



**The Ohio State University Alumni Association
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alumni Society**

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GLBT Alumni Society announces scholarship recipients

Six GLBT students will be awarded with scholarships at a ceremony later this month. The scholarships, awarded by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Alumni Society of The Ohio State University, recognize distinguished service to the GLBT community. Annually, the society awards the Eric Kohring – PFLAG Scholarship and five Harold McIntosh Scholarships.

Recent gifts to the University has moved the GLBT Alumni Society's scholarship program to the forefront nationally making it the largest program of its kind in the nation. Each recipient will receive \$1,200 for the coming academic year. Jack Miner, scholarship committee chair, said, "The awards this year represent a series of landmarks for the society, the program, and the University." The Harold McIntosh created a number of firsts for the University including a scholarship designated for students living with HIV/AIDS and for an incoming student who is gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

The Eric Kohring – PFLAG scholarship was established in 1997 as a partnership between the University and the Columbus chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. This year's Eric Kohring – PFLAG scholarship recipient is:

Anne Hunter of Xenia. Anne is a senior in the honors program majoring in Sociology. Anne has been active working with groups such as BRAVO and Common Ground. Anne is also a co-founder and president of Transmission, a newly chartered organization for transgender students.

The Harold McIntosh Scholarships were established in 2002 by a gift from the estate of local activist and friend of the University Harold McIntosh. The recipients of the Harold McIntosh Scholarship are:

Val- Christopher Takaucic of Columbus. Val-Christopher is a senior majoring in mathematics. Val-Christopher has been an active member of the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus for a number of years and has been active as a student at Ohio State University and Bowling Green State University.

Jonathan Boland of Pennsylvania. Jonathan is a senior in the honors program majoring in Psychology with a minor in French. Jonathan has been extremely involved in OSU's residence hall system serving as a Resident Office Manager, Resident Advisor, and a liaison to PRIDE, the GLBT organization for the residence halls. Jonathan has also been very active with the Columbus AIDS Task Force and is a member of Golden Key Honor Society.

Dawn Stansbery of Upper Sandusky. Dawn is a junior majoring in social work. Dawn has been extremely active in the transgender community and has lectured a number of times at the

Marion Campus of The Ohio State University on the subject of Gender Identity Disorder. Dawn describes herself as a “non-traditional” student who lives with her spouse and companion of almost 30 years. Dawn has two daughters and three grandchildren.

Jacob Morton of Columbus. Jacob is a high school senior at Eastmoor Academy who will be entering Ohio State for Fall 2003. Jacob will be a mechanical engineering major. Jacob has been an extremely active student serving as a member of Eastmoor’s Homecoming Court, the Central Ohio Robotics Association, and the National Honor Society. He has also served for the past two years as a student advisor and is a member of Eastmoor’s FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition in Science and Technology) Team.

Troy Freeland of Seville, Ohio. Troy is a junior honors student majoring in Human Resources and Spanish with a minor in Economics. Troy led a group of Ohio State students to aid in eco-tourism development within the Mayan community of Yaxuna Mexico. Troy was a member of the 2002-2003 Homecoming Court, and serves on the Vice President of Student Affairs Diversity Group. Troy co-founded and serves as Vice President of Out in Business, the GLBT student group in the Fisher College of Business.

“This was the strongest pool of candidates we have ever had for the scholarship program. These students are truly incredible examples of all that is good about Ohio State,” said Miner.

The endowment funds that created the scholarships were all created through the generous contributions of the GLBT community in Columbus and from Ohio State alums. For more information on the scholarship program or how you can contribute, contact Jack Miner at miner.10@osu.edu

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