



Megan Malvoisin has spent two summers doing research as a Clare Boothe Luce Scholar with Karen Wendling, Ph.D. The first summer, she analyzed cannabinol concentration on currency and last summer she analyzed nicotine concentration and flavorings in the e-juice of electronic cigarettes.





SCHOLARSHIPS

Help Great Students Make the Grade

By Mercedes Ott

Sometimes all it takes is a little extra help.



Michaela Young '17 always strives to make things better, not just for herself, but for everyone. She and her brother were raised by her loving grandmother in an economically challenged neighborhood that was fraught with danger. Her grandmother, she says, worked "countless hours" to keep the family afloat, while the "bad guys" had free run of the streets. Young knew from an early age that things should be better. She knew that she could help make them so, and that education was the tool she needed.

Young applied herself in high school, determined to win a scholarship and take some of the financial burden off her grandmother and create a better life for her family. She decided to prepare for a career in criminal justice and law to help make families like hers safer.

While attending Mercy Vocational High School in Philadelphia, Young earned a spot working at Philadelphia Insurance, a prestigious company founded by James Maguire, who, along with his wife, Frances, founded the Maguire Foundation.

As it turns out, James Maguire had overcome some tough challenges too. His father died young, in his 40s, leaving his mother to raise the family alone. James missed his dad and struggled with dyslexia —

long before educators and parents could identify and assist children with the condition. He persevered and thanks to his mother, his wife and a Jesuit priest, Reverend Hunter Guthrie, S.J., an early pioneer in the study of dyslexia, eventually earned his college degree.

Hearing Maguire's story gave Young hope. She applied and was accepted to Chestnut Hill College where she was named a Maguire Scholar. And the legacy continued.

"Studying at Chestnut Hill College has changed my life," says Young. "I have received a great education in my particular field of study, and I have also learned religious values for which I am extremely grateful. I know that I will never be able to repay the Maguires monetarily, but I hope my success in school and career will be my repayment to them."

Today Young has more than earned her place as a part of that renowned group nurtured by the Maguire's generosity. She is an outstanding student, a standout player on the women's basketball team and a member of the women's track and field team, where she set the College record in the hammer throw event. She currently is an intern at the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office and participates in community service.



Michaiah Young prepares for last year's Student Leadership Awards ceremony at which she received the 2016 Golden Griffin Award. This award is given to a student who exemplifies school spirit through their involvement and shares love for CHC, becoming a shining example to all students.



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The Maguires established their foundation to provide aid for select initiatives, including scholarships, hunger and homelessness needs and support for the arts and humanities.

Their scholarship program provides four years of undergraduate scholarship support for high-achieving students who have significant financial need. The scholars must remain in good academic standing (3.0 GPA) and be an active participant in school and/or community volunteer extra-curricular activities.

"Michaiah is a strong young woman who has done a lot on her own to overcome challenges and earn this prestigious Maguire award," says Sister Marie Bambrick, SSJ, scholarship liaison officer. "She is a diligent and conscientious student and a student-athlete who excels on and off the court. She will continue to demonstrate her outstanding skills after graduation, and we look forward to seeing how she uses her gifts and education to make the world a better place."

Supporting students; enhancing CHC

Every year, Chestnut Hill College offers merit awards and scholarship opportunities to students like Micaiah Young, enabling them to realize their dreams of an education. Scholarship support is an important tool used to attract and retain talented students who embody the mission and values of the College and who will later, as alumni, represent them well in the workplace, the community and the world, and may even be able to help support future students.

"Scholarships also allow us to attract students of many different backgrounds including international students," says Sister Marie. "For some students, the scholarship allows them to participate in study abroad or an unpaid internship — things that enhance their learning experience and make them more culturally aware. Then they bring those experiences back to the College and create a richer campus environment."

Scholarship support to the College comes from a variety of sources, each one playing an important role in strengthening the community. This support also is created from the interest yielded by investments to the College's endowment fund. While principle endowment funds are never used, the interest is utilized, making gifts to the endowment a high priority. No matter what scholarship students receive, their reactions are similar. "This will change my life for the better," students say. And these scholarships surely do.

The average merit-based scholarship awarded to students in the incoming 2016-2017 class was approximately \$14,000. Other scholarships, grants, financial aid, loans and work-study employment can supplement that award. These gifts and awards



Michaiah Young, CHC women's basketball team standout, relished the chance to practice on the 76ers court after which she and the team watched the pro team play.



are essential to make the cost of higher education affordable for students and families.

"Our donors are aligned with the mission of the College," says Sister Marie. "Our dear neighbor campaign highlights how we serve everyone we meet in a loving atmosphere. I think that resonates with them. Many of them are alumni and were scholarship recipients when they were undergraduates. Now they are coming full circle to give back to Chestnut Hill College, the place that shaped them and enabled them to create successful and fulfilling lives. It's a perfect alignment — like a golden cord that connects alumni to this generation of students."



Dedicated to scholarship and service

Junior **Megan Malvoisin** is a focused and involved student, one who prefers to spend her summers in the research lab so she will be better prepared to follow her dreams after graduation — graduate school for a Ph.D. program in analytical chemistry. During the school year, she is able to exercise her desire to be a balanced individual, in part because of the scholarship she receives.

With her dedication, it's not surprising that she was awarded the prestigious Tichenor-Greer Scholarship, which is reserved for students majoring in science, technology or math and funded by the Greer Foundation, an endeavor of Carl Greer, Ph.D., Psy.D., and Patricia Tichenor-Greer, Ph.D. '62.

"Being a Tichenor-Greer Scholar has allowed me to do two things I love, service and chemistry," says Malvoisin. "It embodies what it means for me to be able to do both and allows me to be a more well-rounded individual."

Part of her campus diversity has included establishing Chestnut Hill Colors with another student, a club for those who love to de-stress by coloring pictures. She also participates in the Harry Potter Alliance, bringing together fans of the series for a variety of reasons.

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"We use our love for Harry Potter to host events and hold raffles to raise money to help others," she says.

The service work she participates in as a Tichenor-Greer Scholar includes mentoring younger students who are new to the program. She meets about twice a month with four students and stays in contact with them between meetings as a resource and guide.

Malvoisin also was named a Clare Boothe Luce Undergraduate Research Scholar by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education two years running. The program supports women in the physical science and engineering fields, and the young chemist spent two summers conducting research with Karen Wendling, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry.

"The Clare Boothe Luce program has given me valuable research experience in the lab and has given me the chance to present that research," she says.

"I have learned many life skills here at Chestnut Hill College, not just what I've learned in the classroom. Being a CHC student, a Tichenor-Greer Scholar and Clare Boothe Luce Scholar has given me many opportunities I would not have had otherwise."

Offering a hand up

Tichenor-Greer scholarships are awarded to full-time undergraduates who study science, technology or



math and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA. Recipients are expected to participate in community service and attend meetings with the Office of Student Success. Consideration is given to students from under-represented ethnic backgrounds.

"These scholarships are helping 26 students right now, and more may attend in the fall semester, thanks to the aid of the Greers," says Susannah Coleman, vice president of institutional advancement.

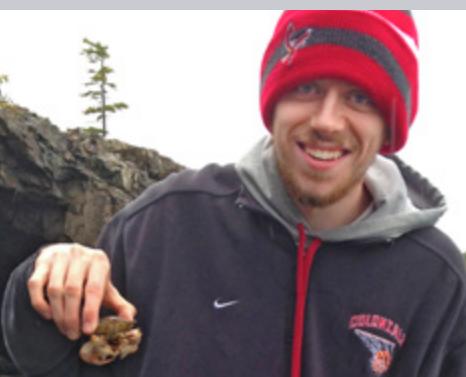
"Their goal is to help bright and determined students break the cycle of poverty through education, providing support for students who otherwise may not be able to attend college," she says. "This year, the Greers provided funding for an academic enrichment program, mentoring by older students and book stipends. Next year, they will provide all this, and fund an additional 15 scholarships, as well as a new staff position to direct the program."

The Director of the Tichenor-Greer Program will mentor scholarship students, coordinate the design and implementation of programs to help them succeed and persist in rigorous STEM majors and promote STEM courses and college access.

"We are grateful for the life-changing support the Greers have provided to our students," says Coleman. "Their foresight in breaking cycles of negativity through education is inspiring and demonstrates the power of philanthropy to transform lives."

An interconnected student

When **Andrew Conboy** '18 decides to do something, he goes all in. As an environmental science major with minors in chemistry and math, Conboy has decided to dedicate his career to fixing environmental problems and undertaking innovative research that will help, as he says, "progress our world forward."



Andrew Conboy shows off a green crab during a class expedition to Acadia National Park in Maine in October. The trip was part of a marine biology class in which the group studied marine life in the tidal pools along Maine's rocky coast.

What are Endowments and Why Do They Matter?

Many of us already know the value and importance of saving for retirement. We create a nest egg that will allow us to preserve our lifestyle and continue to live a full and rewarding life after we stop working. But how does Chestnut Hill College plan and save for the future as well as support today's students so they can afford an education? With no retirement in sight and free tuition currently not possible, it is vital that the College create a nest egg of its own.

The gift that keeps giving

One of the best ways to preserve and enhance Chestnut Hill College for future generations is to make a gift to the College's endowment.

"Sometimes it seems overwhelming to discuss the endowment. But the simple fact is that the endowment is the future of the College. All gifts designated to endowment or an endowed fund become pooled principle and only the interest is used so that the initial investment may grow exponentially each year," says Kimberly Yost Moyer, senior director of development.

Interest from the endowment is used to support student scholarships, cover operating expenses and is reinvested in the endowment. The greater the endowment, the greater CHC's ability to offer students the chance at an education.

"Being able to say, 'Yes we can help that student' is the reason we work so diligently to build the endowment," she adds.

Endowed scholarships

The establishment of an endowed scholarship fund, which begins with a \$10,000 gift, enables Chestnut Hill College to give every student the opportunity to benefit from a mission-based, academically rigorous, liberal arts education.

"It is because of our incredibly generous and thoughtful donors that students are able to experience the unique CHC education. They support students who are dedicated to service to others, to civility and to following their inner voice as well as the spiritual dimension of life. Most of all they provide opportunity and hope to students who feel blessed that there are individuals that believe in them and are willing to help them obtain a College education," says Yost Moyer.





Endowment power

The endowment also reflects the financial health of an institution. Organizations that rank and grade institutions of higher education consider the size of the endowment when awarding those ranks. For donors, endowment gifts offer the satisfaction and security of knowing their investment in Chestnut Hill College will have impact for generations to come.

Be part of the future

CHC's goal is to strengthen our endowment for our student scholarships and to build for our future. When making your gift to Chestnut Hill College, please consider designating your gift for the endowment.

For information about endowed scholarship funds or gifts to the endowment, call or email Kimberly Yost Moyer, Senior Director of Development, at 215-248-7089 or moyerk@chc.edu.



Christ Scholarship

Sister Carol poses with Joe and Carole Christ '06 SCPS during a reception on December 5. The Christs established a scholarship two years ago to benefit students in the School of Continuing & Professional Studies. The Teresa Christ and Irene Smith-Schneider Scholarship offers full funding to rising seniors until they complete all courses necessary to graduate, thanks in part to matching funding provided by Carole Christ's former employer.

Catherine E. Quinn '78 Scholarship Fund

After the passing of Catherine Quinn on June 21, 2015, the College established The Catherine E. Quinn '78 Scholarship Fund in her memory and in honor of the great love Cathy had for others.

Because of her life experiences, Cathy Quinn had an affinity for children raised in the foster care system, from which relatively few go on to attend college. Of those who do attend, only about 3 percent graduate, often dropping out for financial reasons. Cathy's wish was to help those students through an annual academic scholarship. Gifts to this fund can be made by visiting www.chc.edu/giving.



W. W. Smith Charitable Trust

The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust is a private foundation established by William Wikoff Smith, which has given more than \$1.5 million to Chestnut Hill College students since 1979. To be eligible for a W.W. Smith scholarship, a student must be a U.S. citizen; U.S. national or U.S. permanent resident; live in one of the Pennsylvania counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia or in the City of Camden, N.J.; be in good academic standing with at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and have financial needs that cannot be met by other aid programs. Eligible students apply through CHC's Financial Aid Office.

The mission of the W.W. Smith Foundation is: Ensuring basic human needs, supplementing higher education scholarships, supporting maritime education/maritime heritage preservation and enabling basic medical research in the areas of heart disease, cancer and AIDS.



ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Chestnut Hill College Scholarships and Awards for Student Leadership

These scholarships and awards are offered to students based on their academic achievements and are administered by the Admissions Office, which determines the recipients and award levels for entering freshmen/transfers. These awards are renewable as long as the student remains in good academic standing. No additional application is required to apply for these awards.

Endowed Scholarships

These scholarships recognize students on the basis of academic excellence, leadership, community involvement and other special talents.

Chestnut Hill College Grant

The Chestnut Hill College Grant is awarded by the Financial Aid Office and is based on demonstrated financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and availability of funding.

Athletic Grants

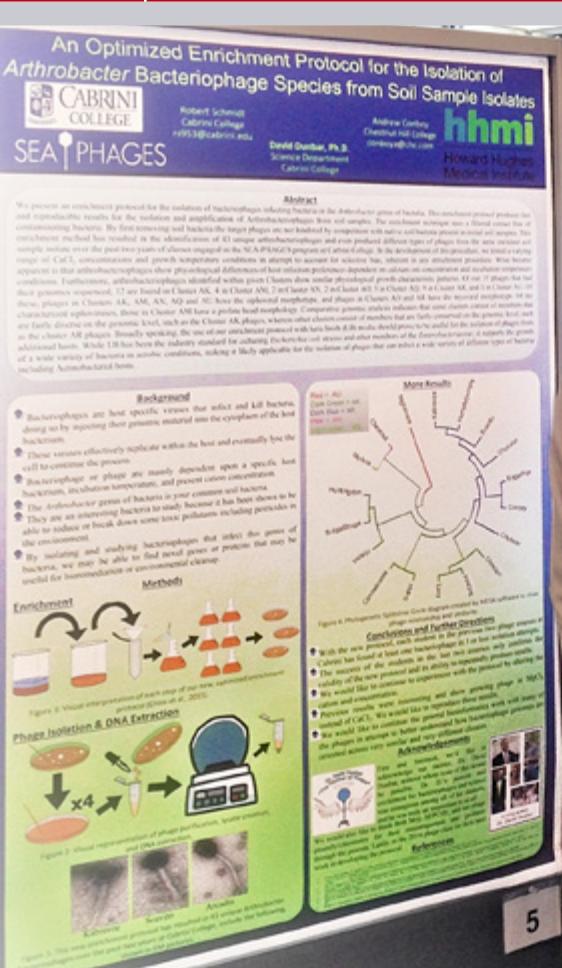
The Athletic Department determines who receives athletic grants, which are contingent upon the requirements and standards of that department.

TEACH Grant

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4,000 to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families.

Scholarships for International Students

The School of Undergraduate Studies provides opportunities for international students to minimize the cost of their education. Academic scholarships and merit awards for international students range from \$6,500 - \$19,000 annually.



“I am extremely grateful for the Tichenor-Greer program and scholarship. Their generosity has provided me – and many other students – with the opportunity to pursue my dreams.”

– Andrew Conboy '18

Andrew Conboy stands next to his award-winning poster “An Optimized Enrichment Protocol for the Isolation of Arthrobacter Bacteriophage Species from Soil Sample Isolates.”