

James Eppley
Wesley Olsen
Kenneth Parker

Bill Wood Memorial Scholarship

Annie Mendoza

Brad and Linda Gottfried Against All Odds Annual Scholarship

Ciera Gantt

Brad and Linda Gottfried Art Scholarship in Memory of Bernice Gottfried

Emma Ansell

Brock Nikolas Guerrieri Memorial Scholarship

Valerie Dowell

Bryce T. Sanders Memorial Scholarship

Christina DeNeale

C. Emmitt Woodey Theatre Scholarship

Joanna Espiritu

Calvert Chamber of Commerce Endowed Scholarship

Crystal Kirven

Calvert County Chamber of Commerce Annual Scholarship

Abreellen Brown

Stephen Dodson

Nichole Estep

Jordan Stearns

Charles County Nursing and Allied Health Programs Scholarship

Lindsey Acquaviva

Rheya Brown

James Byrnes

Rochelle Douglas

Brittany Halmon

Charles County Woman's Club Scholarship

Toyan Bell

Charles Robert Posten Memorial Scholarship

Samuel Allen

Chiaromonte Hope Scholarship

Christina DeNeale

Crystal Kirven

Symone Matthews

Kara Merritt

Heather Santimays

Lindsey Thurman

Christopher Chinault Scholarship

Matthew Owens

Heather Santimays

Susan Wallish

Concerned Black Women of Calvert County - Women in Transition Scholarship

Ashlie Boyd

Connie Kite Memorial Scholarship

Alexandra Knott

Exelon Generation Nuclear Engineering Technology Annual Scholarship

Brandon Cousineau

Benjamin Dunn

Robert Fennelly

Russell Kay

Emily Kerwin

David Maines

Shawn Murphy

Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust Ruth Mathes Scholarship

Erin Tayman

CSM Alumni Scholarship

Bernice Ngere

CSM Foundation Scholarship sponsored by Marrick Homes

Matthew Edgar

CSM Foundation Scholarship sponsored by BAE

Alessia Parks

CSM Foundation Scholarship sponsored by Exelon Generation-Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant

Christopher Isom

CSM Foundation Realize Your Potential Scholarship

David Callahan
Kimberly Campbell
Brittany Cobey
Jenna Courville
Meghan Crout
Kimberly Dubinsky
Andrew Hackney
Daniel Ledbetter
Lisa Parker
Stacie Prinkey
Denise Rhoads
Michael Rice
LaShawnia Wells

CSM Foundation Scholarship for Returning Adults

Lenita Balsbough
Carrie Catalan
Latrice Chase
Kenneth Howard
Doralee Kuszto
Heather Oliver
Aimee Pellegrino
Lori Rushworth
Nieda Tice
Leonard Valley

CSM Foundation Scholarship in Memory of Eric Sawchak

Maria Estevez

CSM Foundation Scholarship sponsored by Brad and Linda Gottfried

Caroline DeHaven
Erica Jones

CSM Foundation Scholarship sponsored by Calvert Memorial Hospital

Melissa Sager

CSM Foundation Scholarship sponsored by Dominion Foundation

Connor Taylor

CSM Foundation Scholarship sponsored by Maureen Cunningham and Gerry Van De Velde

Nicholas Fastnaught

CSM Foundation Scholarship sponsored by MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital

Kelcei McElvine

CSM Foundation Scholarship sponsored by Miles and Stockbridge, P.C.

Carly Penny

CSM Foundation Scholarship sponsored by Quality Built Homes, Inc.

Kyle Harlow

CSM Prince Frederick Campus Student Association Scholarship

Kristin Hemmer

Dennis Lake Smith Memorial Art Scholarship

Liza Dalrymple

Dr. Elvear B. Johnson Scholarship

Diondella Blanton

Dr. Nallan Ramakrishna Scholarship

Joshua MacKall
Thomas Siehl

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union Special Scholarship

Erin Brown
Aishya Devine
Diamone Hailstock-Williams
Kara Merritt
Christina Vance

Ethelmae M. Lilly Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Kaitlin Benitz

Fannie Louise Sine Henderson Scholarship

Shelly Cain

Latrice Chase

Kaitlyn Willen

Florence B. Trueman Scholarship

Christine Beatty

Kimberly Campbell

Stephen Dodson

Christopher Graham

Eric Graham

Emily Green

James Hilmer

Sarah Manning

Hunter Poore

Elijah Sanchez

Angel Shores

Keanuu Smith-Brown

Jordan Stearns

Melony Vest

Dayna Whitehouse

Gambrill Family Scholarship

Vaughn Gray

Gary D. Smith Memorial Scholarship

Carly Wedding

GRPA Scholarship

Drew Brentlinger

Clinton Garrison

Kristen Mills

Hank Willoughby Foundation Scholarship

Rheya Brown

Jasmine Cabiness

Mary Mills

Kathryn Sine

Melinda Smith

Mallory Tevis

Harland and Lula Cravat Memorial Scholarship

Aryanna Crockett

Samantha Lawler

Stacy Sharper

Helen and Henry Lawlor Scholarship

Alisha Murchison

Mandi Ransome

Helen and Mickey Todd Scholarship

Carrie Catalan

Samantha Enlow

Alexander Huber

Home Towne Real Estate Scholarship

Kaitlin Burkhart

Michael Fray

Lori Rushworth

Tricia Wood

J. Ivey Cline Memorial Scholarship

Desiree Page

Jack Love Sprague Scholarship

Lori Smith

James Mitchell Nursing Scholarship

Melissa Morgan
Jessica Weaver

Jane Hale Sypher Scholarship

Lenita Balsbough
Aimee Pellegrino
Tricia Wood

Jaye S. Ives Freedom Scholarship

Juana Davidson

Jerome A. Zanelotti Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Liza Dalrymple

Joanne Zwick Nursing Scholarship

Christine Beatty

Joseph Patak Memorial Scholarship

Christopher Conklin
Stacie Prinkey
Jeremy Salazar

Kavetsy Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship

Rheya Brown

L.K. Farrall III Memorial Scholarship

Diondella Blanton
Brittany Cobey

La Plata Lions - Milton M. Somers Scholarship

Samantha Geckle
Mariah Mkandawire
Ayla Padgett
Alexis Proctor
Jennifer Street

LaVerda Francis and Richard Blair Scholarship

Rebecca Butner
Jennifer Colosi
Christopher Graham
Sarah Manning
Seth Spangler

Louis P. Jenkins, Sr. Endowed Scholarship

Melanie Pavone
Valerie Rahill
Melissa Zelonis

Marguerite Cox Family Memorial Scholarship

Brittany Halmon
Makenzie Hooper

Marrick Properties Scholarship

Garry Knight
Ricardo McCaskill

Maurice J. McDonough Scholarship

Nicholas Bears
Michelle Collins
Sarah Kennedy
Katelyn Kimble
Ayana McWillis
Annie Mendoza
Harsh Patel
Jeremy Salazar
Rebecca Stone
Erica Swann
Megan Tzafaroglou
Jamie Welch
Amanda Wright

McNelis Family Scholarship

Elizabeth Kennedy

McWilliams Family Endowed Scholarship

Bernice Ngere

Neale Chaney Slater Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Erin Brown

NRL Federal Credit Union - Southern Maryland Blue Crabs Strikeout Scholarship

Ryan Hardy

Nu Zeta Omega Scholarship of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Jordan Alvey

Jeanette Jacobs

Jeana Osborne

Nyce Annual Scholarship

Diane Payne

Old Line Bank Business Program Annual Scholarship

Candice Cook

James Day

Melissa Fenwick

Emily Garcia

Crystal Kirven

Daniel Ledbetter

Yaa Opoku

Corrinne Penny

Holly Settle

Megan Tzafaroglou

Oreta Stinson Memorial Engineering Scholarship

Mary Mills

Our Earth Scholarship

Mary Mills

Patty Schwier and Norma LaFleur Scholarship

Jennifer Colosi

Paul V. Fachhina Jr. Scholarship

Cody Graham

Professor Debra L. Wyvill Teacher Education Scholarship

Amanda Shrawder

Rebekah Compton Boone and Vivian Bounds Edelen Scholarship

J'Trenee Bryant

Renee Munday Math Endowed Scholarship

Lindsey Bowersox

St. Mary's County Government Health and Medical Scholarship

Hannah Arnold

Denise Collins

Juana Davidson

Dawn Drury

Sandra Fischer

Tyler Hayden

Carlos Jelinek

Alexandra Knott

Ray Ann Lindsey

Kara Merritt

Aimee Pellegrino

Olivia Redding

Yhamira Santiago

Molly Stine

Ernestina Stone

Natasha Terry

Lindsay Truong

Margaret Williams
Tiffany Wilson
Ashley Yonek

St. Mary's Government Endowed Scholarship

Sierra Barnes
Crystal Berry
Tiyona Gupton
Robyn Harding
Tyler Wahl
Katie Wathen

Shani-Jinaki Whipple Memorial Scholarship

Ronald Hesse

Sidney John Francis Waugh Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Richard Samrow
Antwan Vandroff

Solomons Business Association Scholarship

Jordyn Callahan

Southern Maryland Women's League Scholarship

Lisa Scales
Dina Spence-Foreman
Lauren Young

Susan N. Behmke Legacy Scholarship

Lauralea Davis

T. N. Bowes HVAC Scholarship

Malcolm Davis

Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Scholarship

Christopher Graham
Eric Graham

The Arc of Southern Maryland Communications/Media Studies Scholarship

Tracy Johnson

The Arc of Southern Maryland Nursing Scholarship

Carlos Jelinek

Thomas F. Goldsmith III Scholarship

Rheya Brown
Jennifer Street

Thomas J. Murray Memorial Scholarship

Crystal Leon

Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Scholarship

Danielle Moyers
Kortnie Moyers

Tri-County 40 et 8 Nursing Scholarship

Jennifer Street

Virginia B. Darrow Memorial CSM Nursing Scholarship

Dayna Whitehouse

Walter B. Grove II Memorial Art Scholarship

Abbie Fahnestock
Katharina Fleming
Alan Frampton

WFA Cancer Survivors and Friends Cancer Scholarship

Kimberly Dubinsky

Wigberto Martinez Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Robert Gomez

Zonta RAVE Walk Scholarship in Memory of Gayle Cooke

Six recipients

For information on creating or donating to a scholarship, visit <http://www.csmd.edu/Foundation/>. To view a gallery of photos from the Sept. 17 Scholarship Reception, visit <http://csmphoto.zenfolio.com/14schlarrecept>. The Sept. 17 reception was one of several ceremonies to join scholarship donors with their scholarship recipients.

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