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## **The National American University Foundation Awards Targeted Scholarships for Fall Term**

*6 students recognized for their dedication to their education and community involvement;  
70 students previously earned academic excellence scholarships*

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA – The nonprofit National American University (NAU) Foundation recently awarded six (6) additional scholarships to NAU students who achieved academic excellence in their respective programs, among other criteria.

The Foundation's targeted scholarships for the fall academic term were offered in memory or honor of individuals who valued higher education. These scholarship awards are in addition to the [70 Academic Excellence Scholarships awarded](#) to undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students earlier this summer.

"Every scholarship recipient is so deserving," said Tamie Hopp, Director of Alumni & Foundation Services. "They are all excellent students who are representing the Foundation, our university, and their respective degree programs so well. It really is an outstanding group of recipients."

**Tracey Berry** received the \$2,400 **Maverick Pride Scholarship** for students approaching graduation. Tracey's children inspired her to push through doubts and procrastination to pursue a college degree. Tracey, who takes courses through our online campus, is expected to graduate later this year with a bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management. She hopes to advance to a position to help make positive changes for patients at the inner city hospital where she now works. The Maverick Pride Scholarship is offered annually in honor of Guy Tillett, a former NAU employee who served the university for nearly 50 years and who currently serves on the NAU Board of Directors.

**Dayla Doll** received the \$500 **Kaitlyn English Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship is offered to a NAU-Wichita West nursing student who is approaching graduation. Dayla's personal philosophy is that everyone deserves good healthcare. She hopes one day to be a missionary nurse to provide care and compassion to those who need it most. This scholarship is offered in memory of Kaitlyn English, a Wichita West nursing student who lost her life in a car accident in 2016.

**Artesha Marie Fernandez** received the \$1,000 **Linda Buckingham Copper Memorial Academic Excellence Scholarship**. Artesha is enrolled at NAU-Independence in Missouri. She is pursuing an associate's degree in Medical Staff Services Management. This scholarship is offered in memory of Linda Buckingham Copper who lost her battle to cancer earlier this year. The Buckingham family, including Linda, has been instrumental in the university's growth and leadership for over 50 years. Artesha was selected for her academic excellence and persistence in the face of extreme adversity.

**Gardar “Thor” Hauth** received the \$400 **Colorado Heights Partnership Scholarship**. Thor transferred to NAU to complete his studies. He is an international student from Iceland. He is pursuing his bachelor’s degree in business administration in the United States where there is more opportunity for educational and career advancement. He is an active volunteer at a Children’s hospital near his home. Thor attends NAU in Centennial, Colorado.

**Nacole Langston** received the \$500 **David Donnelly Criminal Justice Scholarship**. Nacole is enrolled at NAU-Watertown in South Dakota and was selected for her academic excellence and her career vision. Upon graduation, she plans to use her bachelor’s degree in criminal justice to help people who are deserving of a second chance in life. The David Donnelly Criminal Justice Scholarship honors David Donnelly, an alumnus, veteran and police officer who lost his life to cancer.

**Jill Roshau** received the \$500 **Bill Tschetter Paralegal Studies Academic Excellence Scholarship**. This scholarship is offered in memory of R. William Tschetter, the founder of the university’s paralegal studies program. Jill expressed a lifelong interest in the law, especially litigation, and is eager upon graduation to put those skills to work. One day she hopes to be involved in the Innocence Project. Jill attends NAU in Rapid City, South Dakota.

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