

## Center awards 21 Legacy of Heroines scholarships

Since 1996, the Legacy of Heroines program has provided a number of scholarships to outstanding students who seek involvement in and knowledge about the political process and public service. Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit and leadership experience as well as specific criteria determined by donors.

Students selected receive a one-time scholarship that is split between the fall and spring semesters. Previous scholars are able to renew scholarships if funds are available and they continue to fulfill the criteria set.

Legacy of Heroines scholars are offered a variety of opportunities including trips to the state Capitol, dinners with guest speakers, campus activities and skills development workshops as well as leadership development programs and mentoring through the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics. Scholars also are given the special opportunity to meet with their donor(s).

Returning Legacy of Heroines scholars for 2016-2017 are:



Vivian Cook

**Vivian Cook** is a junior majoring in performing arts and French. This is Cook's second year as the recipient of the Lauri K. and James R. Young Legacy of Heroines scholarship, which is supported by Lauri and James Young of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Cook is involved in the Iowa State University Theatre Program as a stage manager, class instructor, construction and scenic painter, and as an event coordinator for the ISU One Day plays. She is a member of the ISU Honors Program, where she was awarded the outstanding First Year Honors Program scholarship, and has been named multiple semesters to the Dean's List. Cook is a member of the Cantamus women's choir and an officer for the Iowa State Center Stephens Street Team. Her goal is to become an artistic director for a repertory theatre company with an interest in political theatre or theatre for social change. Cook is from Prescott, Arizona.

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Rachel Jones

**Rachel Jones**, from Windsor, Colorado, is a senior majoring in kinesiology and Spanish. This is Jones' second year as the recipient of the Katherine Bruntlett Annin Legacy of Heroines scholarship, which is supported by Annin's estate. Jones is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, a mentor for Youth and Shelter Services, a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, an ISU Honors Program ambassador and a section leader for the First Year Honors Program. She has been named to the Dean's List and is a member of the Gamma Sigma Alpha honorary society. After graduation, Jones plans to pursue a career in occupational therapy working to help people who have faced strokes, car accidents, surgeries or other tragedies that cause physical, mental or developmental setbacks.

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Angela Katoski

**Angela Katoski**, from Duluth, Minnesota, is a fifth-year senior who will graduate with a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor of science in civil engineering. This is Katoski's second year as the recipient of the Joanne and Charles Kuster Legacy of Heroines scholarship, which is supported by Joanne and Charles Kuster of Johnston, Iowa. Katoski has held leadership positions in the Emerging Leaders in Engineering program and is a member of Women in Science and Engineering. She also has volunteered with Youth and Shelter Services. Katoski plans to use her degree from ISU to work as a project engineer for a construction management company.

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Mica Magtoto

**Mica Magtoto** is from Ames, Iowa, and a junior majoring in nutritional science and international agriculture. She is also a member of the Vermeer International Leadership Program's 2016-2017 cohort. This is Magoto's second year as a recipient of the Helen Jensen Howe Legacy of Heroines Scholarship for Women in Science, which is supported by Helen Jensen Howe of Muscatine, Iowa. Magtoto has served as the special events co-chair for Freshmen Council, is a member of AmeriCorps through ISU Extension and Outreach, and volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club of Ames. She plans to pursue a master's degree while working with the Peace Corps or an internship with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service Agency. Magtoto hopes to eventually become an international aid worker in the field of development and nutrition education.

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Amelia Medici

**Amelia Medici**, from Johnston, Iowa, is a senior who will graduate with a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor of science in industrial engineering. This is Medici's second year as the Meylor Family Legacy of Heroines scholar. This scholarship is supported by former Legacy of Heroines scholar Sharon Haselhoff of Larchwood, Iowa. Medici has served as an officer for the Delta Zeta sorority and for the Collegiate Panhellenic. She has worked as a Cyclone Aide and as an orientation leader for ISU New Student Programs and has volunteered with Dance Marathon for the past three years. Medici also volunteers as an industrial and manufacturing system engineering student ambassador through the College of Engineering. In the future, Medici hopes to have a career in logistics before starting her own business.

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Melissa Moy

**Melissa Moy**, from Aurora, Illinois, is a senior majoring in biology with a certificate in leadership studies. This is Moy's third year as a recipient of the Helen Jensen Howe Legacy of Heroines Scholarship for Women in Science. Moy is an active volunteer as a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences student ambassador, a community adviser, and as the diversity chair for her residence hall floor. She also volunteers with the Naperville (Illinois) Area Humane Society. Moy serves on the ISU Honors Program's philanthropy, art and first year Honors Program committees. She also has been named numerous times to the Dean's List. Moy plans to earn her doctorate in biology to fulfill her goal of becoming a biological research scientist with an emphasis in genetics.

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Jen Poncelet

**Jennifer Poncelet** is from Spirit Lake, Iowa, and a junior majoring in kinesiology and health with a minor in psychology. This is Poncelet's third year as a recipient of the Elizabeth Hoffman and Brian R. Binger Legacy of Heroines scholarship, which is supported by Elizabeth Hoffman and Brian Binger of Ames, Iowa. She is a section leader for the First Year Honors Program and is a member of the First Year Honors Program Committee and the Freshmen Council Philanthropy Committee. Poncelet is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and served as a student representative on the Women Impacting ISU 2017 calendar selection committee. She hopes to have a medical career in neonatal care.

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Jeane Robles

**Jeane Robles** is a senior majoring in genetics from West Des Moines, Iowa. This is Robles' third year as a recipient of the Helen Jensen Howe Legacy of Heroines Scholarship for Women in Science. Robles has been a Cyclone Aide, a residence hall community adviser, and a peer mentor for the Sky's the Limit Learning Community and Bridging Opportunities in Leadership and Diversity. She worked as a research assistant and is a member of the Cardinal Key honor society. Robles plans to pursue an advanced degree in student affairs with a focus on research in student learning by combining her bachelor's degree in genetics to develop effective teaching strategies.

New Legacy of Heroines scholars for 2016-2017 are:

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Kim Boggus

**Kimberley Boggus** is a non-traditional student who returned to school after a number of years and is currently a senior majoring in communications with a certificate in leadership studies. She is from Des Moines, Iowa. Boggus is a Phyllis Davis Legacy of Heroines scholar, which is supported by multiple donors in memory of Davis. Boggus serves on the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Committee and the Des Moines Public School Improvement Committee. She is the affirmative action chair for the Iowa Democratic Party and the recipient of the IDP's Activist of the Year Award. Boggus works part time in Des Moines as the community outreach coordinator for the Des Moines Bicycle Collective, a nonprofit that promotes education and advances policies related to cycling as a form of transportation. She hopes to become a grant writer and work on legislation, possibly as a public servant or an elected official.

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BriAna Campbell

**BriAna Campbell** is a junior majoring in journalism with minors in communication studies and political science from Emmetsburg, Iowa. She is an Elverna Christian Legacy of Heroines scholar, which is supported by Darleane Hoffman of Oakland, California. Campbell is an officer in Sigma Kappa sorority, a member of the Lyrica Choir, and a news anchor for ISUtv. She also was named to the Dean's List in 2015 and 2016. Campbell has a strong interest in politics and moderated the Iowa Caucus special for ISUtv.

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Roberto Cortes Ortiz

**Roberto Cortes Ortiz** is a senior majoring in sociology and interdisciplinary studies for criminology and criminal justice from Waterloo, Iowa. Cortes Ortiz is the recipient of the Carrie Chapman Catt Legacy of Heroines scholarship, which is supported by various donors of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics. After transferring to Iowa State in fall 2015, Cortes Ortiz became an Iowa State Student Government senator and a sergeant-at-arms with the Criminal Justice Club. After graduating from ISU, Cortes Ortiz plans to attend graduate school. He hopes to pursue a career in public service as a state parole officer with a future in federal probation.

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Taylor Finn

**Taylor Finn** is a senior majoring in economics and Spanish from Elizabeth, Illinois. Finn is an Elizabeth Hoffman and Brian R. Binger Legacy of Heroines scholar. She is chair of the ISU Student Government Finance Committee; co-chair of the World Affairs Series; and a member of the university Committee on Lectures, Economics Club and the ISU Honors Program. Finn studied abroad in Spain last spring and plans to intern in Latin America with the goal of bringing equal educational opportunities to women. She also hopes to earn her master's degree in public policy and expand her knowledge about economic development after graduation.

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Maria Freeman

**Maria Freeman** is from Ames, Iowa, and a sophomore majoring in political science and international studies with a certificate in leadership studies. Freeman is a Phyllis Davis Legacy of Heroines scholar. She is a member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness on Campus organization and serves on the World Affairs Committee and Committee on Lectures. Freeman is a Cardinal Leadership scholar and a member of the University Honors Program. She plans to pursue a master's degree and later her doctorate with a future in developing international policy concerning rebuilding societies after disasters.

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Carter Kemmet

**Carter Kemmet** is from Adel, Iowa, and a junior majoring in statistics, economics and mathematics. He is a recipient of the Rice-Neville Legacy of Heroines scholarship, which is funded by Dianne and Keith Bystrom of Ames, Iowa. Kemmet is a justice on the ISU Supreme Court and has served on Student Government for more than two years. He participated in the first cohort of the Vermeer International Scholarship Program in 2015-2016. Kemmet plans to use his degree to become an actuary; with his financial background, he hopes to work with politics, policy-making or governmental economic decision-making.

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Danielle Propst

**Danielle Propst** is a senior majoring in anthropology and community and regional planning with a certificate in leadership studies. She is from Marshalltown, Iowa. Propst is the Haselhoff Family Legacy of Heroines scholar, which is funded by Sharon Haselhoff. She worked as a fall fellow for the midterm election in 2014 for the Iowa Democratic Party. Propst is a former treasurer and current president of Alpha Phi Omega, the ISU business fraternity. After graduation, she plans to work for a municipality as a city planner or specialist on affordable housing. Propst also hopes to eventually pursue a master's degree in public health or public administration.

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Emily Ramm

**Emily Ramm** is a junior majoring in elementary education with endorsements in English, language arts and reading from Onawa, Iowa. She also is pursuing a minor in child, adult and family services and a certificate in leadership studies. Ramm is a Rice-Neville Legacy of Heroines scholar and plays an active role in campus leadership. She is president of the Human Development and Family Studies Club; a Student Admissions Representative; the founding president of the Leadership Studies Club; and participated in the Global Leadership Study Abroad Program to Stockholm, Sweden, in May 2016. Ramm plans to become an elementary school teacher with the goal of creating after-school programs in small, rural communities to connect students with mentors, work on homework, or play educational games in a safe and supportive environment.

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Allison Ray

**Allison Ray** is from Saint Paul, Minnesota, and a junior majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in biomedical engineering and certificate in leadership studies. Ray is an Elverna Christian Legacy of Heroines scholar. She is a student assistant in the College of Engineering as well as a former Cyclone Aide and career fair ambassador. Ray also is a member of the Society of Women Engineers and the ISU Hip Hop Club and is a choreographer and dancer for Orchesis 1 Dance Company. She hopes to pursue a career in the medical field, working with children who are dealing with the loss of a limb or with veterans and servicemen and women recovering from an amputation.

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Amanda Raysby

**Amanda Raysby** is a senior majoring in mathematics education and psychology from Sioux City, Iowa. Raysby is the Beth Bierbaum Legacy of Heroines scholar, which is supported by Beth Bierbaum of Wellesley, Massachusetts. She has served as a committee member for the Iowa State Education Association, a math tutor through America Counts and a member of the ISU Math Club for future teachers. After graduation, Raysby hopes to become a secondary education teacher in mathematics, preferably in a low-income school district in Iowa. She also plans to continue her education while teaching by pursuing a master's degree.

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Zoey Shipley

**Zoey Shipley**, from Dayton, Iowa, is a sophomore majoring in political science. She is the recipient of the Jane Greimann Legacy of Heroines scholarship, which is supported by Lowell Greimann of Ames, Iowa. Shipley serves as the secretary of the Freshmen Council and as a member of the council's Social Justice Committee. She is also a member of the Political Science and Pre-Law clubs. Shipley is a student ambassador for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, an Andrew Goodman Foundation ambassador and a Cyclone Aide. Upon graduation, she plans to attend graduate or law school. Shipley hopes to someday work as an advocate for human rights or in public or foreign service as a diplomat or Foreign Service officer.

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Emily Stearney

**Emily Stearney**, from Palatine, Illinois, is a junior majoring in journalism and mass communication with a minor in critical studies in design. She is an Elverna Christian Legacy of Heroines scholar. Stearney, a former copy editor for the Iowa State Daily newspaper, has also been a committee chair and lip sync co-chair for Alpha Phi sorority and a member of Orchesis 2 Dance Company. She is currently studying at the University of Massachusetts at Boston through a domestic exchange program with the National Student Exchange. After graduating, Stearney plans to work for a magazine or newspaper writing about current global affairs.

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Kelsi Wolever

**Kelsi Wolever**, from Bettendorf, Iowa, is a senior majoring in environmental science and political science with a minor in global sustainability. Wolever is a recipient of the Political Science Alumni Legacy of Heroines scholarship, which is supported by Bill and Nancy Haigh of Fairmont, Minnesota; Dwight Ink and Dona Wolf of Leesburg, Virginia; Maureen Roach Tobin and Terrence Tobin of Clive, Iowa; and Haselhoff. She serves on the Judicial Affairs Board of the Collegiate Panhellenic Council and the ISU Student Conduct Board. Wolever has been involved in research projects in the areas of economics and renewable energy. After graduation, she hopes to work in the healthcare field or energy industry with plans to attend graduate school.