

## 2023 GDF Student Testimonials

"I would like to thank the Foundation again for this award. This scholarship has been extremely helpful and helped my transition to college happen much smoother. I know for a fact that one day I will give back to my community just as the Greater Denfeld Foundation does to its students." Gavin Bulthuis

"I was able to study abroad for nine days in London. This was a life-changing experience and I wouldn't have been able to do it without the scholarships I was given. I had a fantastic year at the University of Minnesota and I am extremely excited to go back." Elliana Jouppi

"This first year at college I was able to get involved in many fun activities on campus. I became a part of the University Honors Program which meant I did a lot of volunteering with the Spirit Mountain Ski Patrol as well as taking a really interesting class with a community outreach component. Other extracurriculars included the running, biking, and climbing clubs as well as becoming a part of one of the computer science research labs at the school." Xander Schroeder

"During my freshman year, I achieved my academic goals and had many new experiences. I am now a member of Purdue's figure skating club and Women in Engineering Program, through which I made new friends and learned many important skills. Further, I will be a freshman orientation leader next fall! I am able to be involved in these organizations and continue my academic journey thanks to the generosity of the Greater Denfeld Foundation, and I am incredibly grateful to have this scholarship." Gretchen Schauer

"Moving down to Mankato and starting college there has been such a great decision in my life. I appreciate having received the Armond Hauge Scholarship. It has really helped me with continuing my academic career. I also continued my love for singing and joined the choir at the school, which has been a great experience." Leah Nelson

"My first year of college had me experience many ups and downs that helped me grow as a person. I hope to continue on with my college experience and cannot wait to go back this fall. I would like to thank the Foundation for helping me experience college and explore what I can achieve through it. The Hauge scholarship definitely helps take the stress out of having enough money to go to college." Per Johnson

"This past year of school I built a house from start to finish. It has truly been one of the coolest things I have ever done. I built great relationships and great memories by going to Lake Superior College for carpentry. Also I just want to thank the Greater Denfeld Foundation for helping me, I couldn't do it without your support." Earl Hendrickson

"Last year was the best year of my life, and I cannot be more grateful that I was able to attend the school of my dreams with the help of the Greater Denfeld Foundation, as well as the support of my family and friends, and the school itself. I was more than satisfied with not just my grades, but all the output I was able to do from my classes. I created some of the best artworks in my time as an artist, discovered new passions, and met some incredible people last year. Thank you." Hartley Bauer

"My first year was amazing. I'm still very interested in the major I'm studying. The money from this scholarship has helped me so much. Thank you!!!!!" Jacob Snyder

"Because of the generous support of the GDF, I was able to study abroad in London for a semester. It was one of the best things I've ever done and it would not have been possible without my scholarship." Katelyn Mayne

“This past year I was able to start the clinical portion of my nursing education. I really enjoyed beginning to have hands-on practice of my future career in the real world. I would like to thank the Foundation for awarding me this scholarship which has allowed me the opportunity to pursue higher education in a field that I am interested in and can make a difference with.” Emily Tusken

“I am very thankful for this scholarship as it continues to make my education achievable for me.” Eleisa Boles

“Overall, I had a great first year of college. Met many new awesome people, learned a lot, and grew even more sure of my plans to pursue math and computer science as my subject area of study. I am very appreciative of the financial assistance from this Foundation that has helped me pursue my academic goals.” Tristan Zook

“Being able to attend CSS has been such a great opportunity. Being a 2020 graduate from Denfeld High school I still feel as if I missed a part of my education. But, having the accomplishment of earning my AA degree and getting closer to my Bachelors, feels as if it fills that hole. Being able to have this scholarship has been such a privilege that I am thankful for.” Zianne Peters

“By far, this year has been my favorite. I was able to meet many new people and form a lot of friendships, along with gaining new experiences. And I really appreciate receiving this scholarship because it has taken a lot of financial stress off my shoulders. It has allowed me to be able to experience a more full college experience, instead of worrying about the next payment I need to make. Thank you!” Abigail Roberts

“I had a wonderful school year at Madison this past year. I met many amazing people at college and grew a lot as a person. I greatly thank the Foundation for helping me be able to attend this amazing school.” Lauren Scott

“I had a wonderful first year of college. I became very involved with the school and am currently involved as the Student Senate Financial Affairs Chair, manager of the school paper, and the special events coordinator on Special Events and Experiences for Katies.” Madeline Bjonskaas

“I would say finding what I actually wanted to do with my life is a major highlight. For the longest time I thought I wanted to do psychology but I had to learn the hard way that making that my career wasn't for me. I feel that education is where I am meant to be and I have proven this to myself by working as a camp counselor. Improving my grades second semester was another highlight. I learned so much about the world and myself at college that I could probably write you an essay!” Vivian Shaffer

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