



## **OUR MISSION**

To keep education within reach by providing financial support in the form of scholarships.

With 2,958 scholarships totaling more than \$5.5 million offered in the past seven years, the fund has been instrumental in shaping the futures of aspiring scholars in healthcare and related fields.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Empower Scholarship Fund, I am filled with gratitude for the generosity and commitment of our donors, corporate partners, and volunteers. Your support has made a lifechanging difference to so many students, helping keep education within reach. In 2024, we have witnessed firsthand education's power to transform lives. From aspiring healthcare

As we reflect on another remarkable year for the

professionals to future counselors and social workers, the students we support are not only investing in their own futures but also in the well-being of their communities. Their dedication and perseverance inspire us to continue our mission—to ensure that financial need never stands in the way of opportunity.

Our corporate partners, individual donors, and supportive alumni have been instrumental in expanding our reach and impact. The importance of healthy communities and workforce readiness has never been more apparent, and Empower Scholarship Fund is uniquely positioned to lead the charge. Your generosity fuels this vision, empowering students who will go on to make meaningful contributions to society. Looking ahead towards our 25th year, we aim to continue supporting our students

and strengthening our partnerships with alumni. None of this would be possible without you. Whether you have contributed financially, volunteered your time, or helped spread the word about our mission, you are a vital part of this journey. Thank you for believing in the power of education and for standing with us in our mission. Together, we are shaping a brighter future—one student at a time.

**Kelly Pearce** President, Board of Directors

Empower Scholarship Fund continues to provide integral financial support to an increasing number of students across Adtalem Global

With gratitude,

Empower Scholarship Fund

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2024 EMPOWER STATS

Education's five institutions.

In 2024, the Empower Scholarship Fund offered

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scholarships \$431,500 along increase from the previous year

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<u>Wa</u>lden

University

Scholarship recipients demonstrate a successful academic record and a financial need.

Dr. Michael Buedel, whose influence committed to embodying Dr.

opportunities that empower



together to form scholarships in the name of

University School of Veterinary Medicine.

In addition, Dr. Nilar U has been consistently donating to the AUC Legacy Scholarship which offered its first scholarship to LaShonda Pena, Class of '26 in the fall of 2024.



- Zhen Lin Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, Class of '26 I have deep respect for AUC and its alumni, and receiving this scholarship inspires me to contribute to this legacy by striving for excellence in my endeavors. Your generosity has made a significant impact on my academic journey. I am committed to making the most of

> this opportunity and will work tirelessly to honor your belief

in my potential. — LaShonda Pena American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine, FIFTEEN YEARS OF IMPACT



### giving back to your community." Dr. Stringer has worked in supporting cancer patients

and survivors after being inspired by his mother, a 20-year cancer survivor. Scholarship recipient Dr. David Kenneally, AUC Class of '17, felt called to being a doctor. Working in Las Vegas, Dr. Kenneally often travels throughout the state of Nevada to provide inpatient and outpatient anesthesia to expectant mothers in delivery and to patients at a local trauma center. He says, "The scholarship helps you remember every day that we're out here trying to help

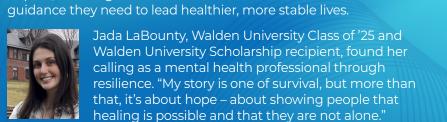
people and that a number of people helped

scholarship was especially important for me because of the inspiration of Dr. Stockhausen and what he stood for, his volunteering and

Read more about previous recipients of the Dr. Karl Stockhausen Memorial Scholarship in Adtalem's newsroom article -Empowered at Adtalem: Dr. Stockhausen Scholarship



you get where you are."



scholarships to Walden University students in 2024, supporting future counselors and social workers who will go on to make a profound impact, ensuring that individuals and families receive the care and

Mental health is an important component of strong, thriving communities. As the demand for counseling and social work professionals continues to rise, the need for skilled, compassionate individuals in these fields continues to grow. Investing in mental health is not just an individual necessity — it represents an important

societal consideration. Empower Scholarship Fund offered 64

Erica Taney, Chamberlain University Class of '25 and recipient of the Julie A. McAfooes Memorial Scholarship, is a survivor. When her marriage started to cause emotional strain due to abuse and neglect, she turned to a counselor for support. "She helped me realize that my husband's behavior was abusive and unacceptable and could not be changed by me." This led Taney to pursue a career in mental health and pay it forward. "When I work with people now, I can relate to their struggles because I've been there." Read more about LaBounty's and Taney's stories in Adtalem's newsroom article —



### compassionate care to her patients but has also specialists. I hope to make a positive impact on my community by providing care for served as a mentor to countless aspiring nurses. those who currently lack access. I strive to embody the same values of empathy and excellence that she has exemplified throughout — Jacqueline DeMarco her life. I aspire to become a pediatric nurse, American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine, Class of '26 specializing in caring for children with complex

to society.

Dr. Karl Stockhausen

Memorial Scholarship

My decision to pursue

a career in medicine

who faced brain

damage and mental

illness since childhood

After graduation, I plan

to return to my hometown,

RUSM Alumni Association Scholarship

This award signifies not only financial assistance, but also recognition of my hard work and

> dedication to my medical education. It reinforces my belief

where there is a great need for mental health

American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine

was influenced by my

family, specifically my mother's dedication for

caring for my brother,

in the importance of pursuing my dreams, despite the challenges I may face. Knowing that I have the support of compassionate individuals like you inspires me to strive for excellence in my studies and to remain committed to my goal of making a difference in the lives of others as a future physician. This scholarship empowers me to focus on my education and community service, fueling my passion for healthcare and enabling me to position myself as a meaningful contributor

every child deserves access to quality healthcare and a chance at a fulfilling life, regardless of their medical circumstances. — Ahliyah Alfred Chamberlain University, Class of '26

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Fred and Kay Krehbiel

My journey towards becoming

grandmother, a dedicated nurse for over 60 years, and

with Trisomy 18. Together,

they have inspired me to

nursing. My grandmother's

unwavering commitment to her

profession has always stood out to me.

Throughout her career, she has not only provided

medical needs. I want to be that lifeline for families facing overwhelming challenges, just as the nurses

were for my sister and our family. I believe that

pursue a career in pediatric

my baby sister, who was born

a nurse began with my

Nursing Scholarship



tails wag in joy.

— Courtney Piercey

Class of '26

Animals exemplify the saying, 'what you see is what you get,'which is a trait I find beautiful. As a veterinarian, I will cherish the opportunity to promote the health and longevity of the loving relationships between owners and their pets. I will also be an advocate and voice for animals. I aspire to rescue many more animals and guide them toward a safe and loving life. I plan to give back

to my community through outreach programs

that educate pet owners about animal welfare

increase awareness of animal abuse. Through these initiatives, I hope to earn the trust of both animals and their owners, enhancing the

human-animal bond and seeing many more

and health, provide affordable care, and

Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine,

**ROSS UNIVERSITY** 

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

love and unwavering belief in others. After graduation, my primary goal is to work with vulnerable populations, particularly in mental health settings, where I can use my skills to provide advocacy, support, and guidance to those in need. I am committed to serving individuals facing similar challenges that I have encountered, hoping to offer them a sense



## My goal after graduation is to establish a mixed practice specializing in both small animals and horses, emphasizing holistic care. By blending conventional and alternative

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2024

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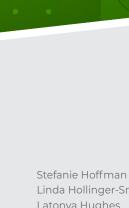
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2023

\$265,160

\$1,866,241

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\$86,500

\$1,373,558

Brycg Veterinary Alliance Scholarship

From a young age, I've had a deep love

for animals, particularly large animals.

acupuncture and traditional Chinese

medicine, which aligns with my vision

of an integrative veterinary practice.

I have developed a strong interest in

### Jill Okolita Bill & Carole Stockhausen Rachel Wright \$5,000 to \$9,999 Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN)

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- Memunat Abiru Ross University School of Medicine **ROSS UNIVERSITY** Walden University Scholarship Growing up in an orphanage for several years before being adopted gave me a unique perspective on resilience, hope and the importance of compassion. Even in challenging circumstances, I learned to see the light in darkness. My family, especially my mom, has shown me the power of unconditional of stability, encouragement and hope for the future. — Pavle Lippert Walden University, Class of '26 Walden University **BRYCG VETERINARY** Brycg Veterinary Alliance is a new scholarship sponsor. Brycg created their named scholarship to support

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Cash and cash equivalents

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Scholarships payable

Net assets without donor restrictions

Pledges receivable

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES

**NET ASSETS** 

**ASSETS** 

treatments, I aim to promote health, prevent disease, and provide comprehensive care to animals. Ultimately, I want to help improve animal health and well-being, contributing to the advancement of veterinary medicine and the overall welfare of animals in our society.

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