



***Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation***  
*Helping young adults with CF pursue their dreams*  
**SUMMER 2018**

***From the President:***

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, in April the Scholarship Committee awarded \$94,000 of financial aid to 26 young adults with cystic fibrosis. Our scholarship recipients will attend a variety of community colleges, state universities, and private colleges, as well as vocational training. Though these young people have achieved so much, they are still in great need of our financial support, and just knowing that there are people—and strangers, at that—willing to help them obtain an education means so much to them. Your support helps them not only accomplish their goals, but deepens their sense of community, and further enkindles both their, and our, faith in the generosity of others. With these awards, CFSF has now awarded over \$1.8 million in scholarships to over 900 deserving young adults with cystic fibrosis.

Recently the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation published highlights from the 2017 patient registry which includes almost 30,000 patients from across the country. Included in these findings were life statistics for the CF adult population including 51% of CF adults have full-time or part-time jobs; 43% of the adults are married or living with a significant other; and 31% of adults with CF have a college degree. This last statistic is one that has increased significantly over the last 20 years since the inception of CFSF.

During this year's application cycle, the number of applicants was lower than in the past. When CFSF began we received around 100 applications per cycle. That number has been steadily decreasing to receiving just 50 applications in 2018. This was very puzzling to us, so we began to look at factors that may be responsible for the decline. What we found is that there are now more than 20 organizations offering scholarships specifically for students with CF. When we started this journey in 1999 we were one of the only organizations with the mission of helping young adults with CF obtain a further education. It makes us happy to see other organizations reaching out to our adult CF population in this way. My hope is someday the percentage of adults with CF with a college degree is equal to that of the entire population. Your support of CFSF will help us work towards that goal.

I wish to express my appreciation for all of those who have helped our young adults with CF pursue their dreams during the past nineteen years, and I know I am joined in this by all the recipients of the CFSF awards. Enjoy reading about one of the recent graduates who received a scholarship for the past four years as well as two new recipients.

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## *Evana Bodiker Class of 2018 at University of North Carolina*

My name is Evana Bodiker and I just graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and religious studies; my final GPA was 3.7 and I graduated with distinction. My minor, and primary focus while at UNC, was creative writing. This past year I wrote



an honors thesis in poetry, which received highest honors. For my achievements in poetry, I was awarded the Robert B. House Memorial Prize in Poetry; this is a chancellor's award given to one outstanding poet in the senior class. In April, Texas Review Press published my first chapbook of poetry, *Ephemera*. These were poems I wrote in my advanced poetry writing class during my junior year. Senior year was full of many accomplishments and I know I could not have experienced this success without the Kevin Tidwell Memorial Scholarship and support from CFSF.

Beyond poetry, my years at UNC were happy and healthy, but also extremely busy. For three years, I served on the staff of undergraduate literary and arts magazine *Cellar Door*. During senior year, I was the editor-in-chief of this magazine. I wrote columns for the student-run newspaper *The Daily Tar Heel* since summer 2015 until this semester's end. Throughout my summers, I maintained various internships and jobs. The two that gave me the most insight into what I want to pursue in the future were an editorial internship at the publishing house Algonquin Books in Chapel Hill and a teaching assistantship at Rice University through the Duke TIP program. This summer, I will return to working with Duke TIP in New Mexico for their field studies program called "Creative Writing: Unplugged."

My internships and campus experiences have led me to realize I am passionate about access to creative education. This fall, I will move to Boston and begin a one-year commitment to Artward Bound as an AmeriCorps VISTA member. Artward Bound provides arts education access to youth in underserved areas of the city. I will be a program assistant; while I will not be teaching, I will still be around kids and helping them reach their goals for future success in the creative world. After my year with AmeriCorps is complete, I hope to enroll in a Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing with a focus on poetry writing. Between now and returning to school, I will volunteer for various literary magazines and keep up with my own writing. At the beginning of August, I am attending a five-day workshop in Provincetown, MA for poetry, which was paid for generously by an NC-based foundation that provides "smiles" to patients of NC hospitals. It seems strange to say this, but the opportunities CF has provided for me are astounding.

I am incredibly lucky to have maintained good health throughout my undergraduate career. I finished in four years, which feels incredible. My lung function remained strong and despite a few colds and one minor infection, I felt like college was manageable despite my illness. Knowing that my CFSF scholarship was helping me complete my educational goals was always a comfort in any moments of distress. Instead of having to work a part-time job like many of my peers to cover expenses, I was able to focus on my studies, keep a regular exercise regimen, and enjoy the aspects of college any student should be able to enjoy.

My college years have taught me to seek resources and to not be ashamed of having an illness that might set you apart from others. In a way, I think CF is one of my main strengths. It has taught me to be persistent in adversity and to be my own advocate. It has provided me creative inspiration, which I hope will in turn help others with this illness know they are not alone. CF has taught me that my body might be limited at times, but spirit and resolve can't be chronically damaged. I am so grateful to the CFSF and to the Tidwells for providing me an amazing opportunity. Attending college had been my dream for so long. It's amazing to know I accomplished something I wasn't sure would be physically possible for me. Along with my CF care team at UNC, my family and friends, CFSF has set me on a strong path towards the future. It is my promise that in everything I do, I will plan to give back to my community as much as I can. Thank you again and again for providing means to accomplish a dream now realized.

### ***Upcoming Golf Event in the Cincinnati Area***

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tim and Ritch Dangel Memorial Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday September 22. This event includes golf, a dinner and prizes at the course. The fee for this event is \$80 per person. Proceeds from this event benefit CFSF. If you are interested in playing at this fun tournament, please contact Rick Niklas at 513-245-6021 or [RJNiklas@gmail.com](mailto:RJNiklas@gmail.com).

Tim and Ritch were brothers who both had CF. Tim died in 2001 at the age of 33 and Ritch passed away in 2006 at the age of 36. Tim worked as an architect in Cincinnati and Celina. He was waiting for a lung transplant at the time of his death. Ritch died from a rare liver disorder. At the time of his death he was the senior project manager for Messer in Dayton, Ohio. Ritch loved boating and water sports and was an accomplished “barefoot” water skier. Tim and Ritch never let cystic fibrosis keep them from living life to the fullest. Their family organizes this event in memory of the brothers and the proceeds are then awarded to one student each year who receives an \$8,000 scholarship.

### ***Upcoming Wine Tasting Event – Chicago***

The annual Chicago wine tasting to benefit CFSF is planned for the Sunday afternoon of January 27, 2019 at The Chicago History Museum. This year we will travel to Germany and Austria to enjoy wine, a bit of beer and food from the region. Our wine sponsor will be introducing our guests to wines and beers from the area. The afternoon will include a silent auction as well as a raffle and our fun Buy a Cork. We are seeking corporate sponsors for the event. Sponsorship levels are \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$10,000. If you know of any companies who might be interested in this opportunity to help our young adults with CF, please contact the office.

If you are interested in working on the committee to help promote the event, please contact us at 847-328-0127. It is a great event and we would love to have more people share this wonderful afternoon with us.

### ***Honor Someone You Love – Remember Someone You Miss***

Searching for a special gift to commemorate a birthday, anniversary, the holidays or wedding? This may be the right time for you or someone you know to help our young adults with CF pursue their dreams. It is easy to do. Fill out the enclosed envelope and send it to CFSF. We will promptly send the recipient notification of your donation and send you an acknowledgement.

### ***Amazon Smile***

Do you do shopping at Amazon? If you purchase items from Amazon please sign up for Amazon Smile. A percentage of each of your purchases is then contributed to CFSF. It is a simple way to help us provide more young adults with CF a college education. Sign-up today at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), and select the Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation, and leave the rest to Amazon!

### ***2019-2020 Scholarship Applications***

Applications for the 2019-2020 school year will be available on the website, [cfscholarship.org](http://cfscholarship.org) by the end of November. Applications will be accepted starting in mid-January. Students are notified by the third week of April of the Committee’s decision.

### ***Barb Boyer Kevin Tidwell Scholarship Recipient in 2014***

I am giving you an update on my college experience. I have not graduated yet. An accounting degree at the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay is a specialized degree, and it requires more credits. I will be graduating next May 2019 with a major in Accounting and a minor in Business Administration. I will then be taking the Certified Public Accounting Exam in the summer of 2019. My cumulative grade point average is 3.560. I ended this last spring semester with semester honors.



I plan on getting an intern job for the next upcoming semester to put my accounting skills to use. I am currently looking at internships that are with CPA firms located within Northeast Wisconsin. I spent this last semester volunteering doing income taxes as part of the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance program. This program provides assistance to those of low income people to help them file their taxes for free. I met people from different cultures, backgrounds, and those with a variety of different disabilities. Volunteering provided me with a hands-on experience as well as exposure to different types of people I never would have met. It was a very enjoyable experience. Once I graduate from the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay, I am hoping to go into tax accounting. I want to become a tax preparer.

College has been a juggling act for me. Between studying, going to classes, doing treatments, eating, exercising, and volunteering, I have been keeping busy. Having Cystic Fibrosis and juggling the rest of my activities has taught me to have effective time management skills.

College can be a scary experience at first for those living with a chronic disease like Cystic Fibrosis. I was also a first-generation college student, so I really was not sure what I was getting myself into when I started college. I found throughout my college experience that being open about living with Cystic Fibrosis and finding good friends can make college a rewarding experience and make the experience not as scary.

I want to thank the Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation for all the help I have received over the last four years. I would have had to take out huge loans to pay for my college expenses if I didn't receive the financial help. College has been a rewarding experience, and I appreciate all the help.

### ***2018-2019 Scholarship Recipient***

Dear Friends of CFSF:

I wanted to take this opportunity to both thank you very much for the generous scholarship, as well as update you on my first year of college. I was thankfully able to thrive at the University of the Sciences, in the beautiful city of Philadelphia my first year, both health wise and socially. I completely acclimated myself to the University and my colleagues, and I'm super happy that I got to meet so many new people and make tons of new friends! Truly, thanks to your incredible scholarship, and thanks to the CF advances made throughout my lifetime, I didn't miss a beat socially, academically, or clinically. I was asked to be part of multiple different clubs and I got to spend time with many people across all years of the University, I maintained a 3.3 GPA, and I put on 15 pounds (muscle, of course!) while increasing my PFT numbers by nearly 10!



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As far as keeping up with everything and everyone, I'd say that my freshmen year was a resounding success, and it is all thanks to people like you who are lovely enough to offer scholarships such as the one granted to me. Freshmen year of college is a distant dream of a lot of CF kids. For the lucky few who do make it, their first year is often a medical setback, as they can't take control of their health responsibility. I am truly blessed to not only be hospital-free my freshman year, but to be thriving! I helped my intramural soccer team win first place in the school, scoring a goal every playoff game! I am truly honored, and beyond grateful, for the opportunity you have given me, and you better believe I'm not about to squander it.

Thanks again, and my best wishes for your upcoming summer.

*McKenzie*

Dear Friends of CFSF:

I am honored to be a recipient of the Kevin Tidwell Memorial Scholarship. Thanks to your generous support, I will be able to comfortably attend the college of my dreams.

I have graduated high school in the top ten percent of my graduating class and participated in various academic activities such as Academic Decathlon and Book Club as well as volunteer-based clubs like Key Club. In school, I found my passion of mathematics and enthusiasm for the French culture; with your support, I will be an incoming freshman at Trinity College with a double major in economics and French. I plan to conduct research connecting these two seemingly astray topics by investigating the effect of language on economic outcomes by advancing Nobel Prize winner Richard Thaler's theory that human traits (such as primary language) affect individual decisions which have massive potential to catalyze dramatic changes in market outcomes. In addition, I hope to study abroad to further my interest in foreign languages and strengthen my grasp on foreign economics as well.

By awarding me the Kevin Tidwell Memorial Scholarship, I am able to concentrate on my education; your financial generosity will allow me to inch closer to my dreams and prosper without worrying about the financial aspect of college. I hope one day I will be able to help students as you have helped me.

*Bhavna*

Dear Friends of CFSF:



My name is Elizabeth Shea. Thank you for your support of CFSF. I am going to be a senior at Stetson University as a Music Education and Music Performance double-major and I am thankful to have received a scholarship this year.

As a senior music major, I will have a very busy schedule. I will need to be preparing and practicing for my senior recital, which is a requirement of my performance major. For my education degree, I need to prepare for my senior internship.

I'm writing this while I am home for the summer and this scholarship is something I'm very grateful for. I am currently taking a couple of online summer classes and have a part-time job. In a few weeks, I will be a counselor for a flute workshop at my university and then I will attend the national convention for my music sorority.

Thank you so much for contributing to the CFSF and helping to make it possible for me to continue my degree at Stetson.

I hope you have a wonderful summer.

*Elizabeth*

## Scholarship Winners for 2018-2019 Announced

The Cystic Fibrosis Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the twenty-six scholarships awarded in April 2018. The following students have been awarded multi-year scholarships:

Waco Bays	Kentucky	Holly Beasley	North Carolina
Alec Feygin	Illinois	Hayden Jenkins	Alabama
Chanlar Mann	Kentucky	Charles Meserve	Colorado
Cameryn Rasmussen	Kansas	Walker Ridgeway	Tennessee
McKenzie Schneider	Montana	Miguel Washington	New York
Kelsey Wessels	Ohio	Zoe Wigginton	Wisconsin

The following students have been awarded single year scholarships:

Joy Arnold	Arizona	Joseph Delaporta	Massachusetts
Riley Demanche	Massachusetts	Zoe Favro	New York
Sandi Minor	Alabama	William Rink	Colorado
Ashley Wilson	California		

We are pleased to announce that the recipient of the Kevin Tidwell Memorial Scholarship is Bhavna Mammoni. She will receive \$2500 per year for four years. She is from Delaware and will be attending Trinity College in Connecticut in the fall where she will study economics. This scholarship is made possible by the generous donation of \$10,000 from the Kevin Tidwell Foundation.

A scholarship in memory of Glen Parsons has also been funded by the Kevin Tidwell Foundation. Glen was a founding member of the Kevin Tidwell Foundation who donated his time and energy to that organization for over twenty years. This \$10,000 scholarship was awarded to Anna Rogers. Anna is from Virginia and will attend the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill in the fall. Anna will be studying neuroscience at UNC.

Jeremy Jones has been awarded the Tim and Ritch Dangel Memorial Scholarship of \$8,000 over 4 years. Jeremy is from Maryland and will be attending Brigham Young University in the fall where he plans to study business. This award has been made possible by the fundraising efforts of the family of Tim and Ritch Dangel in Ohio. The family sponsored a golf tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio and the proceeds were donated to fund this scholarship.

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the Jill M. Balboni Memorial Scholarship funded by the LiveLearnBreathe Foundation. Each winner will receive a \$2,500 award for the 2018-2019 school year. Elizabeth Shea lives in Florida and attends Stetson University where she will be a senior studying music performance and music education. Emily Apakian is from Pennsylvania and attends the University of Notre Dame. She will be a senior in the fall and studies chemical engineering.

Allison Brooklyn and Madeline Bertrand are each recipients of the Michael Gaddes Memorial Scholarships funded by the Michael Gaddes Foundation in Michigan. Each student will receive \$2000 per year for two years. Allison lives in Tennessee and will be attending Pellissippi State Community College to study Business Management. Madeline is from Illinois and plans to study marine biology.

We wish to congratulate all our award recipients as well as all our applicants and wish them all the best in their studies this fall. Congratulations to all!