

# Keeper of the Dream Scholars



## Rachael Washington

Rachael Washington is a first-year Early Childhood/Childhood Education major with a concentration in Biology, from Rochester, N.Y. In high school, Rachael was the President of Latin Club, participated in the Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers Program, and Mosaics Club, and served as the student representative on the committee to hire a new principal. She also organized an event at her high school where she shaved

her head to raise money for Bald for Bucks, an organization that funds cancer research through Roswell Park Cancer Institute and 13Thirty Cancer Connect. Also, as she transitioned from high school over the summer, she worked at a 4-H Camp. She is very thankful to be a part of Keeper of the Dream and will use this opportunity to further her leadership skills and is looking forward to being part of the Keeper of the Dream family.



## Santazzia Collins

Santazzia Collins is a first-year Communication Disorders and Sciences major, with a minor in Leadership, from Rochester, N.Y. In high school, she was involved in various extracurricular activities, community services projects and clubs including: Green Team, Basketball, Lancers Lend a Hand, Link Crew, National Honor Society, and Roc-2-Change. She volunteered at her local library and also at her school events. Currently, Santazzia

is involved in Fredonia National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA), Sister Circle, Crowned Rubies, and Black Student Union at Fredonia. She can not wait to continue to be more involved on campus in various leadership opportunities. She is planning to pursue internships through the Leadership Program or Speech Pathology. She is thankful that she is a part of the Keeper of the Dream program to help guide her to her future career goals to become a speech pathologist, and for all the opportunities that are coming her way throughout her years at Fredonia.



## Spencer Allen

Spencer Allen is a sophomore at Fredonia, studying Sound Recording Technology with a concentration in trumpet. During his academic career, he hopes to intern in a studio in New York City, to gain experience and contacts in his field. On campus, he is involved with clubs such as Black Student Union, Sister Circle, The Fredonia Bass Society, and Sound Services. Along with participation in clubs, he plays trumpet in the Concert

Band and Jazz Band. Before college, Spencer was heavily involved with The Eastman Community Music School programs such as the Eastman Youth Jazz Orchestra, Jazz Theory, private lessons, and the Trumpet Ensemble. At his high school, he played first trumpet in the Wind Ensemble and lead trumpet in the Jazz Ensemble for three years. Spencer was also selected to participate in the All-County Band through NYSSMA during his final two years of high school. Along with music, Spencer spent much of his time playing tennis privately for 10 years, and with his high school's varsity tennis team for four. Spencer is honored to have the opportunity to be a Keeper of the Dream Scholar, and cannot wait to learn and grow with the community and campus.



## Thomas Marcote

Thomas Marcote is a junior English and Spanish double major. Thomas graduated from Long Beach High School with many IB Honors. Thomas plans to study abroad next fall, in Spain, in either Granada or Valencia. He is Vice President of the Fredonia Club Lacrosse team, contributor to Alumni Relations for the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, and is a member of the Percussion Guild. He was also an editor for the Spring '17 edition of The Trident, the

campus-wide literary collection of poems and narratives. While he currently furthers his reading comprehension and writing ability in English and Spanish, his post-graduation plan is aimed at an occupation in teaching. Thomas is extremely grateful for his opportunity to be a part of the Keeper of the Dream scholarship program and he looks forward to managing new opportunities on campus, and hopes to make good use of his two final years at Fredonia.



## Victoria Pucci-Schaefer

Victoria Pucci-Schaefer is a Communications major with a concentration in Public Relations, and has a minor in Leadership Studies at Fredonia, N.Y. She is in her first official year of school at Fredonia but is academically considered a sophomore. She participated in the 3-1-3 program, which allows students from local high schools to start college classes early, in hopes of being able to graduate from Fredonia in three years. While in the

transition year from a 3-1-3 student to a full-time student at Fredonia, she began serving on the President's Strategic Planning Committee; where she will continue to serve as the student representative during the 2017-18 school year. Victoria is a member of the Fredonia Cheerleading team, the International Student Buddy program, Italian Club, Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) Fredonia Chapter, Applied Communication Association, and the Leadership Street Team. Being a member of the Keeper of a Dream Scholarship program is an honor. Victoria is excited to be involved in such a prestigious program and looks forward to the opportunities and experiences that this program offers.



## Zachary Jones

Zachary Jones is a senior French Adolescence Education with dual minors in Spanish and European Culture Studies. He spent his summer leading a four-week Pre-College Enrichment program out of McGill University as an employee of Westcoast Connection/360 Student Travel - a travel agency out of Québec, Canada. This semester, Zach was honored in Albany as the recipient of the SUNY ACT Scholarship Award for Academic Excellence and Student Initiative. His last semester on campus before student

teaching in the spring, Zach is interning with Fredonia's Office of International Education as well as serving his sixth and final semester as President of Fredonia's International Club. Before beginning his career in the U.S. as a French teacher, Zach has hopes to spend the next academic year as an English Teaching Assistant in Luxembourg through the U.S. Department of State as a Fulbright scholar.

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**The Intercultural Center (IC)** is the principal foundation for multicultural programming and outreach on campus and in the surrounding community. Through advocacy, education and program development, the IC supports the creation of a diverse college community for the purpose of enhancing the student population's academic development, level of cultural awareness, and commitment to promoting social justice. The Intercultural Center and the Division of Enrollment and Student Services is pleased to offer the Fredonia Keeper of the Dream Scholarship and Leadership Program; a competitive scholarship awarded to entering first-year students. Selection is based on high school achievement, community service and a demonstrated commitment to multiculturalism.

Keeper of the Dream Scholars live in the residence halls, participate in professional and career development activities, volunteer experiences, multicultural awareness activities, and are expected to hold progressively more extensive leadership positions on campus. In addition to receiving a \$4,000 scholarship, recipients engage in a rigorous and exciting Leadership Development Program while enrolled at Fredonia. Recipients of the scholarship are expected to demonstrate personal leadership and commitment to cultural pluralism and cross cultural dialogue while on campus. Each recipient qualified based on the following criteria: achieved SAT scores of 1100 (or 25 ACT) and maintained at least an overall 85 percent high school average. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years as long as the student maintains the required academic standards and leadership requirements.

For more information on the program and how to apply, please visit the Intercultural Center's website at [www.fredonia.edu/Intercultural](http://www.fredonia.edu/Intercultural) or give us a call at (716) 673-3398.

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### Allan Fegley

Allan Fegley is a first-year Sport Management major from Frewsburg, N.Y. In high school, he was involved with numerous extracurricular activities such as Quiz Bowl, Envirothon, Musical, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Also, he was an upstanding member of many instrumental bands such as Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Pep Band. During Allan's junior and senior year of high school, he was selected to participate in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) All-County Jazz and Concert Band. Lastly, he was an AP Scholar and was part of the National Honor Society. Here at Fredonia, Allan is a member of International Club and Sport Management Club, he is on the LIFE team for Enactus and is a pledge brother of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. In the future, he plans to pursue a career in exercise science and one day work for the NBA. He is exceedingly grateful for being a part of the Keeper of the Dream Scholarship and for the countless memories and leadership opportunities it will provide.



### Brooke Shields

Brooke Shields is a sophomore Biology major. In high school she was involved in many school clubs and two nonprofit organizations. She participated in Chess Club, Anime Club, Student Government, the Yearbook Committee, Robotics, Science Club, the School Leadership Team (SLT), Youth Leadership Academy (YLA), CORO, the Theater and Lighting Design Club, and finally, P.B.I.S. (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports). The nonprofits in which she committed many hours of volunteering were: Global Kids (GK) and the Borough Student Advisory Council (BSAC). Currently here at Fredonia, she is a Student Ambassador and a Resident Assistant in Grissom Hall. Brooke is a proud member of Intersivity Christian Fellowship at Fredonia and Elevation Extension. She is very thankful for the opportunity to be a part of Keeper of the Dream and will use this program as a stepping stone for greater achievements. She looks forward to representing the campus through Keeper of the Dream.



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### Caroline Bilotti

Caroline Bilotti is a junior Chemistry major from Spring Lake, N.J. Throughout high school, she was a four-year honor roll student-athlete, competing in varsity swimming. She was Captain of the swim team during her senior year and President of the Photography Club. Caroline was also an ambassador for her school's Academy of Health Careers, affiliated with Rutgers University. At Fredonia, she is a member of the Blue Devils Swimming and Diving Team, and attended the SUNYAC championships for swimming the 200 and 100 breaststroke; she was also on the Dean's List. As an upperclassman at Fredonia, she became a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority and a Student Association Class Representative. She is also embarking on chemistry research with Dr. Allan Cardenas this fall. Upon graduation, Caroline hopes to move on to graduate school, which is made possible through the Keeper of the Dream program at Fredonia. She is extremely thankful for the opportunity to be a part of such a prestigious program at the university.



### Courtney J. (CJ) Burris

Courtney J. (CJ) Burris is a senior psychology major with a minor in biology from Pleasant Valley, N.Y. Throughout high school she was a four-year honor roll student-athlete. Courtney also developed a passion for creative writing, which inspired her to write poetry for her church youth group at Full Gospel Center. This became a stepping stone for getting more involved in Writer's Ring her sophomore year. She is currently on the Fredonia Women's Frisbee team holding positions in community service and fundraising committees. Courtney is an advocate for the end of domestic violence and sexual assault; she has been cast in Fredonia's 20th anniversary *Vagina Monologues* production and raised money for the Anew Shelter in Jamestown, N.Y. Courtney has volunteered her time at local elementary schools in Fredonia and developed a love for service and realized her passion for the younger generations around her. Courtney strives to become a Pediatric Occupational Therapist and work with disabled children, specifically children with autism. Courtney's research, "Does Gustatory Disgust Influence Moral Judgment" done under Dr. Joseph Mcfall of the psychology department, was published in the National Undergraduate Research Journal in August of 2017. She is currently conducting research on animal assisted interactions (AAI) with Dr. Nancy Gee of the Psychology Department. Courtney is very grateful for the Keeper of the Dream Scholarship for enabling her to pursue her love for science and passion for children.



### Daniel Salazar

Daniel Salazar is a junior Animation and Illustration major, with a minor in French, from Hilton, N.Y. He spent the last summer interning at an animation studio in Mexico, and is currently working on a semester-long animated project. Dan is very active at Fredonia Radio Systems, where he hosts two radio shows. Last semester he won an Intercollegiate Broadcasting System award for best radio show poster, which combined his loves of radio and illustration. Having traveled extensively, Dan finds inspiration for his art in human individuality and how it is impacted by culture. He wholeheartedly appreciates the opportunities given to him through the Keeper of the Dream program and has found incredible support through his peers and mentors.



### Diana Olivares-Salazar

Diana Olivares-Salazar is a sophomore double major in Molecular Genetics and Spanish from Brooklyn, N.Y. In high school, she was an AP scholar and actively worked with children with autism and similar disabilities. She volunteered at her local hospital as well as babysat a child with special needs. Here at Fredonia, she has been a member of Orchesis Dance Company and the Health Professions Club. This past summer, she studied abroad in Mexico, interning at a hospital and taking Spanish courses. This year she is part of the Sigma Kappa Sorority, International club, and is a Chemistry tutor. She plans on taking part in research opportunities that are offered on campus. In the future she plans on going to medical school to pursue a career in pediatrics or medical research. She is extremely thankful for being able to be a part of Keeper of the Dream and is looking forward to taking advantage of all the opportunities and leadership roles presented to her through the program.



### Ellen Li

Ellen Li is a sophomore Sound Recording Technology and Violin Performance double major from LaGrangeville, N.Y. In high school, she was very involved with the symphony orchestra and quartet program, as well as a private youth orchestra program where she volunteered as a teaching assistant. She was also a member of both Tri-M Music Honor Society and National Honor Society, and was awarded the AP Scholar with Honors award. At Fredonia, Ellen is a part of Sound Services and the Tönmeister Association. She was the recipient of the Rudolph Emilson Memorial Scholarship at the School of Music Convocation last spring, and works as a music librarian for Dr. David Rudge in the School of Music. She is also involved with the Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra, and accompanies other music students as a pianist when she has time. She is very grateful for all the Keeper of the Dream program has allowed her to do and for the continuous support as she continues her academic career.



### Ernesto (Tito) Mercado

Ernesto (Tito) Mercado is a senior Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies double major with minors in Latino Studies and Theatre. Having worked in several Walter Gloor Mainstage productions as a Master Electrician, he has become experienced in the field of theatrical lighting production and design. For his fourth and final year in Fredonia, Tito has dedicated most of his time to his ongoing research with Dr. Darrin Rogers from the Psychology Department, which he aims to publish in both student and professional journals. He also is driven to raise awareness on cultural competency and interculturalism, taking on several extracurricular projects that will achieve this around campus. As a graduating Keeper of the Dream scholar, he is excited to continue on with his studies as a graduate student, aiming for a degree in Mental Health Counseling, with which he will be able to continue his research on masculinity, sexual aggression, and gender. Tito would like to express his gratitude to the Keeper of the Dream scholarship program for the unconditional support that it has given him, from his advisors to his peers, all throughout his time in Fredonia.



### Latrell Tyson

Latrell Tyson is a senior Business Management major with a minor in Communication from Cheektowaga, N.Y. This year Latrell is gaining experience in his current positions serving as President for the American Marketing Association Club, Vice President for the EDGE division of Enactus and Vice President for the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, which he and 45 other men have chartered at Fredonia. While at Fredonia, Latrell has made the Dean's list all six semesters and has also been selected to be a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society, along with Delta Mu Delta Business Honor Society. Along with aiding the chartering of Kappa Sigma at Fredonia, Latrell and four others also started the Habitat for Humanity Club at Fredonia, which is dedicated to service for those in need. The Keeper of the Dream Scholarship opened many opportunities and added to Latrell's determination to achieve as much as possible. Latrell is grateful to be a Keeper of the Dream scholar and be surrounded by such driven individuals. He looks forward to continuing his involvement within the campus and community while mentoring and making strides to keep the dream alive.



### Maria Quintero

Maria Quintero is a senior Molecular Genetics major from Long Island, N.Y. In high school she was part of the National Honor Society and graduated with an International Baccalaureate Diploma. Here at Fredonia she has been a member of the Biology Club, the Ski and Ride Club and the Advanced Leadership Development Program. She is the Marketing and Secretary Chair for Fit University a new and growing health and fitness club on campus. She has been an active volunteer at Lakeshore Humane Society and is a member of a cell and cancer biology research lab, where she studies how to reduce multipolar cell division in cancer cells. After Fredonia she plans to get a Ph.D. in cancer biology and further her career in research. She is extremely thankful for being able to be a part of Keeper of the Dream and is taking full advantage of all the opportunities and leadership roles presented to her through the program.



### Marilia Riva Andrade

Marilia Riva Andrade is a junior Music Education major, with a concentration in flute, from Suffern, N.Y. She is the Events Coordinator of the National Association for Music Education, helping put together volunteers for audition dates and helping prospective students; and the Business Manager for Fredonia Radio Systems, handling the finances and ensuring that the station runs smoothly. Marilia is also involved in Habitat for Humanity, and is a sister of Sigma Gamma Phi. Over the summer, Marilia worked at a Girl Scout camp, teaching girls boating skills. She is extremely grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Keeper of the Dream program. The support of the program and her fellow scholars helps her pursue her dream of being an elementary school music teacher.



### Mary Kay Taylor

Mary Kay Taylor is a senior History major with minors in Russian Studies, Political Science, and Communication. Currently at Fredonia, Mary Kay serves as Class President of the Class of 2018, Student Association and MAAB Representative for the Black Student Union, Student Director and Treasurer of the FSA Board of Directors, and a member of the Alma Mater J.D. Society. Mary Kay plans to pursue a J.D degree in International Law and is very grateful for the Keeper of the Dream Scholarship and the many opportunities that the program allowed her to be a part of.