

THE CHARLOTTE W. NEWCOMBE FOUNDATION

Excerpts from letters of 2011-12 Charlotte W. Newcombe scholars

“I’m a fourth year pharmacy student at the Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at LIU. I would like to thank you for funding the Lillian Dube Family/Newcombe Scholarship.

My dream was always to become a doctor. Becoming a pharmacist is the first step for me in achieving that goal. I always get asked why I would do this to myself, put up with the never ending years of pharmacy school plus medical school and residency. My answer to this is simple; I firmly believe that having the knowledge of a pharmacist is essential in the health care profession. Your contribution to my goal will not go unnoticed and I hope to repay the profession one day the same way you do.

This generous scholarship will alleviate some of my financial burden after five years of the Pharm.D. program. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity.”

- Long Island University

“I am a Marine Corps Veteran and a retired professional truck and bus driver. Upon learning that my health would no longer permit me to work in the transportation industry, I retired and was faced with a limited pension and overwhelming bills. I made a decision to acquire a new vocation and re-enter the work force; however, blue-collar jobs were no longer an option for me. I needed an education to obtain work in other fields that would require less physical endurance.

I began my journey to complete my education at one of the local community colleges here in the city of Reading. After receiving my associate degree, I transferred to Berks Penn State University and I am currently a business major. I am doing well, and I have a renewed sense of purpose and the restored hope that I will once again be gainfully employed so that I may recover from financial hardship and the loss of my profession.

I am honored that your foundation has seen fit to award me a scholarship to help fund my education. It is donors such as you that are a testament to the ideals and values that a good education can provide. You are the backbone of future leaders by virtue of your generous support and devotion to higher learning.

I thank you with all my heart for helping an older gentleman such as me to have another fighting chance to earn a living and restore my dignity and independence. God bless you and may he watch over each of you.”

- Penn State

“I’d like to thank you for the Newcombe Scholarship. It will provide necessary relief to my family and myself. At this stage of education, it is extremely important to me to see value in each person, recognizing the importance of dignity. Your award allows me to move forward with dignity and attempt to provide the best human relations possible.”

- Edinboro University

“Thank you for the opportunities this award will provide for me. Receiving this scholarship will help reduce my financial burdens and provide assistance for me as I continue to pursue my education.

I am currently a preschool teacher at The Scranton School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children in Scranton, PA. Teaching has always been my passion. It is not always easy to juggle work and school, and I am truly grateful for the assistance I am receiving from you.

I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me. I promise that I will work very hard and eventually give something back to others, both as teacher and possibly as a scholarship donor to future students.”

- McDaniel College

“I am writing today to thank you for granting me the Joshua A. Winheld/Charlotte W. Newcombe Scholarship for the fall 2012 semester. Your support means a great deal not only to myself but to my family, who asked me to thank you on their behalf.

My family means a great deal to me. When I suffered a spinal cord injury in July of 2006 at the age of sixteen that left me as a C5-C6 quadriplegic, my mother stayed by my side during the entire duration of my three month hospital stay. Upon graduating from high school in 2008, my insurance refused to pay for the nursing care I needed to be a full time student at Temple University, so my father retired from his job as a physical education teacher to act as my caretaker.

As I’m sure you know, an education is not cheap. I plan to use the Joshua A. Winheld/Charlotte W. Newcombe Scholarship to help with my tuition costs as I enter my final year at Temple in pursuit of a bachelor’s degree in Film & Media Arts. With my father being denied his pension for taking early retirement, my family is now working to put two children through school on only my mother’s teaching salary. Because of the Foundation’s help with my tuition, you have greatly improved our financial situation in the coming months.

I was very touched by Josh’s story, as I know how difficult it is to pursue a degree with a serious physical disability that requires the use of a wheelchair. That being said, like him, I know it is difficult, but not impossible. And like him, I would never let my wheelchair get in the way of anything I wanted in life.

On behalf of my family, thank you again for all of your help.”

- Temple University

“...Being a recipient of the Charlotte Newcombe Scholarship means the world to me. I have been working three jobs to put myself through school and still find it hard to pay my tuition and living expenses at the same time. Having this money applied to my tuition takes away a lot of pressure and worry and gives me the upper hand in being able to support myself financially, especially in these economic times of great hardships. I am so happy that I chose to attend Brooklyn College because they have given me wonderful training and experiences. I want to thank you so much for your donations to the Newcombe Fund. My parents are grateful to you as well. Though they work hard they are unable to help me with my tuition but they are grateful that there are people out there who still have a generous heart to help the less fortunate. I am honored to have been chosen to receive this scholarship and I am for ever grateful for the peace of mind I have received from this scholarship.”

- Brooklyn College

“Thank you so much for the financial support for my internship with the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) in Aal, Norway. I’m thrilled for the opportunity to intern abroad, learning from both my position at WFD and the foreign Norwegian culture in which I will be immersed.

This internship will be a great asset to my future. The skills I learn during the ten-week internship, along with the opportunity for interaction with several international deaf community leaders will help to broaden my perspective of the Deaf Studies field. Upon graduation, I hope to teach at a post-secondary level. The knowledge and experience I acquire during my internship with the World Federation of the Deaf will allow me to understand the field’s international applications. This will help me to become a better educator and deaf community advocate, both of which are my ultimate career interests and goals. This internship experience is invaluable for my future.”

- Gallaudet University

“I am extremely privileged and honored, but above all, very shocked and don’t have the words for you, but thank you very much. I am from a small town and have overcome some pretty challenging odds. I work with the disabilities office here at Behrend because I am dedicated to my success at the college. They help me get the materials and assistance that I need as my eye condition gets worse. This will not stop me from receiving my bachelor’s degree in Business Management at Penn State University Park in 2015.

I am looking forward to owning my own horse ranch upon graduation. Penn State Erie will give me the credentials I need for the rest of my life. I have worked with Saddle-Up for St. Jude’s and have raised \$11,880 for the cause.

I hope that I am just the candidate you are looking for to represent this university again next year as well. Thank you.”

- Penn State Erie, the Behrend College