

2010 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Recipients

Zonta International is pleased to announce the 12 international recipients of the 2010 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships.

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Kelly Leanne Laidlaw (Canada)

Kelly demonstrates the impact of creativity meeting analytics. She holds an Honors Bachelor of Applied Arts degree in Fashion Design from Ryerson University in Toronto, Ontario. After gaining seven years professional experience as a Senior Designer and Product Development Manager, she chose to pursue her Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) at the John Molson School of Business in Montreal, Quebec.

Kelly prides herself on not only her strong academic achievement but also her involvement in the Concordia community. She has been involved with many executive committees including Vice President Marketing for the Women in Business Club, Vice President Sustainability for the MBA International Case Competition and Communications Officer for the International Community Outreach Program (iCOP).

During her studies, Kelly had the opportunity to participate in a two-month volunteer work placement in Uganda where she provided consulting and mentoring services to local entrepreneurs while working with a non-profit organization. She also developed and taught a young women's empowerment program for girls aged 12-18.

Kelly is eager to re-enter the workforce and put to use her creative, analytic and philanthropic skills in the corporate world within the fields of marketing, communications and strategy.



Maryana Pleskanka (USA)

Maryana is currently pursuing a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Finance with a minor in Psychology at Baruch College. She has excelled both in and outside the classroom, supplementing her academic classes with a variety of extracurricular and volunteer activities.

Maryana is a member of the Financial Women's Association Mentorship Program and the Financial Leadership Program. She created a business development plan for Financiers Without Borders, a startup not-for-profit that creates finance-related opportunities abroad for undergraduate students, and helped to send 8 volunteers to Bangkok on a two-week microfinance project. She has also held various leadership positions, including business development associate, Vice President of marketing and national conference coordinator for AIESEC, a student-run not-for-profit organization that facilitates international internships. Off campus, Maryana volunteers monthly at the Global Rehabilitation Center as a bookkeeper, recording revenues and expenditures and creating financial statements.

Throughout her undergraduate career, Maryana has actively explored all available career opportunities by accepting a number of internships. This past summer, she worked for Goldman Sachs, supporting their asset management team in the operations division.

Maryana plans to pursue an MBA within a few years of receiving her undergraduate degree. She hopes to integrate her knowledge and passion for the Korean language and Asian culture, as well as her passion and aptitude for leadership, into her professional career in the future.



Ashley Lynn Ross (USA)

Ashley is a senior accounting major at St. Bonaventure University, pursuing a dual BBA/MBA degree in accounting which she expects to complete in May of 2012.

Attending a Franciscan university has taught Ashley the value of giving back to others. At St. Bonaventure, she has been involved with numerous service and volunteer opportunities. As a member of Students in Free Enterprise, Ashley volunteers as a tax preparer for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. She is also a member of the service organization, Bona Responds, through which she has had the opportunity to participate in a number of local service opportunities, including a major flood relief project in Gowanda, New York. She is also a leader in the university as a member of the Bonaventure Accounting Association, peer mentor for a freshman 101 class, statistics lab tutor and assistant internship coordinator.



Ashley plans to graduate with a Master's degree in accounting and hopes to obtain a full-time position as an auditor and CPA with one of the big four accounting firms, as she is impressed by not only their reputation for being the best and brightest but also for their extensive service and

philanthropy. She hopes to continue serving her community throughout her career and hopes to one day have the means to give back to scholarship programs like the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship program because she believes education is one of the most valuable things a young woman can have.

Caitlin Marie Figaro (USA)

Service and advocacy on behalf of women and minorities has always been an important part of Caitlin's life. She is an avid volunteer at the local church daycare and humane society. In addition, Caitlin has started a volunteer inner-city cheerleading camp for economically



disadvantaged children to honor the memory of her 15 year-old cousin who has been missing since April 2004. Caitlin also believes strongly in the value of conservation and has worked for environmental causes in both the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Kuranda Rainforest of Australia.

Caitlin received her undergraduate degree in marketing with a minor in international business from Capital University in May 2010. On campus, she is the co-founder and vice-president of the first recognized Latino organization in the history of Capital University. She is a tour guide, hosts prospective students on overnight visits, and serves on the minority scholarship committee as an interviewer. According to her internship advisor, "Caitlin has learned to manage her time effectively and efficiently, and is able to balance school, work, volunteering, and family in a way in which she finds success and fulfillment. She sets goals for herself and always strives to accomplish them, no matter what challenges she may endure along the way."

Caitlin recently completed a semester abroad at the University of Melbourne in Australia, where she deepened her understanding of global marketing and the business world. Caitlin's goal is to become a successful business leader and entrepreneur. She would like to become the kind of professional that can live up to the overwhelming responsibilities that globalization brings, protecting against exploitation and ensuring that all the world reaps its benefits.

Ngan Thu Vu (Vietnam)

Ngan originally came to the United States as an exchange student during her senior year of high school. After graduation, she chose to further her education by attending college in the US. She is currently a senior at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee where she is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in accounting and finance.

Studying at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee has given Ngan many opportunities to learn, grow and achieve her goals. She is actively involved with student organizations at the university, including the Black and Gold Committee and Delta Sigma Pi, where she has developed her leadership skills and expanded her professional network. Based on her



academic record, Ngan was one of only 30 students accepted to the Business Scholars Program, which provides additional academic challenges and field-related opportunities for exceptional students in the School of Business.

Ngan has also excelled outside the classroom. She is an intern in the asset management department at Robert W. Baird, where she has continued to build her knowledge while gaining valuable real world experience. On campus, she is a student assistant at the Center for International Education where she assists other international students at the university.

After receiving her undergraduate degree, Ngan plans to pursue a Master's degree and eventually a career in accounting.

Kathleen Marie Ritter (USA)

Kathleen is pursuing a Bachelor's of Science degree in accounting and finance at Minnesota State University, Mankato. She is a dedicated student who would like to look back on her academic career and appreciate where hard work and commitment has led her, and her academic record is proof of her commitment to her studies.



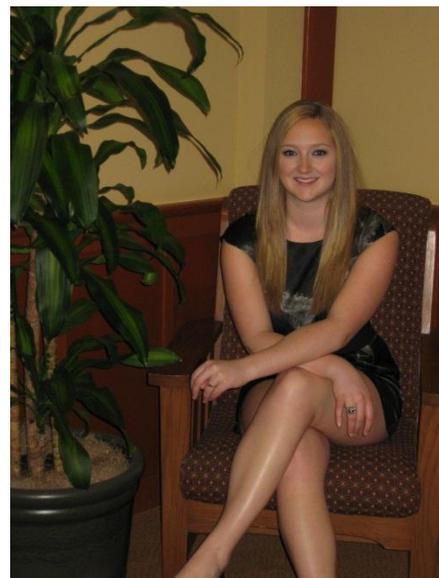
In addition to maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average, Kathleen is captain of the Minnesota State University Women's Golf Team, Vice President of Scholarships & Awards for Delta Sigma Pi, a co-ed professional business fraternity, and member of the Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society.

Kathleen's professional goals include passing the Certified Public Accountant examination to become a practicing CPA in the field of public accounting. After gaining knowledge of the industry, she would like to become a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and manager her own financial planning firm. Earning her CFP license will enable her to employ her passion for helping others by allowing her to help her clients achieve a financially comfortable life.

Candice Brooke Randall (USA)

Named one of Oregon State's 2010 Waldo-Cummings Outstanding Student Award winners, Candice has devoted her academic career to being a well-rounded student. In addition to maintaining a 3.94 grade point average, Candice is involved with numerous organizations on and off campus including: Vice President of Alpha Kappa Psi Co-ed Professional Business Fraternity, Vice President of Planning to Achieve Collegiate Excellence for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS), a member of The Dean's Professional Women's Business Network, Oregon State Management Club, Golden Key International Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Candice also spends time giving back to her community. According to her honors college advisor, "What is most impressive about Candice is her passion to help others less fortunate than herself. Her involvement with organizations such as the Jackson Street Youth Shelter,

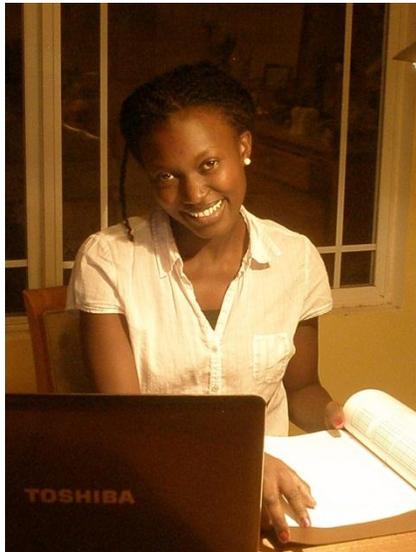


the Stone Soup Kitchen, and projects such as tutoring elementary age children in math and encouraging middle school students to attend college through an organized March to College Day sets her apart from her peers. These co-curricular commitments signify Candice's abilities and contribution to the betterment of her community." Candice also enjoys international service opportunities. During spring break 2010, she traveled to Morelia, Mexico to teach elementary students English and help local small businesses.

Candice will receive a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in Honors Management and Finance and an option in International Business from Oregon State University in December 2011. After completion of her undergraduate degree, Candice would like to continue her education at one of the top ten M.B.A programs and eventually hold a leadership position at a Fortune 500 company where she can positively influence a team to reach a strategy that integrates corporate social responsibility and has a positive impact on company stakeholders.

Linda Magara (Uganda)

Linda Magara is an international student studying at the Master's College in Santa Clarita, California. She was born in a small village in Western Uganda called Ibanda. For much of her childhood, her father was a soldier. In her father's prolonged absences, Linda's mother



singlehandedly raised the children for more than ten years. She worked hard with the little she had to provide a better quality of life for the family and emphasized the importance of education. Because of this Linda excelled in school and was able to attend some of the best schools on academic merit. One such school was Aga Khan High School, where she was enrolled in the international baccalaureate program, an education which emphasized innovation, creativity and community impact.

Because of the values instilled by the international baccalaureate program, Linda began to closely observe people's way of life in a local impoverished area. Linda began to see the life-changing power education and particularly financial education could have for her community; it became her long-term goal. Linda desires to one day start a financial literacy program also offering life skills, talent development, English, computer literacy, and free small business advice. Linda was fortunate enough to be admitted into The Master's College to study business. She is gaining the education necessary to develop her financial literacy curriculum, while also working part time in her field to gain the practical experience needed. She plans to return home after her graduation to start serving the community, building the trust and relationships needed to start her program.

Patra Delores Brannon (USA)

Patra Brannon is a second-year student in Rice University's full-time MBA program. She has a Bachelor's of Science in Finance from Iowa State University and previously worked for four years as an internal auditor, two years as an executive contract recruiter, and started her own personal concierge business prior to entering business school.

While her passion is entrepreneurship, as she hopes to launch several businesses in the short and long-term future, Patra has



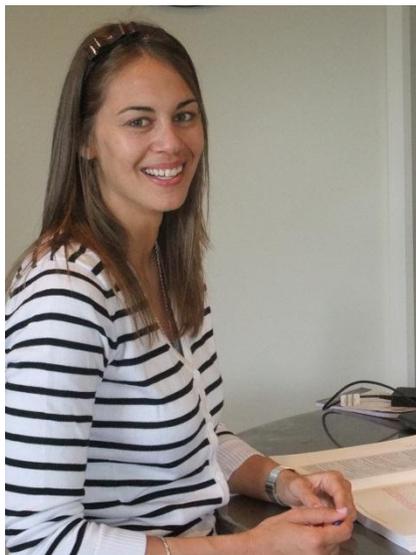
also taken a strong interest in human resources management. She completed a summer internship at Merck Pharmaceuticals and plans to work for ExxonMobil as a human resources advisor after graduation.

Patra has been an active student in the business school, serving as first-year Vice President of the Marketing Club where she organized a marketing research symposium for the school, president of the Human Resources Club, board member of the Black Business Student Association, and an admissions counselor.

Patra was recently chosen as 1 of 3 classmates (out of her class of 115) to be featured in the Houston Business Journal as an MBA All Star for her school. She also volunteers with the National Black MBA Association, serving as a mentor for its Leaders of Tomorrow program for high school students. Patra has thoroughly enjoyed her MBA experience and the opportunities she has been given. She is extremely grateful to the women of Zonta International for considering her a worthwhile candidate to exemplify women in business, and she looks forward to giving back to the organization in the future.

Hannah E. Broederlow (New Zealand)

Hannah recently completed her Bachelor of Commerce degree in finance at Massey University. Previously, she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Otago, New Zealand. She has always intended to study both science and business, as the combination enables her to use both her strong analytical and problem solving abilities.



In addition to her strong academic record, Hannah is a passionate netball player, playing for the New Zealand Under 21 Team and the ANZ Trans-Tasman Pulse Franchise team. She has also volunteered as a coach at Columbia College, Dunedin and a variety of junior teams.

Hannah finds finance incredibly stimulating and is looking forward to a successful career in corporate finance where she will have the opportunity to counsel a range of businesses and assist them in enhancing growth, competitiveness and profitability. She has been appointed as a Graduate Analyst at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Auckland, a position which she will assume in February 2011.

Hannah plans to continue her professional development once she has entered the workforce and has therefore enrolled in the Chartered Financial Analysts Level One exam, which she will take in December 2010. In the future, she would like to be a member of Zonta International because of the important role it plays in helping women to meet their goals of becoming business leaders.

Ann-Gretchelle C. Santos (Philippines)

Gretch is currently pursuing her Master's in Business Administration degree at the University of the Philippines. She stands among the top percentile in her class and shows not only great enthusiasm but also a great passion to succeed.



Gretch consistently excels in academics. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Ateneo de Manila University with a degree in computer science in 2007. She also received the department award in computer science for exemplary performance and academic distinction.

She is an excellent leader and a cooperative team player. She has the ability to work well with different people. She has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills as the president of the Computer Society of the Ateneo. She was also a senior project manager in the corporate and financial affairs arm of the Ateneo Celadon, a Filipino-Chinese cultural organization. She shares her time and talents with others by tutoring public school elementary students and going on Tzu Chi relief and rehabilitation missions.

As a promising entrepreneur, Gretch possesses both technical and management skills to operate her own small retail shops. She was a Business Management Associate in Globe Telecom where she launched successful marketing and recruitment projects. Her professional aspiration is to join a multi-national management consulting firm after completing her MBA.

Jenny Harder (Germany)

Jenny recently completed her studies in international business languages and international business management at the Bremen University of Applied Sciences in Germany, where she was able to combine her passion for foreign cultures and languages with her passion for visual communication. During her studies, she lived in Japan for one year and participated in several intercultural design projects. She also learned to speak five languages almost fluently and could give instructions to the University's exchange students in English, German and Japanese.



Jenny enthusiastically participated in many different organizations and activities both on and off campus, including the Africa aid organization Go Ahead, Japan Forum Bremen e.V. and the Nippon Business Newsletter.

Currently, she is pursuing a postgraduate degree in visual communications in Birmingham, England where she is able to effectively combine her two passions. "I think that in our globalizing world it is very important to be able to handle cross-cultural communication efficiently. To successfully establish business relationships, a profound understanding of cultural differences is needed," says Jenny. Her aim is to gain as much international work experience as possible in order to broaden her view of cultural differences, overcome difficulties in communication and provide adequate messages in advertising and addressing customers.