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# Keeper of the Dream Scholars

**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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## *Keeper of the Dream Scholars*



### **Allan Fegley**

Allan Fegley is a sophomore Sport Management major from Frewsburg, N.Y. In high school, he was involved with numerous extracurricular activities such as Quiz Bowl, Envirothon, musical, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Also, he was a member of many instrumental bands such as Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Pep Band. Allan was selected to participate in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA)

All-County Jazz and Concert Band during his junior and senior year of high school. He was also an AP Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society. At Fredonia, Allan is the Social Media Chair of the Kappa Sigma fraternity and a general member of Enactus and the Sport Management Club. In the future, he plans to conduct social media marketing and promotions for a sports company or an NBA team. He is exceedingly grateful for being a part of the Keeper of the Dream Scholarship program and for the countless memories and leadership opportunities it will provide.



### **Braelin Scott**

Braelin Scott is a first-year Business Finance major from Bloomfield, N.Y. Throughout high school, she became involved in international service projects located in the Bateays of the Dominican Republic and along the ZaZa River in Cuba. In addition to her service projects, she was part of Student Council for all four years of high school, as well as serving as President during 11th and 12th grade. Also during high school, she was a member

of National Honor Society, Foreign Language Club, volunteered at a local retirement home, was Senior Chief Editor of her school yearbook, and was a competitive Captain on two sports teams. She was selected as a first team all-star in soccer and basketball, senior girls basketball player of the year (having scored more than 1,000 points), and was selected to participate in a Ronald McDonald House benefit basketball game. Braelin is extremely grateful to be a recipient of the Keeper of the Dream scholarship because she is excited to become invested in the Fredonia community, as well as to advance her leadership skills, continue her actions of "service above self," and be an active individual in society.



### **Brooke Shields**

Brooke Shields is a junior Biology major with minors in Creative Writing and Leadership Studies. She is currently a teaching assistant for a first-year Ecology and Evolution Laboratory and a Resident Assistant in Grissom Hall. As of last year, she was a founding member of one of the most successful clubs on campus celebrating diversity and intersectionality, Under This Bonnet. Under This Bonnet is a natural hair club for students with kinky, curly and

or coily hair...long or short, all are welcome! She is glad to say that she has made quite a successful home and work environment here at Fredonia, and that is hugely thanks to the Keeper of the Dream scholarship program. She has had the opportunity to network and meet many amazing people through the scholarship, most of whom she considers family. Even through the roughest semesters, her KOD family is always there for her. As a result of being in this scholarship program, she encourages and challenges herself often, in both her academic and work life. She will be studying abroad this January in Honduras, helping the less fortunate with their medical and health needs. She has no doubt that this is going to be another fantastic year!



### **Caroline Bilotti**

Caroline Bilotti is a senior 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 Devil

Swimming and Diving Team, and participated in the SUNYAC championships in the 200 and 100 breaststroke. As an upper class student at Fredonia, she became a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority and a Student Association Class Representative. 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.



### **Cassandra Koch**

Cassandra Koch is a first-year Music Education major with a concentration in euphonium, and a minor in Leadership Studies, from Long Island, N.Y. In high school, Cassandra was the Vice President of the Tri-M Music Honor Society and played on her Varsity Soccer team. She was also a member of the National Honor Society, along with being involved in stage crew and cast in the theatre department. Additionally, she was

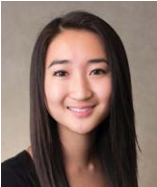
Field Major in the Marching Band, and interned for her high school's preschool program. Outside of school, she was President of her Venture Crew, played travel soccer, and sang in the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra Symphonic Choir. Cassandra volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, and annually volunteered in the Empire State Games for the Physically Disabled and the Character Breakfast. This year, she is Vice President of Hall Council and looks forward to joining more clubs. Cassandra is grateful that the Keeper of the Dream scholarship will give her many opportunities to expand her leadership skills and make connections outside of Fredonia.



### **Cheyenna Eagle**

Cheyenna Eagle is a junior Music Therapy major with a concentration in oboe from Albion, N.Y. In high school, Cheyenna was very involved in the music and drama departments and volunteered at the Special Olympics. She received the Community All-Star award and worked as a pianist at a church. At Fredonia, Cheyenna is the President of Native American Student Union and the Music Therapy Club. She also holds the positions

of Marketing Chair for Colleges Against Cancer and Secretary for the Pep Band. Cheyenna has been featured in the Volunteer and Community Services Newsletter for her work on Relay for Life events, as well as being a volunteer musician at local nursing homes. During the summer, Cheyenna plays in a community band and is a volunteer music teacher for elementary school-aged migrant students. She is very grateful to be part of the Keeper of the Dream program and for the various opportunities it offers.



### **Ellen Li**

Ellen Li is a junior Sound Recording Technology and violin Performance double major from Lagrangeville, N.Y. She is currently the Secretary for Sound Services, a club that provides sound and lighting for on campus events, and the Tönmeister Association, a student organization comprised of the School of Music's sound recording majors, where she gains experience involving different aspects of the audio world such as

studio management. She was previously the recipient of the Rudolph Emilson Memorial Award, given to a first-year violinist each year, and was also involved this past year with the Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra. In the future, Ellen hopes to intern at a studio in New York City or Los Angeles and eventually pursue a career in the music industry as a studio engineer. She is very grateful for the many opportunities the Keeper of the Dream program has given her and for the continuous support she receives as she continues her academic career.



### **Giovanina Vancheri**

Giovanina Vancheri is a junior Communication: Journalism major with a minor in Creative Writing from Rochester, N.Y. During her time at Our Lady of Mercy High School, she was an active member of DECA, a competitive business club in which she competed internationally and placed third in New York State. In her senior year of high school, she was a member of the Young Entrepreneurs Academy, in which she developed

a business that would help high school students create better college application essays, and was granted funding for her business. At Fredonia, Giovanina has participated in Unione Italiana, of which she is Treasurer, along with Women's Varsity Tennis and the American Marketing Association. For her remaining two years, she plans on working for The Leader as an editor. She is a member of the Fredonia Honors Program and has been on the Dean's List for four semesters. She is also a recipient of the Fredonia Scholars Award, the Morris and Marion Poummit Scholarship, and the GEICO Achievement Award. She is incredibly grateful to be a recipient of the Keeper of the Dream Scholarship and all of the academic and leadership opportunities it presents.



### **Joshuel Velasco**

Joshuel Velasco, from Putnam Valley, N.Y., is a first-year Physics major, who is also taking part in the 3-2 Cooperative Engineering Program in Fredonia. Throughout high school, he was a four-year honor/high honor roll student, a volunteer teacher's assistant, and a tutor for chemistry and physics during his junior and senior year, as well as the principal flautist in his high school Wind Ensemble. He was very involved in the

school community, as an active member of the Theatreworks program (both as cast and crew), Make A Difference, World Language Club, Science National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, National English Honor Society, and served as the Public Relations Officer for the National Honor Society. As the PR Officer of the chapter, he single-handedly raised a total of \$200 worth of donations from his school community, which was used to buy toys to be given to the children in the Maria Fareri Children's hospital during the holiday season. As a new member of the Keeper of the Dream program, he cannot wait to take advantage of the opportunities this will bring; and feels truly blessed to have found and to be part of such a tight-knit community of scholars early in his college career.



### **Marilia Riva Andrade**

Marilia Riva Andrade is a senior Music Education major, with a concentration in flute, from Suffern, N.Y. She has been involved on E-Boards for the Fredonia chapter of National Association for Music Education and Fredonia Radio Systems. She has also hosted two radio shows, including High Noon Friday, Fredonia's longest running radio show. Marilia is also a sister of Sigma Gamma Phi. Over the summer, Marilia was Boating Manager and Aquatics Director at a Girl Scout camp, teaching girls boating skills and

how to find comfort in the outdoors. She has also worked on the Hudson River sloop, Clearwater, teaching students and the public about the Hudson River and advocating for a cleaner environment in the Hudson River Valley and worldwide. This semester, Marilia is student teaching at Westfield Academy and Central School district, working with cooperating teachers in elementary school general music and secondary instrumental music. She is going to study abroad in Belize in January, and is currently collecting donations to send to schools. Marilia is excited to have the opportunity to work with students and teachers in Belize City.

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## Monica Manney

Monica Manney is a senior Communication: Journalism major with a Sociology minor. Her career goal is to become a news reporter and eventually an anchor. Her personal mission is to amplify the voices of marginalized groups and to bring truth to her community through avid research and persistent questioning while shining a light on the positive works of citizens in her community. As a student, Monica takes pride in being heavily involved

with her campus community while maintaining a grade point average that will grant her the honor of magna cum laude recognition if consistent in her final two semesters. On campus, Monica is the President of Sister Circle, a Black women's empowerment group, the Vice President of the campus chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, the fundraising chair for Under this Bonnet — a natural hair club, the Events chair for the Black Student Union and the founder of FREDFlo, a new organization on campus that works to get free sanitary products on campus for students. Following graduation, Monica hopes to either jump into the field of journalism with her first reporting job or continue her education at graduate school and participate in an internship at a national news outlet before her semester begins. In her spare time, Monica loves to read and write. She is also a novice runner, training for her first marathon.



## Rachael Washington

Rachael Washington is a sophomore Early Childhood/Childhood Education major with a concentration in Natural Sciences, from Rochester, N.Y. She is a Resident Assistant in Disney Hall, a sister of Sigma Gamma Phi sorority, and a member of Students Teaching Equals Positive Sexuality (S.T.E.P.S) on campus. Over the summer, Rachael was the Assistant Day Camp Director at 4-H Camp Bristol Hills, a part of Cornell Cooperative

Extension. While at camp she was a part of the Cornell Work Group, a research project conducted by Charles Izzo from Cornell University. Dr. Izzo has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and experience in conducting research and outreach in applied settings. His research focuses on studying the factors that influence the quality of interactions between those in the helping professions (residential child care, youth work, home visitation) and the clients they serve.



## Santazzia Collins

Santazzia Collins is a sophomore Communication Disorder and Sciences major with a minor in Leadership Studies from Rochester, N.Y. In high school, she was involved in numerous extracurricular activities and community services. She participated in National Honor Society, Lancers Lend a Hand, Phoenix Club, Basketball, Track and Field, Tennis, Link Crew, Green Team, and more. At Fredonia, Santazzia is Community Relations

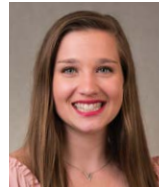
Chair for Sister Circle. She is also involved in the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA), Black Student Union, Brother 2 Brother, and Enfusion Dance Team. She is very excited for this coming year with internships, school, extracurricular activities, Keeper of the Dream and other opportunities that will come her way. She is very grateful to be a part of the Keeper of the Dream program and have such a great support system to lead her down the path to her future goals and shape her into an excellent Speech Language Pathologist and leader.



## Thomas Marcote

Thomas Marcote is a senior English and Spanish double major who graduated from Long Beach High School with IB Honors. He is currently studying abroad in Salamanca, Spain. During his time at Fredonia, Thomas was Vice President of the Fredonia Club Lacrosse team, a contributor to Alumni Relations for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, and is a member of the Percussion Guild. Thomas' post-graduation plan is aimed at a career

in teaching. He 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.



## Victoria Pucci Schaefer

Victoria is a junior Communication: Public Relations major with a minor in Leadership Studies from Fredonia, N.Y. She participated in the 3-1-3 program, which allows students from local high schools to take classes at Fredonia. While in this transition year she served on the President's Strategic Planning Committee on which she will continue to serve as the student representative. Aside from Keeper of the Dream, Victoria was a Jump Start

Leader this past summer, and has been a member of the Fredonia Cheerleading Team, Italian Club, the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the Leadership Street Team, and is the secretary of the Public Relations Student Society of America's Fredonia chapter. During the Spring 2018 semester, she worked as the New Student Connections Intern for the office of New Student and Transition Programs and is now a Student Mentor for the 3-1-3 program. In the spring of 2019, Victoria will be studying abroad in Sorrento, Italy. She feels that 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 the program offers.

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