

# UNCW Board of Visitors

## 2020-2021 Scholarship Appreciation Notes

### Board of Visitors Merit Scholarship Endowment

#### **From Weston Hersey**

I am a Film student minoring in Creative Writing. I write a lot of music in my free time and I would love to have a career in that after I graduate. I was thrilled when I learned that I had received this scholarship. Every dollar counts when it comes to college. Getting a scholarship made the decision to go a second year so much easier. I have been able to save a lot more for the years to come. Thank you so much for your help.

#### **From Shelby Watson**

I am a Film Studies and Communication Studies double major. I hope to use the knowledge I gain from my two majors to become a television writer and producer one day. I am also a board member for UNCW's Creative Arts Club, which seeks to encourage artists across campus to create art in different mediums and collaborate with other members on art projects. I was excited and very grateful to learn that I was receiving a scholarship because this meant I could continue to save my money for my future study abroad trip. These funds are extremely beneficial for me because they will take financial stress off of my family and me. I work two on-campus jobs and have been saving up in hopes of studying abroad next semester. Thanks to scholarships like this one, I will be able to save enough money to achieve a dream of mine and study in London for a semester. I appreciate you all! Thank you!

#### **From Madison Butler**

I am an elementary education major. I decided that I wanted to be a teacher when I had a wonderful teacher who showed compassion and love for her students and teaching in fourth grade. Currently, I tutor two elementary students and enjoy feeding the homeless here in Wilmington through Go Passionately Serve (GPS), a Christian mission group on campus. After graduation, I hope to obtain my masters in elementary education while teaching. When I found out that I had received this donor-funded scholarship, I was amazed and so thankful! I was honored to have been a recipient. These scholarship funds relieve financial burdens and will allow me to continue my education. This allows me to consider graduate school. It also allows me to focus on my education without worrying about paying for the expenses of college. Thank you so much for this opportunity.

#### **From Natalie Mann**

Hello! My name is Natalie Mann and I am a sophomore here at UNCW. I'm a double major in criminology and sociology with a minor in psychology. I'm hoping to change the way society views criminals and to show that offenders are real people with real feelings too; therefore, they should be treated better and our prison systems should be dramatically improved. I work part time during school and full time when out as I am paying for college on my own. Most of my time is spent either working, doing homework, or chasing sunsets with my friends. I can't even begin to explain how thankful I am for this scholarship. Paying for college on my own means anything, big or small, helps more than I can even say. It makes me feel so much less nervous about being able to stay in school as I'm always worried I'm never going to have enough money to finish. I'm trying to avoid taking out as many loans as I can, so scholarships make me feel so much more relieved. Knowing I don't have to worry about choosing between school, rent, and food makes me so happy. Thank you from the very bottom of my heart. It means so much to me knowing I have a donor who's willing to help me in continuing my education.

#### **From Annamarie Geosits**

I plan to major in Film Studies and minor in Digital Arts and I am currently in the honors college. In high school I did theatre and color guard and although there's no color guard I am looking into extra-curricula's here that are similar. I am also on the TealTV editing team, where I edit episodes for their political satire TV show. I felt very honored to receive this award. I feel that all the hard work I did in high school paid off. It is one less thing I have to stress over knowing that I have someone out there that cares about my education. The funds I received will be extremely helpful for paying for my education. College is expensive and I feel so blessed to receive this extra money to help me and my parents, especially during these hard times. Thank you so much! I truly appreciate this scholarship and feel supported for my college experience.