

Bunker Hill Community College
Foundation Scholars



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Bunker Hill Community College Foundation Scholarships

Since 2014, proceeds from the annual BHCC Foundation galas have funded scholarships designed to cover financial need not met by federal or state grants or loans. We hoped that this additional aid would enable Foundation Scholars to take more courses than they otherwise would have been able to afford, in order to accelerate the completion of their degrees.



As you will read in the following pages, our hopes were realized and our goal was met. Sixty-seven academically strong students have received Foundation Scholarships, ranging in amount from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Twenty-one Scholars completed their tenure at BHCC in 2015. An additional 21 Scholars graduated in 2016. Twenty-one students are expected to graduate in 2017 or 2018. In fall 2016, 25 new Foundation Scholarships were awarded to students hoping to graduate in 2017 and 2018.

All of these Foundation Scholars have made an excellent start on their academic careers. Their futures are promising. We are happy to introduce them to you.

Bunker Hill Community College Foundation Scholarships are made possible through funds raised at BHCC Foundation annual galas held in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Mikhail Agrba

- Biology Major
- Emigrated from Moscow, Russia, in 2014
- Plans to pursue a bachelor's degree and to be a physician, researcher or scientist
- Accepted with full scholarship to Boston University



Rosangela DeAndrade

- Radiography Major
- Lives in Boston
- Hopes to work at the hospital where she completed her clinical internship

About Our Foundation Scholars The Bunker Hill Community College Foundation Scholars are a diverse group of students. They come from the Boston area and from countries around the world. They major in art, business, education, engineering, hospitality, information technology, mathematics, nursing, psychology, radiography and science. While they are different, their comments about the impact that the Foundation Scholarships have had on their lives and studies are remarkably similar.

Foundation Scholars overwhelmingly agree that the financial help provided by their Foundation Scholarship is invaluable. The \$2,500 awarded per semester enabled Scholars to take more courses, work less and study more, thus accelerating progress toward their degrees. "The Scholarship helped to relieve a lot of stress." said Antwanisha Washington from Chelsea, Massachusetts. "I was able to focus more on school and less on work. I know myself



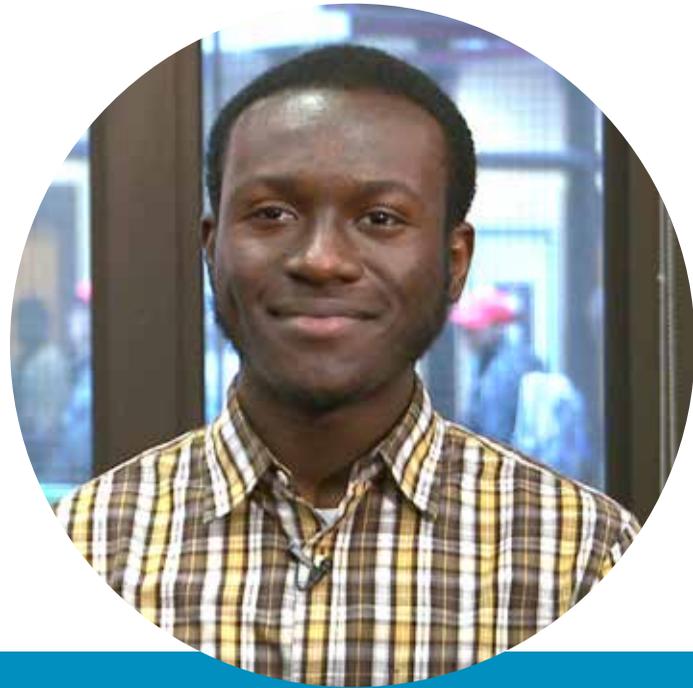
Kenneth Brown

- Engineering Major
- Returned to education nearly 20 years after high school
- While at BHCC, did internships at Harvard and Raytheon
- Maintained 4.0 and accepted to Tufts with scholarship support



Robert Encarcion

- Business Management Major
- Originally from the Dominican Republic, he lived with extended family until he was 21 and able to join his mother in the U.S.
- Interned with Bank of America while at BHCC
- College choice: Northeastern University's Fast-Track Program in Business



Lorentz Etienne

- Business Administration Major
- Originally from Haiti; came to the U.S. following the 2010 earthquake
- While at BHCC, interned at State Street Bank
- College choices: Salem State University, UMass Boston



Sebastian Hernandez

- Business Management Major
- Originally from Colombia
- Start Smart Mentor at BHCC
- Completing baccalaureate at UMass Boston

and I tend to get overwhelmed easily. If I did not have this financial support, I would be focusing on money and work and would only be able to take two classes a semester.” Kristina Stapelfeld had been struggling to take two classes per semester. Her Foundation Scholarship enabled her to become a full-time student. “The Scholarship covers everything I need after paying tuition and fees, especially textbooks, which I used to have to work two double shifts to afford!” said Kristina.

Making a Financial Impact A Foundation Scholarship changed the lives of several of our students. Melissa Desrosiers’ family income was reduced by half when her father passed away shortly before she finished high school. Her loss almost derailed her plans to attend any of the colleges to which she was accepted. Thanks to a Foundation Scholarship, she was able to attend one of her top picks – Bunker Hill Community College. “My Foundation Scholarship came at the right moment – when



Amanuel Gidey

- Biomedical Engineering Major
- Came to the U.S. from Ethiopia in 2014
- Bridges to Baccalaureate Research Fellow at UMass Boston, summer 2015
- Accepted with full scholarship to MIT



Aksana Lisko

- Web Development Major
- Came to the U.S. four years ago from the Republic of Belarus
- College choice: UMass Boston



Lisaury Lorenzo

- Hospitality – Hotel Management Major
- Originally from the Dominican Republic
- Accepted with full scholarship at Johnson & Wales University

I needed it most. I was considering dropping out of school and getting a full-time and a part-time job just to get a little bit ahead...my Foundation Scholarship allowed me to stay in school full-time at BHCC and to graduate in May, 2016," said Robert Encarcion. Robert's four-year college of choice is Northeastern University. He hopes to enroll in the Fast-Track Program in Business. For Ashley Fishbein, who chose BHCC because of its accessibility, affordability and the availability of its online courses, the Scholarship



Kimberly Perez

- Business Entrepreneurship Major
- Licensed cosmetologist and massage therapist who hopes to operate her own spa
- College choices: Suffolk University, Salem State University

Yajaira Ramirez

- Psychology Major
- Honduran-American; born in Boston; grew up in Atlantic City; now lives in Chelsea
- Plans to be a psychologist working with victims of trauma
- College choices: Brown University, Tufts University, Stanford University, UMass Amherst



enabled her to afford child care so she could attend class on campus and devote more time to studying. Ashley has a 4.0 GPA and expects to complete her associate degree in December 2016, nearly one year earlier than she thought she would.

Building Confidence In addition to financial support, Foundation Scholarships give recipients the confidence to dream big. Christa Harper had always dreamed of earning a college degree. Unfortunately, she lacked financial support from her family.



Hanna Piatrova

- Graphic Design Major
- Came to the U.S. four years ago from the Republic of Belarus
- College choices: UMass Boston, MassArt



Rachana Sary

- Business Management Major
- Graduated from Lowell High School in 2010
- Achieved High Honors at BHCC
- Currently completing an internship and hopes to attend Northeastern University



Demir Taruz

- Computer Network Technology Major
- ACE Mentor at BHCC
- Will be enrolling in January at Wentworth Institute of Technology, with scholarship support

Christa could only afford college by working full time and saving money. A severe illness brought about by her working conditions sidelined Christa. Last summer, she was homeless when a BHCC English professor came across her holding a sign that read, “I need a graphing calculator and a sandwich.” This summer was very different for Christa. She had a paid research internship at Harvard that even included room and board. “School is a constructive break from the harsh life I experienced outside of school,”

she said. “It helps me build up a defense against the adversity I may face in the future. One of my personal goals is to overcome my shyness and increase my confidence while I am at school. This scholarship is helping me do that.”

Sharing Gratitude Foundation Scholars past and present shared their immense gratitude for the donors who make Foundation Scholarships possible. “This scholarship gave me an opportunity to really put education first and be able to spend more time on

Kristina Stapelfeld

- Graphic Design Major
- Graduated from high school in Long Island, New York, in 2007
- College choices: MassArt, UMass Boston



Monica Teixeira

- Human Services Major
- Currently volunteering at human services non profit organizations
- Hopes to work full time at one of these organizations after graduating in December and also to continue her education



Thuy Tran

- Business Major – Taxation and Accounting
- Originally from Vietnam
- While at BHCC, she was an Orientation Mentor and interned at State Street Bank
- Hopes to work for the Department of Revenue while pursuing her bachelor's degree



Brittany Welch

- Radiography Major
- Began at Springfield College and transferred to BHCC in 2014
- Hopes to work at Cambridge Health Alliance, where she completed her clinical internship

studies,” said Hanna Piatrova. “I am very thankful I was chosen to receive a Foundation Scholarship.” Hanna reduced her waitressing hours to 10 – 15 per week and was able to take five classes each semester last year, finishing her associate degree in May with Highest Honors. Hanna received a scholarship to UMass Boston. Yajaira Ramirez, who could not believe that she received the Scholarship in the first place, wrote: “Please extend my most sincere gratitude to Foundation Scholarship donors for their

kindness, generosity, and, most of all, their belief in BHCC students.” Michael Curran commented: “Thank you so much! This Foundation Scholarship is a real blessing!” “If I didn’t receive this scholarship I would not have been able to continue school because I do not have enough funds to do so,” said Rosangela DeAndrade upon hearing that she had been chosen to receive a Foundation Scholarship. “I am a single mom with a part-time job and I attend school full time. In a year I see myself working



Antwanisha Washington

- Education Major
- Honors graduate of Chelsea High School
- Has enrolled at Salem State University



Xingqun Wu

- Business Management Major
- Emigrated from China with her two daughters
- Has been taking classes for four years while working full-time
- Hopes to enroll at Lesley University – a dream which should be possible as her elder daughter just received a full scholarship to Boston University

Foundation Scholars Expected to Graduate in 2017

Sydney Bears
Hilena Beauciquot
Jean Hermy Beauciquot
Rizel Bobb-Semple
Victoria Churilova
Jacob Crooks

Michael Curran
Johanna Deras Marroquin
Noon Farsab
Ashley Fishbein
Merhawi Ghrebmichael
Christa Harper
Beth Howard
Reymon Soriano Rosario
Karishma Sukhu
Yufeng Tan

Matthew Timony
Shawn Willing

Foundation Scholars Expected to Graduate in 2018

Melissa Desrosiers
Angela Schmidt
Kaitlyn Winder

as a Radiographer and it's all because you guys decided to give me a helping hand."

Recognizing Foundation Scholars and Donors

The Bunker Hill Community College Foundation salutes all Foundation Scholars – past, present and future. We also thank all the donors to the Foundation Scholarship Program. You are making an impact on the lives of students and are helping them realize their dreams. Thank you for making a difference – one student at a time.

See our students being interviewed about BHCC and their scholarships:
bhcc.edu/foundationsscholars



Congratulations to our scholars!



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