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STIA scholarship recipient, 2006

The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (STIA) Scholarship has been a very important factor to the success I have had during my first year at the University of North Dakota (UND). I am very happy that I was awarded the scholarship because I knew that a lot of people worked very hard to raise the money so that they could put it to a good cause. **The scholarship has helped fund a great portion of my tuition and it has served as a great source of motivation.** During my first year at UND I averaged a 3.804 GPA which earned me a spot on the exclusive Presidential Honor Roll. I was also involved in many extracurricular activities. At the end of the school year I was elected as the Fundraising Director for the Student Aviation Management Association (SAMA). The reason I choose to attend UND was because I am seeking a Commercial Aviation Bachelors degree so that I can someday fly for Alaska Airlines. **This scholarship has been very helpful in giving my career a great start towards my dreams.** I know that I would not have been in the position I am today if it weren't for the STIA scholarship.

Giovanni J. Deltoro

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I Julie Pinson am a precipitant of the STIA scholarship, I would just like to first of all thank everyone that contributed to the aid of this scholarship, **if it wasn't for all of you and STIA it would have been extremely hard for me to fulfill my dream of going to UW.** I am now currently an incoming freshman at the University of Washington. Before starting at UW I did the running start program and I was able to achieve college credits to put forward to my degree at UW. I currently have a GPA of 3.35. I plan to go into the Medical program at UW and hopefully get my MD. At this point in my life I am trying to work as much as possible to save up even more needed money for college and then get ready to move into my dorm in September to start my first quarter. While in college I plan to still continue to work and try to do some volunteering in my free time. I would like to volunteer at a hospital to get ready for my career. **If it wasn't for the STIA scholarship I would have had a hard time during college to try to pay for all the tuition and books just by themselves let alone the room and board fees.** Thank you all so very much for your generosity and how much **you have helped me in my dream to go to college,** I couldn't have done it without you all. I hope that other people will see what a wonderful program this is for college student and will continue to help out all generations to come.

Julie Pinson

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STIA scholarship recipient, 2004

As I enter into my senior year at Seattle University, the last three years seem to have flown by. In less than one year I will be graduating with a degree in Communication Studies, with a minor in Business Administration. I am currently on track to **graduate Magna cum Laude** (3.85GPA). In my three years at Seattle U I have become involved in the new student orientation programs as an Orientation Adviser, student government (Associated Students of Seattle University), and Campus Ministry.

The STIA Scholarship I was fortunate enough to receive allowed me to focus more of my attention on my classes and less on working to pay my college costs. Without the STIA Scholarship, my involvement on campus would have been more limited and I consider the practical, real life experiences that come from involvement in these activities to be part of my education. Currently, I work for the Seattle Mariners and hope to be offered a full-time position in their community relations department after graduation. Ultimately I would like to work in the area of corporate social responsibility, managing and distributing the charitable funds of large corporations.

Christina Shull

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STIA scholarship recipient, 2005

My name is Anna Le and I received the STIA scholarship in 2005. I attend the University of Washington and I am currently pursuing a degree in Biochemistry with a minor in public health. I currently work in a pathology lab at the University of Washington School of Medicine as a research assistant looking at the molecular mechanisms of aging. I hope to attend medical school one day and specialize in geriatrics. As for volunteering, I currently teach kids Vietnamese at the Van LAN Vietnamese Language School in White Center. I am also in the process of applying to be a volunteer in the emergency room of Highline Community Hospital and a chemistry tutor at the Instructional Center at the University of Washington. The STIA Scholarship has helped me momentarily. **It was due to the scholarship that I had the opportunity to live on-campus my freshman and sophomore year at the university.** Living on campus exposed me to the many opportunities and resources available at the University that I would otherwise have not known about.

Thank you!
Anna Le

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My name is Mahlet Zeru and I am a 2006 STIA scholar. I attend the University of Washington-Seattle campus. I plan on majoring in Public Health with emphasis in International Health.

STIA scholarship had helped my dreams of attending college possible. I don't know how I could have handled the stress of rigorous academic work and transition to college life if I also had to worry about my financial situation. Thank you again.

I continue to be part of the community by actively engaging in various events. I volunteer at the University of Washington Medical Center. I am part of a club that promotes minority students to pursue careers in Health Sciences. I continue to donate blood for the Puget Sound Plasma Center. I continue to participate in church activities.

Mahlet Zeru

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This past June, I joined the Evergreen High School graduating class in throwing our caps into the air...This fall, I will be returning to school at the University of Washington. Because of my passion for serving my community, I will major in social welfare and pursue social work or nonprofit work as a career. It is also a part of my future plans to serve underprivileged communities through a two-year stint with the Peace Corps. In fact, this is a dream that I have had ever since I was a little girl!

All in all, I have many adventures ahead of me and it is not possible to express in words just how thrilled I am to go on this ride. **I can only start by thanking Sea-Tac Airport and the Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence for their generosity in making my dream of attending college a reality.** College is the foundation that will allow the rest of my plans to fall into place. **Thank you for giving me the okay to let my little girl’s dreams grow with me.**

Thuc-Chi Nguyen