



### To The Education Foundation Friends:

The Education Foundation awards scholarships to students attending Education Management Corporation-owned schools. We are very proud of these exceptional students, and showcase their personal stories here so that you can see for yourselves the caliber of student you help.

We hope you enjoy these personal profiles and, as our donors and school staff volunteers, we thank you for your continued support of Foundation scholarships at your individual Education Management Corporation-owned schools.

George Pry, President  
The Education Foundation

### A Sample of Exceptional Students At The Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago



**Jimmay Lam, Media Arts and Animation Student, Receives a \$3,000 Education Foundation Scholarship.**

Jimmay Lam always dreamed of becoming an artist. As first generation immigrants from China, Jimmay states, her parents came to America for her to have better opportunities. After high school, Jimmay chose to attend The Illinois Institute of Art in Chicago, and moved from South Bend, Indiana to pursue her life dreams.

After being enrolled for one month, her mother unexpectedly passed away. Overnight, her life changed drastically. Since then, she has travelled back and forth from Chicago to South Bend every weekend, to help her father in their small family restaurant. She has maintained a high GPA none-the-less and has earned scholarships and grants to help with her tuition.

*"I want to make my mom proud, and I also want to prove to myself that I can do it. I've worked really hard and strive for the best, and I know I will be successful."*

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### The Photographic Society of America Awards Four Scholarships to Art Institute Photography Students



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Photo by Kayla Peterson, Photography Student at The Art Institutes International-Minnesota

For a second year in a row, the Photographic Society of America chose The Art Institutes in their search for the best all-around photography students. This year, however, they decided to choose four instead of three student recipients, and to offer \$4,000 instead of \$3,000 to each student chosen! This certainly is a vote of great confidence in the quality of work they were able to consider.

The only problem they confronted was having to choose from such a wonderful array of great students and incredible art. There were 36 applicants from 15 Art Institutes nationally. The PSA has members from all over the country, and The Education Foundation sent six photos from each applicant, along with the usual application criteria for selection, such as GPA, community involvement, and financial need.

Below are some winning entries created by Art Institute students. We have included the student's name, the Art Institute they attend, and a photo from their six photos entered for review by the PSA.



**Brittany Pflug, Advertising Design Student, Receives a \$3000 Education Foundation Scholarship**

*"As a live in volunteer at a shelter on the South Side, I do my best to live intentionally in the present, as well as to help those who are less fortunate and oppressed. These are attributes I carry with me while attending the Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago. Living in the Back of the Yards/Englewood communities, I have had the opportunity to see the great privilege I am experiencing through being able to further my education. Experiencing a community that is largely comprised of individuals that do not and never will have this opportunity has encouraged me to use my education for all it is worth. I feel it would be a crime to waste an opportunity that others may never receive."*

Brittany uses this philosophy to maintain a 3.9 grade point average and to be involved in community activism as well. She believes that continuing her education at ILIA and involving herself in justice-focused activities, she will be able to help change the communities around her, and in turn, the world.



**Urban Fashion**

Photo by Jennifer Coudron, Photography Student at The Art Institute of Colorado.



**Avacado**

Photo by John McDonald, Photography Student at The Art Institute of Atlanta



Photo left to right: Lindy Katzer, Nursing Student and Scholarship Recipient at Brown Mackie College-Kansas City with Campus President Susan Naples

Lindy Katzer, a nursing student at Brown Mackie College, Kansas City, works hard to keep her high GPA in full time classes, while caring for her autistic child and two other small children, with the help of her husband. The incredible costs of autism therapy, which are not covered by insurance in the state of Kansas, soon became a stumbling block for her and her young family. But Lindy is not one to let troubles daunt her, and she has managed to trek to school, study in the library, and get home to pick up her special needs son by 3 p.m. Her professional development instructor, Mrs. Eli Chamberlain, has been a great guide and mentor to her as she has learned to plan her time and set goals for herself in her drive to succeed.

*"I have built up a confidence in myself, and I know that if I continue hard work and good study habits, I will succeed. My husband and children are now my greatest inspiration and motivators. The day I receive my nursing degree, I know my greatest reward will be the satisfaction that I succeeded at my foremost goal: making a better life for me and my family and being of service to others."*



**Break**

Photo by Todd Jacobsen, Photography Student at The Art Institute of Salt Lake City

**Take our Survey!**

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