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# Club awards six scholarships

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Six Downriver college students have been awarded President's Scholarships by the University of Michigan Club of Downriver.

The award goes to Downriver students who have attended any U of M campus for at least two semesters, earned a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and have demonstrated need for the scholarship money.

Applicants also had to submit two essays, one on how they've paid for the education thus far and what the award would mean to them, and one outlining their core values.

The winners are:

Elizabeth Anastasia, a 2008 Gabriel Richard Catholic High School graduate, is majoring in psychology and Spanish at the Ann Arbor campus.

She works in a school cafeteria during the school year, and works at a movie theater in the summer. She wrote about personal integrity in her core values essay.

Holly Gerring, a 2008 Southgate Anderson High School graduate, is studying biochemistry at the Dearborn campus.

She plans a career as a physician, and works as a lifeguard and swim coach. She wrote about optimism and hard work in her core values essay.

Melanie Parker, a 2008 Cabrini Catholic High School graduate, is a history major at the Dearborn campus. She works three jobs while attending school full time.

Parker wrote about faith in God, in people and in oneself in her core values essay.

Diane Sanborn is a 2006 Lincoln Park High School graduate studying early childhood education at the Dearborn campus.

She works as a waitress and hopes to start her own day-care program for low-income families someday. She wrote about the importance of living by the Golden Rule in her core values essay.

Elaina Semos is a 2008 graduate of Taylor Kennedy High School who is studying political science in Ann Arbor. She works “every spare moment to make her U of M education possible,” said club member Katie Hartwell.

Semos wrote in her core values essay about individual freedom and the liberties won by those in military service.

Ted Herringshaw is a 2006 Grosse Ile High School graduate and a business major in Ann Arbor.

He works internships and volunteer jobs, and “believes, like Calvin Coolidge once wrote, that persistence is far more important than talent,” Hartwell said.

“The committee believes that Ted has talent in addition to his amazing work ethic and persistence. This was the third award he has won from the club.”

To learn more about the club, visit <http://downriver.umclubs.com>.

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