Crystal Glover received a $1,500 scholarship from the Women’s Philanthropy Council. As a nursing student with a double minor in psychology and biology, Crystal prides herself on giving back to the community and helping others. She has volunteered with local and national organizations, including the Pittsburgh Projects, 30-Hour Famine, Old Savannah City Mission’s homeless shelter and Random Acts of Kindness in Edinboro (RAKE). Her community service also extends beyond the United States. In 2014, Crystal traveled to Managua, Nicaragua, to assist with managing feeding center programs, and to serve as a children’s camp counselor. In the fall of 2015, she plans to travel to Tanzania, Africa, to volunteer in an intensive care unit of a local hospital. She will also spend time in Maasia, an under-served rural village, helping with medical community outreach.

Meagan White, a professor in EU’s Nursing Department, lauded Crystal for her efforts both in and outside of the classroom. “I can say with all certainty that Crystal embodies the criteria for recognition for her commitment to academics, professional nursing, mentoring and the community, where she diligently serves. I am most impressed with Crystal’s commitment to scholarship as she accomplishes excellent grades while remaining active in social activities on campus.”

Latasha Phillips was the recipient of a $750 Women’s Philanthropy Council scholarship. Dr. Margaret Smith, assistant professor in EU’s Social Work Department, said, “As a non-traditional student, Latasha is employed part-time and is a single parent. She has committed her time and dedication to meeting both her academic and family responsibilities. This scholarship will support her drive and determination to be an example to her children that education is important while pursuing her commitment to the profession of social work."

Latasha writes, “Peering into the future five years from now, I see myself working towards creating, modifying and annulling laws and policies surrounding social inequality nationally. I believe if we, as a nation, can start to mitigate the social injustices among ourselves and pursue to work collaboratively then change can develop. We are trying to assist countries with fighting their battles of inequality when daily there are an abundant amount of fatalities and crimes as a direct result of oppression and discrimination in our own country.”

During her undergraduate experience, Latasha became aware of the social injustices present in the United States and wanted to make a difference by helping to decrease suffering and bring people together. Latasha completed her pre-field hours with Mother’s Again Teen Violence in Erie, Pa. That experience taught her about the significance of building relationships between community members and law enforcement personnel, and it inspired her to never give up. Latasha graduated in May 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work and will be pursuing her Master of Social Work at EU this fall.
EU senior Bethany Scott received a $750 Women's Philanthropy Council scholarship. She is enrolled in a simultaneous degree program, and is on track to graduate in May of 2016 with both her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. After completing her undergraduate studies, Bethany plans to attend graduate school to study college counseling, while working with troubled youth in the field of corrections. She then hopes to pursue a career in higher education, specifically in the field of student affairs. Throughout her time at Edinboro, she has stepped forward in many leadership roles. Bethany's involvement in the Dr. Robert C. Weber Honors Program and with the Highland Ambassadors, a campus service organization, displays her dedication to the students and University as a whole.

“As I approach my fifth and final year at Edinboro University, I am extremely grateful for the help of the Women's Philanthropy Council Scholarship,” said Bethany. “I am pursuing a simultaneous degree program, in which I will earn degrees in both business administration and criminal justice in only five years. I would not be able to grasp this opportunity if it were not for the financial assistance that I received from the WPC scholarship. Thank you to all of the generous donors who make contributions to this scholarship!”

Recent EU graduate Jordanna Wallace received a $1,000 Women's Philanthropy Council Research Grant. Jordanna writes, “I began college at Clarion University and experienced hardship there. I dealt with financial issues and family health circumstances which led me to be very anxiety ridden and stressed. These stressors made it very hard to focus on schooling or social relationships. As a result, my grades slipped and I became very isolated. I made the decision to transfer to Edinboro University halfway through my junior year. I became an Edinboro commuter student. This allowed the financial burden to lessen but created more anxiety because a trip to and from campus took almost two hours, wasting valuable study and social time. So while I was saving money, the time wasted was holding me back from my full potential.

“The one activity that I decided to invest extra time in was research. I experimented with novel sanitizing methods on fruits and vegetables. My hard work and dedication to this project was rewarded when in the fall of my senior year I applied and was awarded the President Julie E. Wollman scholarship. This scholarship was a game changer for me. I could now afford to live in Edinboro, off campus. I no longer had to waste two hours commuting. I didn’t have to worry about forgetting something at home. I could now truly get involved.

“As a student representative on the Women’s Philanthropy Council, I have had the opportunity to meet and make connections with some of the most brilliant, educated, motivated and kind women. I also received funding to continue conducting research through the WPC Research Grant. Through the WPC, I have achieved many goals. I also have had the opportunity to help other women students achieve the same potential, just as these women have helped me achieve mine.”

Heather Nuber and Alexis Spina - Leadership Awards

The Women's Philanthropy Council Women's Leadership Fund awarded $400 for art students Heather Nuber and Alexis Spina to attend the VIP event at the Society of North American Goldsmith (SNAG) Conference in Boston in May 2015. Attending this event enabled the students to network with collectors and supporters of the field in an intimate atmosphere where their work was highlighted.

The EU jewelry and metalsmithing program was asked to make 60 brooches that were gifted to the guests as a show of appreciation for their support of SNAG. To determine the design of the brooches, a competition was held among EU’s intermediate, advanced and graduate students. A panel of judges reviewed the entries and selected three finalists: Alexis, Heather and graduate student Nash Quinn. The winning designs were then reproduced 20 times each by Metals Club members.

Brooch designs by Heather Nuber (left) and Alexis Spina (right) were given to all attendees of the VIP event at the 2015 SNAG Conference.
“I wish to thank the Women’s Philanthropy Council for your generous support to me and Alexis Spina. Being able to attend the VIP event during the SNAG Conference was an amazing experience and it would not have been possible without your gift. I was able to make connections with fellow artists, collectors, editors and galleries during the evening. These kinds of connections are vital in the development of an artist’s career, and I assure you that I took full advantage of the opportunity you provided. One such connection was with the director of the Society of Arts and Crafts in Boston, who asked me to send images of work to his curator with the possibility of being represented in their gallery. I was able to spend more time with Ruudt Peters, a highly esteemed artist in our field, who later gave me his card and requested I send him images to look at to begin a mentoring relationship. The SNAG Conference itself is a wonderful event but it is very large and full of lots of activities. This more intimate event allowed us to have more in-depth conversations and build more meaningful relationships. It also gave us great networking experience for the future. Thank you again for your generosity, it means so much to me and I will continue to build on the gift you bestowed.”

Heather graduated in May 2015 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, concentration in Metalsmithing. This fall, she will be pursuing an MFA at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

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“Thank you so much for the support that enabled me to attend the VIP event at the SNAG Conference in Boston. It was a wonderful event and gave me the opportunity to meet the recipients of the brooches made by Heather, Nash and me. It would not have been possible without the help from the Women’s Philanthropy Council.”

Alexis graduated in May 2015 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, concentration in Metalsmithing. She will be pursuing an MFA at University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, in the fall.

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