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*I have always
thought that
man will rise up
and live out the
true meaning of it
each. "We hope
to be able to
offer which to
all men we can
equal.*

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 or give us a call at (716) 673-3398.

Keeper of the Dream Scholars



Santazzia Collins

Santazzia Collins is a junior 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 volunteer opportunities. She was in National Honor Society, Lancers Lend a Hand, Phoenix Club, Basketball, Track and Field, Tennis, Link Crew, Green Team and more. During her three years at Fredonia, she has been involved in Brother 2 Brother, Enfusion dance team, National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) and Rugby. Santazzia is the Vice President of Anti-Social Social Club, Vice Events Chair of Black Student Union, and Events Chair for Sister Circle. She was also one of the interns of the Men of Color Summit. Santazzia is looking forward to getting an internship or a part time job that relates to Speech Language Pathologist or Substitute Teacher. She would like to work with younger children and children with autism when she is finished with school. She is very grateful to be a part of the Keeper of the Dream program to have such a great support system to lead her toward her future goals such as graduate school and her career so it can shape her into an excellent Speech Language Pathologist and leader in her community.



Cheyenna Eagle

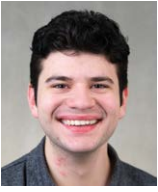
Cheyenna Eagle is a senior Music Therapy major with a concentration on oboe from Albion, N.Y. Currently at Fredonia, Cheyenna is the Public Relations Chair for the Native American Student Union. She previously held the positions of Marketing Chair for Colleges Against Cancer, Secretary for the Pep Band and President of both the Native American Student Union and Music Therapy Club. She has been a part of Multicultural Weekend and a volunteer for the Men of Color Summit each spring. Cheyenna has been featured in

the Volunteer and Community Service 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 works at a camp for school age children of all abilities as the Arts and Music Counselor. In January, Cheyenna will be starting a position as a Music Therapy Intern at Spectrum Creative Arts doing music therapy clinical work with people from various populations. She is very grateful to be part of the Keeper of the Dream Community and for all the support and opportunities she has received from the program.



Allan Fegley

Allan Fegley is a junior Sport Management major with a minor in Business Administration. He was born in the Philippines and immigrated to Frewsburg, N.Y., back in 2011. He graduated from high school with a Regents diploma with Honors and was a member of the National Honor Society. At SUNY Fredonia, Allan is currently Secretary of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and Vice President of Communications for Enactus. Allan has volunteered to raise money for military veterans and has assisted with operations at Cassadaga Job Corps and Chautauqua County Rural Ministry. Additionally, he is an intern for the Sport Information Director on campus and a Box Office Mobile Team Member for the Buffalo Bills. Upon graduation, Allan hopes to relocate to Buffalo or Toronto where he could get a job within the sports sector. He is pursuing a job to be a digital content manager for a basketball team, preferably closer to home. He is extremely thankful for the opportunity to be a part of such a prestigious program at the university for the KOD Program has propelled him to reach new heights, get out of his comfort zone, and try new things to get to where he is now.



Andrew Johnson

Andrew Johnson is an honors graduate from East Islip High School on Long Island, N.Y. Throughout his early academic career, he was heavily involved in multiple clubs, honors societies, and volunteer organizations. As a teenager, Andrew was a volunteer assistant catechist for his local church and a faith camp

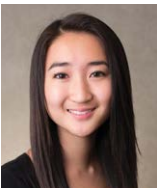
counselor for many years. As he matured through his academic career, he held many office positions in multiple clubs and honors societies, such as French Club, Symphony orchestra, National Honor Society, Yearbook Club, and Foreign Language Honor Society. In addition to holding office positions in a variety of honors societies and clubs, he was responsible for coordinating and organizing multiple events such as fundraisers, variety shows, and academic celebrations. Andrew is currently a Film and Visual Arts B.F.A. major at Fredonia. He hopes to one day work in the field of movie production and become a director. Andrew also holds interests in fashion design and styling as well as the study of psychology and the human brain. Without the love and support from Andrew's family, he wouldn't have been able to be the young man he has grown to become.



Cassandra Koch

Cassandra Koch is a sophomore Music Education major with a concentration in euphonium, 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 Challenged and the Character Breakfast. This year, she is a Resident Assistant, and a member of the National Association of Music Educators, the Band Directors Association, and the Resident Assistant Advisory Board. She is also a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a coed service fraternity. 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.



Ellen Li

Ellen Li is a senior Sound Recording Technology and Violin Performance double major from Lagrangeville, N.Y. She is currently the Vice President for the Tönmeister Association, a student organization comprised of the School of Music's sound recording majors, and the Treasurer of Sound Services, a club that provides

live sound reinforcement and lighting for on campus events, where she gains experience working with different aspects of audio. This past summer, Ellen interned at Engine Room Audio in New York City as well as Dreamland Recording Studios in Woodstock, N.Y., with Jerry Marotta. She hopes to pursue a career in the music industry as a studio engineer and session musician. She is very grateful for the many opportunities the Keeper of the Dream program has given her and for the continuous support as she continues her academic career.



Victoria Pucci Schaefer

Victoria Pucci Schaefer is a senior Communication: Public Relations major with a minor in Leadership Studies from Fredonia, N.Y. Being from Fredonia, she participated in the 3-1-3 program which allows students from local high schools to graduate from Fredonia in three years. While in this transition year she served on

the President's Strategic Planning Committee. Aside from Keeper of the Dream, Victoria was a Jump Start Leader, she is a member of the Fredonia Cheerleading team, the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and is the President of the Public Relations Student Society of America at Fredonia. Academically, Victoria is a member of the Lambda Phi Eta National Honor Society as well as the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society. During the Spring 2018 semester she worked as the New Student Connections Intern for the office of New Student and Transition Programs and as a Student Mentor for the 3-1-3 program in Fall 2018. In Spring 2019, Victoria studied abroad in Sorrento, Italy, at the Sant'Anna Institute. During her semester abroad she interned at the Hotel Mediterraneo Sorrento and helped to bridge the communication gap through social media. Victoria is now a Study Abroad Ambassador at Fredonia as well as at the Sant'Anna Institute and continues to spread the word about the wonderful opportunities from studying abroad. 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.



Braelin Scott

Braelin Scott is a second-year Business Finance major from Rochester, N.Y. While attending Fredonia she has made it her mission to be an active individual on campus. This past year she played on the basketball team, helping contribute to a great season ending in the semi finals of the SUNY Athletic Conference tournament as well

as participated as a member of the Fredonia club soccer team. In addition to athletics, she excelled in her academics, receiving the John Richter Scholarship, awarded to a business major with a high GPA and involvement in community service or athletics, and maintained a GPA of 3.89 throughout her first year. Braelin is also heavily involved in Enactus, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to using entrepreneurial action to positively impact communities and create socially responsible future business leaders. In the past year, Braelin and the Fredonia team competed in the Enactus National Exposition in Kansas City where she presented the community projects Fredonia Enactus had worked vigorously on throughout the year. On top of her involvement in Enactus, Braelin also is a student representative on the Judicial Board of Student Conduct in which she enforces the values of student conduct by analyzing student violations through a court hearing process. Being an active member of the Fredonia community is extremely important to Braelin because she strongly believes in "service above self" and the Keeper of the Dream scholarship encompasses that philosophy. She is so thankful to be a recipient of this scholarship and is excited for her future as a scholar and a leader in the Fredonia community.

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Giovanina Vancheri

Giovanina Vancheri is a senior Communication: Journalism major and Creative Writing minor. She balances her time as a member of Fredonia's Honors program and the Keeper of the Dream Leadership program with her work as a Resident Assistant, staff writer for *The Leader*, and her roles as the President of *Unione Italiana*, the

Vice President of the Fredonia Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, and the Public Relations Director of WNYF-TV. She has also been recognized with several awards including the Geico Achievement Award and the SUNY Fredonia President's Scholarship. This summer she had an internship at WHEC-TV in Rochester, N.Y., and she currently has a social media internship with SUNY Fredonia's Financial Aid Office. Her career goal is to become a broadcast journalist.



Joshuel Velasco

Joshuel Velasco, from Putnam Valley, N.Y. is a sophomore Physics major with a declared Pre-med track. Throughout high school, he was a four-year honor and high honor roll student, and served as a volunteer teacher's assistant and tutor for chemistry and physics during his third and fourth year. He served as the Public Relations

Officer for his school's National Honor Society chapter, as well as being an active member on the national honor societies for Science, Spanish, English, and Tri-M. In his short time at SUNY Fredonia, Josh has been a consistent Dean's List student. His exceptional effort was recognized within the Physics Department faculty. He was offered an opportunity to do research involving Raman Spectroscopy under the guidance of Dr. Erica Simoson and is currently in the process of training before starting research in the spring. Josh was a recipient of the Dean's Scholar Award, was granted the Subra Pendyala Scholarship by the physics department, and was chosen as the recipient of the James D. Burdick Memorial Scholarship, all by the end of his first year. Josh feels extremely lucky to be granted these scholarships along with Keeper of the Dream. He is immensely grateful to be part of such a tight-knit community that sees and encourages his efforts, and which motivates him to work even harder as he moves closer towards his end-goal of becoming a Doctor Of Medicine. Josh hopes to give back to his community by volunteering his time at the American Cancer Society while also taking part in the leadership and volunteer opportunities that the Keeper of the Dream program offers.



Rachael Washington

Rachael Washington is a junior 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, a member of Students Teaching Equals Positive Sexuality (S.T.E.P.S) on campus, and the Vice President of FredFlo on

campus. FredFlo provides free sanitary products to local prisons and domestic violence shelters, as well as fundraising for, and sending products to women and children in Africa. Over the summer, Rachael was the 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 Dr. 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.



Yek Xi (Zach)

Zach is a first-year Physics and Applied Mathematics double major from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He is also a swimmer, competing up to the state level, mainly swimming the 50, 100 and 200 breaststrokes, and also making the occasional relay team. When he isn't in the pool though, he's volunteering at local swim meets as a marshal or referee, and was even selected to be the starter on a few occasions.

While in high school, Zach took a liking to math and physics, and would often volunteer his time to tutor his peers. He also took a liking in debate, reaching the quarter-finals of the National Debate Tournament back in 2018. At Fredonia, Zach is not only a recipient of the KOD scholarship, but also the President's Award for Excellence, the President's Out-of-State Scholar Award, and is enrolled in the school's Honors program, as well as the national honor society. He is also a member of the Blue Devil Swimming and Diving team, Chess Club, Astronomy Club, and Math Club. He is extremely grateful for being chosen as a recipient of this prestigious award, and vows to use the opportunities he's been given to carve out a path of success and excellence in his field.

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