



The Phillips Scholar

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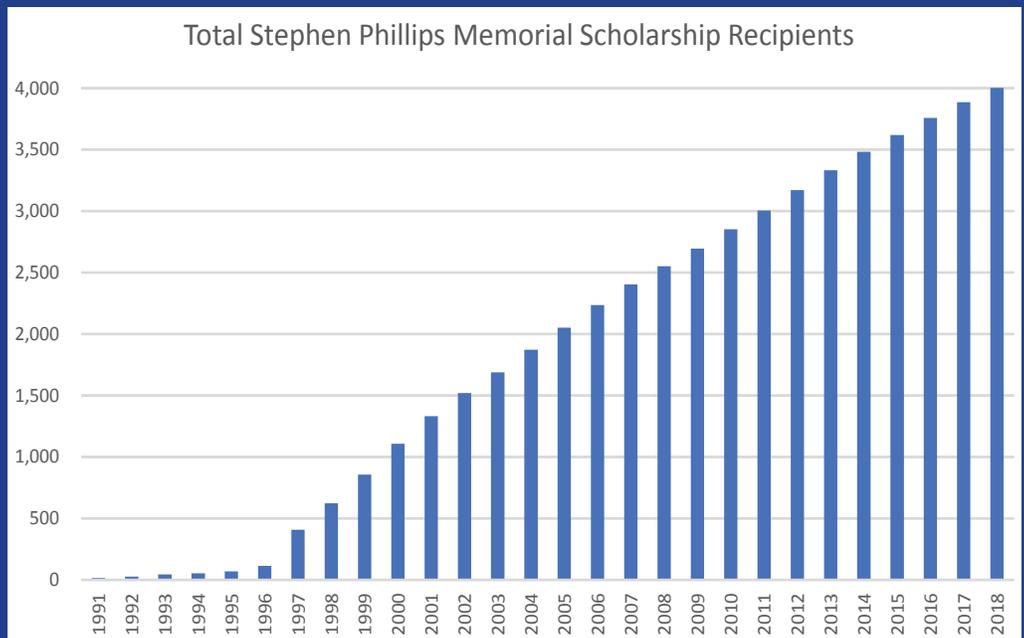
Highlights of the 2018 Award Cycle

We've Reached 4,000!

In our 2018 awarding process, we selected *120 new scholarship recipients*, which brings the total number of Phillips Scholarship recipients since the fund's inception to 4,003. Thanks to a generous grant from the Janey Fund Charitable Trust, eight of this year's new awardees compose the inaugural cohort of Western Massachusetts Scholarship recipients (see below).

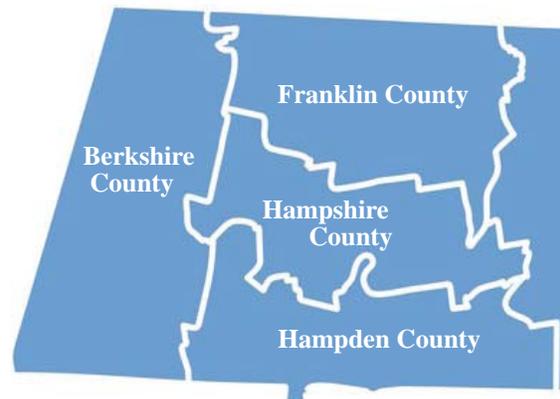
As of this year, the Phillips Scholarship Fund has awarded *over \$60 million* in scholarship funds to students pursuing higher education throughout the United States.

We continue to award an impressive group of students who demonstrate outstanding potential, as well as the grit and determination to realize that potential.



Introducing the Western Massachusetts Scholarship Program Funded by The Janey Fund Charitable Trust

This year marks the start of a new Western Massachusetts Scholarship Program funded by the Janey Fund Charitable Trust and administered by the Phillips Scholarship. The Janey Fund's support has provided the Phillips Scholarship with the opportunity to increase our impact in the Western Massachusetts region, which includes Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden Counties.



Students selected as Western Massachusetts scholars are high performers academically, active in their communities, and have

distinguished themselves by demonstrating their commitment to tackling issues of social and environmental justice.

Meet the 2018-19 Phillips Alumni Scholars

These two new recipients, John Khuc and Ashley Levesque exemplify the characteristics of a Phillips Scholar: academic excellence, dedication to serving others, strong work ethic, and excellent character. All funds raised from our generous alumni and parent donors go towards sponsoring our Phillips Alumni Scholars.

John Khuc graduated from the Boston Latin School this past June. He still remembers when he entered the doors: “I was literally a sponge ready to soak in all the new things I could do.” After joining several clubs, he said “I felt like I was a flower blossoming!” Two volunteer organizations, Recycling Club and Wolfpack Volunteers, had an especially strong impact. “It was through volunteering that I developed a deep passion for helping others and creating strong connections with new people.” This inspired John to find volunteering opportunities outside of school, which is how he became involved with Boston Cares. Through Boston Cares, he has done a myriad of services for the community including knitting hats for babies, working in a food pantry, cleaning city streets, distributing food and care packages, and many more.

John also found jobs that were other-oriented, working as a tutor through both the All Dorchester Sports League and the Young People’s Project. “Both jobs allowed me to work with children, and it was such a blessing to be able to not only teach them but also provide emotional support whenever they needed it. I was able to work with kids from low-income families which allowed me to relate and create the best experience for them.”

On top of the great causes John contributed to as a volunteer and a tutor, he found time to explore his interest in robotics through the Boston Latin School’s NUTRONS club. His growing love of STEM activities motivated him to choose a college with a strong computer science program.

This fall, John began his college career at Wentworth Institute of Technology, a school where he can major in computer science and continue his professional development through co-ops. He plans to use his college career to become “an active innovator on the frontier of technological advancements” and to leave behind at Wentworth “a legacy I can come back to and be proud of!” [See next page for second Alumni Scholar]



Introducing our Alumni Council

Danny Baer (right) and Steph Livsey (left) have graciously volunteered to found a committee which will help alumni of the Phillips Scholarship give back to our organization by making meaningful connections with current Phillips Scholars. Through the Alumni Council, former recipients will have the opportunity to share professional knowledge and career advice with current scholars.

If you are interested in hearing more about these engagement opportunities, please email [mjacob@spscholars.org](mailto:mjacobs@spscholars.org) with your current contact information.





Ashley Levesque graduated from Maine's Scarborough High School in 2017, where she was active in Key Club, Student Council, and several sports teams. During her junior year of high school, she participated in a mission trip to Nicaragua and there met fellow missionaries who were participating in the World Race Gap Year program: a nine-month international mission trip. She felt herself drawn to follow in their footsteps, "escaping America's mold in order to pursue the road less traveled." She said, "As time passed I began to get a deeper urge and ambition to go. Consequently, on September 9th, 2017, I stepped off of American soil onto a plane to Cambodia." The trip continued to Thailand, Honduras, Guatemala, and Ethiopia. She was teaching English at Buddhist schools, counseling victims of human trafficking, assisting patients at community hospitals, contributing to construction projects, and more.

This experience was deeply faith-confirming for Ashley. In her own words, "Throughout my trip, the thing that got me through the hard times, the good times, and the times where all I wanted was a pair of clean socks, was God's love. It was in the midst of the scenery around me or the little toddler that gave me a smile and a wave or the widow who washed my feet."

Since returning to the United States and moving on campus at Messiah College, where she is a member of the field hockey team, Ashley continues to live a life that is grounded in her faith. "Transitioning from serving God in the bush of Africa to a turf field in America has opened up my eyes to see that I can have a radical impact wherever I go," Ashley said. "The truth of the matter is that love is all around us and even in us, wherever we find ourselves in the world."

Alumni Engagement Events of the Past Year

In the past year, we have immensely enjoyed meeting alumni of the scholarship in person and seeing scholarship alumni make connections with one another at events in Boston and New York City.



Executive Director Barbara Welles Iler
& scholarship alumnus Alexander Coulombe



Scholarship alumni Octave Muhirwa,
Belkis Frias & Yves Sabato



Scholarship alumnae Disha Patel
& Maya Hodgson-Dottin

Please fill out the alumni update form on our website (phillips-scholars.org/alumni/) or send an email to staff@spscholars.org to ensure that we have your most up-to-date contact information in order to reach you about future events that we plan to offer for alumni to get to know one another and our staff.



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