

# MAGCS 2006 Scholarship Winners

*In 2006, MAGCS awarded four, one thousand dollar scholarships. Sixteen applications were received and were judged based upon academic achievement, extra curricular and volunteer activities, essay entry, and overall appearance of application. All but one winner was present at the Kane County Cougar – Family Night Picnic to receive their awards. Each applicant was asked to write an essay answering the question: What are your personal goals and expectations of your collegiate experience? Following are the 2006 winners and their essays. Congratulations to all winners and to those who entered this year’s contest.*



*(L-R) Mark and Jennifer Neshien, Nicholaus, Sarah, Sue, Mike Matchen and grand daughter Natalie Neshien.*

*Each applicant was asked to write an essay answering the question:  
What are your personal goals and expectations of your collegiate experience?*

*George Minnis Scholarship Winner:  
Sarah Matchen of Wilmette, IL.*

*Member:  
Daughter of Michael Matchen, Wilmette Golf Course.*

*Education:  
High School – New Trier H.S. 2000  
College/University – Cornell College, B.A. Psychology 2004  
Graduate School – Dominican University, Master’s in Social Work, projected graduation May 2007*

Essay:

In the fall of 2006, I will embark on my second and final year in the Master’s of Social Work program at Dominican University. As every experience in my life had pointed me towards working with children in a Social Work capacity, my foremost goal is to earn my degree so that I can begin this work. However, there are certain things I want to accomplish while I am still at school. Generally, I want to expand my knowledge base, because it is so important for social workers to be able to draw from a variety of sources. Not

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only do I expect to expand this knowledge from books, but from the personal experiences and expertise of my professors, who have been in the field for some time. Another goal of mine is to choose internship experiences that thoroughly challenge me: what better time to take risks than when I have a supervisor to guide me and help me learn from my mistakes.

Other goals and expectations I have are not so concrete. I expect to be pushed to the breaking point, only to come back stronger and more sure of my abilities. I hope to stay as fascinated as ever by the interactions between and within human beings. And finally, I intend to enjoy myself. Not only do I simply have fun discussing various issues in class, but at no other time in my life will I be surrounded by so many traveling the same path as myself.



The parents of Scott Healy, Tom and Connie with MAGCS President, Gary Hearn.

**MAGCS Scholarship Winner:**

Scott Healy of Aurora, IL

**Member:**

Son of Tom Healy, Layne-Western Company

**Education:**

High School – West Aurora H.S., 2006  
 College/University – The University of Iowa (starting fall of 2006), Early Admission Program (EAP) College of Business

**Essay:**

I have many goals and expectations for my college experience. Most importantly, I want to receive an excellent education. The University of Iowa is a great school, and their business program is above average when compared to many other universities. I am very excited to be enrolled in the College of Business, because I will learn so much and be prepared for my future career. Since I have been accepted into the Early Admission Program for Business, I plan to double major in Business. One of my majors is going to be Business Management, and the other one is going to be either Finance or Marketing. I know it will be a lot of work, but with the extra time I will have to study business, I think I will be able to do it. I will not have to take as many pre-requisites so I can focus mainly on my majors.

Aside from the education I hope to receive, I am looking forward to meeting many new people. I know two other kids from my high school that plan to go to Iowa, but expect for them, I will not really know anyone. It will be a huge change from high school, and I am going to welcome the chance to associate with many students.

I am also looking forward to the sporting events at Iowa. I can not wait to attend all of the football and basketball games, and even though I've heard the team is not very good, I will still probably make it to some baseball games, too. I really want to get involved in intramural sports. In particular, I would like to play some baseball and basketball, and maybe even football if I am feeling really ambitious.

Overall, I can not wait to attend the University of Iowa. It will be a new and exciting experience for me. August can not come soon enough.



L to R - Jake, Debbie, Alicia and John Anderson.

**John Buck Scholarship Winner:**

Alicia Anderson of Naperville, IL

**Member:**

Daughter of John Anderson, Arthur Clesen Inc.

**Education:**

High School – Naperville Central H.S. 2006  
 College/University – Purdue University (starting fall of 2006), University Honors Program

**Essay:**

College is an experience I have been looking forward to for a long time. I see it as a venue for endless opportunities for personal growth and education. My main goal for my college experience is to seize as many of the opportunities that come my way.

During high school, I always chose to keep myself busy as a way to stay motivated in my schoolwork. I became heavily involved in a variety of extracurricular activities including: choir, drama club, and National Honors Society. I have also been involved with my church's youth group activities and held two part time jobs. I cannot imagine my life without so much going on all the time. Every organization I have been a part of has offered invaluable learning experiences and friendships I treasure. I plan to continue staying involved next year when I attend Purdue University. As a large university, Purdue

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has countless clubs and activities. I'm sure I will have no trouble finding new and exciting ways to motivate myself.

It is also important that I challenge myself academically. I set high standards for myself in high school and have managed to meet all of my academic goals. Adjusting to the new environment of college life will certainly be a challenge; however, I am confident that it will not threaten my abilities to perform academically. I have already been accepted into the University Honors Program at Purdue. Membership in this group will ensure my academic success as well as provide support and further opportunities.

Taking advantage of all the wonderful opportunities at Purdue will help me to prepare for success after graduation. I fully believe that I can achieve my dreams of college life and make the most of every opportunity I am blessed with.



The Meier's. Joanne, Jaclyn, Stephanie and Joe.

**Burdett Scholarship Winner:**

Stephanie Meier of Barrington, IL

**Member:**

Daughter of Joseph Meier, White Deer Run Golf Course

**Education:**

High School – Carmel Catholic H.S. 2006

College/University – Loyola University Chicago (starting fall 2006), Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy (Dual Acceptance)

**Essay:**

I hope to one day become a pharmacist. Therefore, I believe that attending Loyola University Chicago and Midwestern University's Chicago College of Pharmacy will help make my dream a reality. I have been accepted to both of these schools through a Dual Acceptance program. I will complete two years of pre-pharmacy classes at Loyola and then move to Midwestern for my last four years of pharmacy work.

I have mixed emotions about attending college. I am mainly excited because I will begin a new chapter in my life. At college, I look forward to learning new things both inside and outside the classroom. I plan on being active around the school and taking part in campus events like intramural sports and student government.

I plan on continuing to achieve good grades while I attend both Loyola and Midwestern. With the new freedom I will experience, I want to learn how to take care of myself and be more independent, as this will help prepare me for the future.

The possibilities of what I will be able to achieve at school are endless. I look at the next six years as a time of change and growth and as an enjoyable time when I will be able to be myself and enjoy all that life has to offer. With all said, I can't wait for college. I think I have many things to gain from the experience and nothing to lose.





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