

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP Shelby Clegg Senior, Class of 2021

Major: Forensic Science

Minor: Chemistry concentration



Academic honors, student organizations, extra-curricular activities or community activities:

Dean's List Fall 2017-Spring 2020, Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award, Alpha Lambda Delta, First Year Honor Society, Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, Chi Kappa Rho Sorority, Delta Delta Epsilon Forensic Science Honor Society, Forensic Science Student Association

About me:

I am a graduating senior from Northern Vermont who enjoys music and traveling. I decided to major in forensic science because I am passionate about science, chemistry in particular, the criminal justice system, and helping people. A degree in forensic science enables me to pursue all of these passions in one career so I knew it was the major for me. I selected the University of New Haven because of its exceptional forensic science program.

How is the scholarship support you are receiving making a difference in your college experience?

Due to the pandemic, money is tight and my family has been struggling to help pay the tuition for both my brother and I. This scholarship eases our financial burden and allows me to finish my degree and graduate.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP Thomas DeAveiro Senior, Class of 2021

Major: Civil Engineering



Academic honors, student organizations, extra-curricular activities or community activities:

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) student chapter member Dean List recipient Freshmen Year participant of Engineering Living Learning Community

About me:

I'm currently a senior studying Civil Engineering and am going to be graduating this spring semester. I grew up on Long Island, NY and currently living with my mom and two younger sisters while also taking care of my grandfather. I originally chose the University of New Haven for several reasons. When I was in high school there was an engineering club I was a part of that had local people in the industry come and teach us about what they did. This sparked my interested in Civil Engineering and I decided to look at schools that offered this major. I found the University of New Haven and met with the former head of the Civil Engineering Department Dr. Broderick. Through talking with Dr. Broderick and looking at the lab equipment, I was sold on coming here. Another more personal reason is that I felt like I needed to be away from home and experience being by myself. However, due to family reasons, I need to be relatively close to home so UNH was the perfect distance away as it is only one ferry ride to get back home.

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How is the scholarship support you are receiving making a difference in your college experience?

It is making a big difference. I come from a background of only my mom and my two younger sisters so any money that can take away some of the burden is a real help. I am very thankful for this opportunity as it feels like all the work I put into getting good grades throughout my 4 years here is being acknowledge and lessening my debt is a big relief.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP Gianna Gambale Senior, Class of 2021

Major: National Security

Minor: Concentration: Intelligence Analysis, Minors: Political

Science and Criminal Justice



Academic honors, student organizations, extra-curricular activities or community activities:

I am a member of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority and I am a member of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society. Through my sorority, I have done a lot of volunteer, community service, and philanthropic work. This year as the Vice President of Programming for Delta Phi Epsilon, I planned and executed an event that raised almost \$21,200 for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. I have been a work study for the Center for Student Engagement Leadership and Orientation (CSELO) for the past 4 years. Currently, I am a Bartels Building Manager (BBM). I have been on the Dean's list every semester since Fall 2017. In April 2019, I received the Johnson Excellence in Writing Award for the Henry C Lee College of Forensics Sciences and Criminal Justice.

About me:

My name is Gianna Gambale and I am a senior national security major from Long Island, New York. I chose the University of New Haven because of the national security program. The campus felt like a tight-knit community and I knew the University of New Haven would be my home away from home. The class sizes are smaller so I knew that I would not be another face lost in the crowd of an enormous lecture hall. I liked how I could actually get to know my teachers and they could get to know me. I chose my major because I knew I wanted to have a career of helping people and giving back to the community. I wanted to help keep our country safe from both domestic and international threats and this major was the perfect fit for my career goals.

How is the scholarship support you are receiving making a difference in your college experience?

This scholarship support will make a significant difference in my college experience because the financial burden on my family has been reduced. This scholarship allows me to focus on my schoolwork and not worry so much about how my family is going to pay for school.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP Samara Greene Senior, Class of 2021

Major: Marine Biology



<u>Academic honors, student organizations, extra-curricular activities or community activities:</u> Honors Program, Presidential Scholarship

About me:

I am a lover of the ocean and all things in it and that is why I am a marine biology major! My dream is to work at a marine mammal rescue center and so when I began my search for a university I knew I needed a good marine program along the coast. Being from Upstate NY, I wanted to stay relatively close to my family. I had visited many schools before coming to UNH and as soon as a I did visit it just felt right and so I stopped looking. Meeting the marine department gave me a lot of confidence in the education that I would receive here.

How is the scholarship support you are receiving making a difference in your college experience?

By receiving this scholarship, I am able to continue getting the experience needed for my future career without having the financial burden. This scholarship relieves my stress and allows me to focus on my school work and my honors thesis. I am appreciative to anyone at the university that has made this possible.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP Enrique Hernandez Senior, Class of 2021

Major: Accounting



Academic honors, student organizations, extra-curricular activities or community activities:

Dean's List Accounting Society

About me:

I am someone who considers myself a hard worker. I have been under difficult circumstances when I was in grade school, including a difficulty to connect with others. Throughout my life, I have made changes in my lifestyle that changed me as an individual and allowed me to grow. These changes eventually turned my biggest weaknesses into strengths. My hard work was recognized by the University of New Haven accepting me into their program and naming me into the Dean's List 5 times. I selected UNH because I heard great things about the school's business program that made me realize that I had potential to grow into the individual I want to be by selecting their program. With respect to my major, I selected accounting because when I took an accounting course in high school, I enjoyed it. I struggled to decide what I want to do after high school until I took that course. I did very well and realized that accounting is something that I should do because the profession requires the ability to work with numbers, which was something that I was good at. I have changed tremendously, but I will continue to grow throughout my life as circumstances change.

How is the scholarship support you are receiving making a difference in your college experience?

This scholarship support that I am receiving will make a difference in my college experience by allowing me to continue to focus on my studies and figure out what I need to do to be successful after school. Any form of generosity from a donor is an action that I do not take lightly and I am very touched that this donor recognized my hard work in the classroom by selecting me as the recipient of this honor.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP Michael Lanzaro Senior, Class of 2021

Major: Community/Clinical Psychology

Minor: Biology



Academic honors, student organizations, extra-curricular activities or community activities:

Honors Society for Experiential Education (HSEE), Tau Sigma honors society, Psi Chi International, Psychology Honors Society, Kappa Gamma Rho Fraternity member, Summa Cum Laude Latin Honors, Honors Program Scholar

About me:

I am a local student from Milford, CT. I am also a commuter, but I've never let that stop me from becoming an active member of the campus community. I selected the University of New Haven because I had always wanted to attend, but thought I might not be able to afford it. After attending a state school for 2 years and deciding to change my career, I decided I could achieve my goals at a university that shares my personal values. Majoring in Community/Clinical psychology has afforded me the opportunity to practice my passion for helping children overcome their disabilities. As a student diagnosed with ADHD, I had promised myself to work alongside children who had experienced barriers to educational success.

How is the scholarship support you are receiving making a difference in your college experience?

The alumni endowed scholarship is allowing me to enter the workforce with a lightened burden of student debt. This means I will be able to achieve life's milestones earlier and pay-it-forward to the next generation of dedicated students. In other words, this is a direct investment into my livelihood and future.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP **Kyle Longo** Senior, Class of 2021

Major: Economics

Minor: Behavioral Economics



Academic honors, student organizations, extra-curricular activities or community activities:

Sigma Chi International Fraternity, Economics Club Vice President, Interfraternity Council President

About me:

I am a senior at the university majoring in Economics. I am from Danielson, CT. I selected the University of New Haven due to the small class sizes.

How is the scholarship support you are receiving making a difference in your college experience?

This scholarship is making a difference because it is allowing me to focus on my academics and research that I have conducted with the Liberty Initiative at the University.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP Chase Notari Senior, Class of 2021

Major: Forensic Science

Minor: Concentration in Chemistry; Minor in Criminal Justice



Academic honors, student organizations, extra-curricular activities or community activities:

Member of Forensic Science Student Association, Member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, President of Men's Club Soccer Team, Fundraising Chair of St. Jude Up 'til Dawn, Treasurer of ChargerTHON, Vice President of Finance and Scholarship of the Interfraternity Council, Recipient of Forensic Science Rising Star Award

About me:

My name is Chase Notari, and I am a second-semester senior Forensic Science-Chemistry student with a minor in Criminal Justice. I am originally from the Scranton, PA area. I graduated as a high honors student and Salutatorian of my high school class. I played soccer in high school, both for my school's team and also for a competitive travel club soccer team. I became interested in the major of Forensic Science because I have always had an interest in law enforcement and solving crimes. I am also very big into puzzles, and the field of forensic science always appealed to me because of the way you get to piece together the different pieces of evidence in the sense of a puzzle to be able to help solve crime. I have always been good at chemistry, physics, and other science field, and I felt that I would excel at becoming a Forensic Science. It was easy for me to select the University of New Haven as my school of choice because I wanted to attend one of the best schools in the country for my major, and the University of New Haven is widely known for its high accreditation in the field of Forensic Science.

How is the scholarship support you are receiving making a difference in your college experience?

This scholarship makes a huge difference in my college experience in that it goes to show that all of the hard work and dedication that I have been putting into my academic career is being noticed. It makes my experience better in that it shows I am not just a number, I am a valued member of this University community that continues to always help each other succeed. The financial aspect of this scholarship is of great magnitude, especially since for most college students, the main stressor is having to pay all of the massive student loans that accrue over the years at college. This can be a difficult task for many students, but receiving a scholarship such as this is a great help because it helps to alleviate some of the stress of student loans. I am incredibly appreciative of this scholarship and all that the generous donors continue to assist me with in life.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP Micaela O'Shea Senior, Class of 2021

Major: International Affairs and Political Science



Academic honors, student organizations, extra-curricular activities or community activities:

Member of the Honor's Program
Political Science Department Rising Star Recipient
2020 Award for Excellence in International Political Studies
Alpha Sigma Alpha VP of Alumnae and Heritage
Elections and the Public Will Interview Team Lead
Senator Ed Markey's Re-Election Campaign- Campaign Fellow
Volunteer English Teacher while Studying Abroad at the Prato Campus
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
Center for Analytics Data Entry Researcher
Model United Nations Head Delegate
Mayor's Advisory Commission Director of Business Outreach

About me:

My name is Micaela and I am a Senior Political Science and International Affairs double major. I am involved in the Model United Nations program on campus and loved studying abroad at our Prato campus. I chose the University of New Haven because of the quality of the professors and the campus. I decided to major in Political Science and International Affairs because I hope to work one day for the State Department Foreign Service Office or at an NGO that works with developing countries. I also hope to become a Peace Corps Volunteer after graduating.

How is the scholarship support you are receiving making a difference in your college experience?

This generous scholarship is making a significant difference in my college experience. My family has to take out loans to afford my college education, which is a bit of a financial strain on my family. I am the first of three children to go away to college in my family. I am so grateful for the opportunity to receive this scholarship because it alleviates a bit of the financial pressure myself and my parents are under.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP **Tia Trudeau**Senior, Class of 2021

Major: Global Studies **Minor:** Asia area sudies



Academic honors, student organizations, extra-curricular activities or community activities:

Dean's List - Fall 2017
Prato, Italy Study Abroad - Spring Semester 2018
Dean's List - Fall 2018
Shanghai, China Study Abroad Spring Semester - 2019
Stepping Stones Volunteer English Teaching Program - Febuary 2019 - May 2019
Tainan, Taiwan Study Abroad Spring Semester - 2020

About me:

I am a Senior at the University of New Haven majoring in global studies. I am from Enfield, Connecticut, and chose to study global studies at the University of New Haven for multiple reasons. My first reason is because of the flexibility of the major. Instead of having a rigid and strict class schedule, my major allows me to choose a variety of different courses that interest me and will be beneficial for my career goals in the future. The University of New Haven values hands-on experiences, giving me the ability to spend multiple semesters abroad that has taught me things I could not learn in a classroom. A global studies degree opens many doors in different disciplines such as business and politics. Personally, I want to go into non-profit work.

<u>How is the scholarship support you are receiving making a difference in your college experience?</u>

The scholarship support I am receiving helps lower the pressure of having to pay for school by myself. I come from a low-income household and the pandemic has made caused some issues and amplified others. I am very grateful to be a scholarship recipient because it feels as though my hard work has been paying off. This only makes me want to be the best I can be because it lets me know I am on the right track.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP Sharidan Witkowski Senior, Class of 2021

Major: Health Sciences **Minor:** Psychology



Academic honors, student organizations, extra-curricular activities or community activities:

Deans list, Fall 2017-Spring 2020 Beta Beta Beta- Biology Honors Society Alpha Lambda Delta- Honors Society Art from the Heart- Fall 2017- Fall 2019

About me:

My name is Sharidan Witkowski and I am a senior Health Sciences major, with a minor in Psychology at the University of New Haven. I selected the University because I was looking for a sense of community from my school. When I walked onto campus, I knew this was where I belonged. The School of Health Sciences felt like a great fit. I enjoy the small class sizes and the hands-on approach many of the professors take to engage students.

How is the scholarship support you are receiving making a difference in your college experience?

The scholarship support I am receiving is reaffirming the hard work I am putting in at the University of New Haven. I am a first generation college student and the support received will help me in continuing to pursue my career aspirations in public health. With the support received, I am able to focus fully on my education and my goals of learning more about patient-centered care and public health. I appreciate the recognition in academic success and am proud to represent the University who has provided me resources to succeed.