



*Barbara J. Green Scholarship Fund*

2025-26

Thanks to your continued investment in the Barbara J. Green Scholarship Fund, more than 50 students from Western Iowa receive meaningful financial support each year. This assistance not only eases the burden of undergraduate expenses — it also empowers students to pursue internships and advanced degrees, including a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Your additional support of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Completion and Emergency Grants Fund plays a critical role in helping students overcome financial hardship and stay on track toward earning their degrees. Thank you!

## Barbara J. Green Scholarships

For the 2025-26 academic year, 40 students received a total of \$120,000 in financial support from the Barbara J. Green Scholarship Fund. The recipients are featured in this report.



### **Aiden Shipman**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Major:** Industrial Technology

**Year:** Senior

*“Since I was a little kid all I dreamed about was being an engineer and making the world a better place. At Iowa State, I am gaining the tools to do just that. I am eager to continue learning and growing in my field.”*

### **Ariah Shaw-Caldwell**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Major:** Biology

**Year:** First Year

*“I am a freshman at Iowa State University studying biology on the pre-med track. Thank you very much for believing in my capability to achieve great things in my future as I pursue my dream in practicing medicine.”*



### **Avery Heller**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Major:** Biology

**Year:** Senior

*“I am not yet set on a future career path after college; however, I know I will end up in the healthcare field as my passion is helping others. Having the ability to study here at Iowa State and discover what I love and want to do in my future has been nothing short of an unforgettable and life-changing experience. I am thankful to the Community Foundation for supporting my education at Iowa State.”*



### **Ben Hansen**

**Hometown:** Honey Creek, Iowa

**Major:** Agricultural Studies

**Year:** Sophomore

*“I had a great first year at Iowa State — I enjoyed going to football games, enjoying fall on campus and I joined the Farm Operations Club. Additionally, I qualified for the dean’s list my first semester! I am excited for my second year at Iowa State, and I am very appreciative of this scholarship helping me to make the most of my time while pursuing my education.”*



### **Carlita McCoy**

**Hometown:** Villisca, Iowa

**Major:** Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation and Ecology

**Year:** Senior

*“My goal after I finish my degree at Iowa State is to become a wildlife biologist in the state of Iowa or to become a zookeeper. My love for animals has always been a big part of my life. Thank you very much for awarding me this scholarship to assist me in turning my love for animals into a career.”*

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### **Davis McGrew**

**Hometown:** Emerson, Iowa

**Major:** Agricultural Studies

**Year:** Senior

*“The knowledge, insight, and networking that I will gain from my education at Iowa State will be truly valuable in my future endeavors. It is a blessing to get the opportunity to attend Iowa State University. Thank you for your financial assistance, which makes it possible.”*

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### **December McGrew**

**Hometown:** Emerson, Iowa

**Major:** Agronomy

**Year:** Senior

*“I grew up on my family farm helping with the day-to-day operations, so I understand the importance of agriculture and farming. I chose to major in agronomy to reach my goal of becoming a more knowledgeable farmer to improve the practices on my family farm as well as improving the future of agriculture and farming.”*

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### **Elizabeth Flahive**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Major:** Animal Science

**Year:** Junior

*“Education has always been a central part of my life — both through my own schooling and through the influence of my mom, who is a teacher. She has consistently encouraged me to pursue academic success, and I’m incredibly grateful for her support. Ever since I was young, I’ve dreamed of becoming a veterinarian. While I plan to work toward getting into veterinary school, I’m also considering a master’s degree in animal breeding and genetics as a strong alternative.”*

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### **Emma Grashorn**

**Hometown:** Treynor, Iowa

**Major:** Animal Science

**Year:** Sophomore

*“After completing my undergraduate education majoring in animal science, I hope to attend Iowa State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine to become a small animal veterinarian, focusing on companion animals. I am honored to be one of this year’s recipients of the Barbara J. Green Scholarship as it is allowing me to pursue my animal science degree at Iowa State.”*



**Grace Madsen**

**Hometown:** Turin, Iowa

**Major:** Animal Ecology

**Year:** Sophomore

*“I am entering my second year of college, but my first year with this major and I’m eager to get started. I grew up on a farm around animals, which is the main reason I want to major in animal ecology. I am interested in learning more about careers that focus on conservation or working for the DNR.”*

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**Grace Nightser**

**Hometown:** Glenwood, Iowa

**Major:** Animal Science

**Year:** Senior

*“I hope to apply to veterinary school this fall, with my long-term goal of becoming a production animal veterinarian somewhere close to my hometown. Without a college degree, I would be unable to do the job I have dreamed of having for as long as I can remember.”*

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**Grant Juon**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Majors:** Biology

**Year:** Senior

*“I aspire to become a sports orthopedic surgeon, a career path that aligns with my passion for medicine and helping athletes recover and perform at their best. Receiving this scholarship means a great deal to me. Pursuing higher education is both a personal and financial challenge, as I am responsible for funding my college education on my own. This scholarship allows me to focus more on my academic and professional development without the added burden of financial stress.”*

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**Grant Karr**

**Hometown:** Treynor, Iowa

**Major:** Agricultural Business

**Year:** Sophomore

*“During my time at Iowa State, I hope to gain a better understanding of the finances, management, and stress of running a farm operation to bring back and continue my family’s farm. Iowa State has strong roots in agriculture, and I am proud to be part of it.”*

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**Hannah Thomas**

**Hometown:** Wiota, Iowa

**Major:** Agricultural Communications

**Year:** First Year

*“This fall I am majoring in agricultural communications, hoping to take this degree back home and help agricultural companies in my area. Thank you so much for selecting me for the Barbra J. Green Scholarship.”*

**Isaac Grundman**

**Hometown:** Lenox, Iowa  
**Major:** Agricultural Business  
**Year:** Senior

*“I want to truly thank the people supporting this fund for helping me change my life by making my schooling more affordable.”*

**Jack Walter**

**Hometown:** Creston, Iowa  
**Major:** Agricultural Studies  
**Year:** Junior

*“Your generosity is not only a financial gift — it is a source of motivation. Knowing that someone believes in me, encourages me to keep working hard, and striving for excellence. I look forward to one day giving back and helping other students the way you’ve helped me.”*



**Jacob Coon**

**Hometown:** Avoca, Iowa  
**Major:** Agricultural Studies  
**Year:** Junior

*“I have signed a job offer at AGRILAND FS in Avoca, Iowa, as a crop specialist. My education is very important to me because I take pride in being a student here, and it feels great to know that I will graduate from Iowa State and that I will forever be a Cyclone.”*



**James McDonald**

**Hometown:** Stanton, Iowa  
**Major:** Agricultural Business  
**Year:** First Year

*“At Iowa State, I will be pursuing a degree in agriculture. My goal is to help future generations through agriculture while working outside as much as I can. I truly believe Iowa State’s agriculture program will help me do this.”*



**Joaquin Wailes**

**Hometown:** Wiota, Iowa  
**Major:** Agricultural Business  
**Year:** Sophomore

*“During my time at Iowa State, I plan to study agriculture business, agronomy, and beef production. My education is extremely important for my future — my dreams for my future include returning to southwest Iowa and working in the agronomy field as well as someday owning my own feedlot.”*



**Kelly Beall**

**Hometown:** Malvern, Iowa  
**Major:** Forestry  
**Year:** Senior

*“With my degree, I hope to start a career in protecting, managing, and restoring Iowa’s native forests and prairies. This scholarship helps me to free up time and energy to focus on studying and building skills in forestry. The more I learn and study, the better the work will be in my future field.”*



**Kennedy DeVries**

**Hometown:** Red Oak, Iowa

**Major:** Agricultural Business

**Year:** Sophomore

*“Barbara Green’s commitment and dedication to agriculture is truly inspiring to young students, such as me. Her family’s farm has served as a cornerstone to sustainable agriculture, operating for over 100 years. Her dedication to preserving her family’s farm, despite many opportunities to sell, reflects a deep-rooted passion for the agriculture industry — a passion that we share together. Growing up on a family farm, just as Barbara did, has instilled in me a profound appreciation for the individuals in agriculture. Just as she upheld her family legacy, I am committed to continuing her legacy through my future educational and career endeavors.”*



**Kiara Dutler**

**Hometown:** Holstein, Iowa

**Major:** Agricultural Studies

**Year:** Junior

*“My goal is to improve lives for future generations through food, habitat, and product resources provided through studying agriculture and animal science. My hope is to come back to rural Ida County, Iowa, to pursue a career in agriculture, possibly in the agronomy area, but I am still open to exploring more areas of the agriculture field. I look forward to working alongside other farm families in our rural area to promote and improve the agriculture field. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to be a recipient of the Barbara J. Green Scholarship.”*



**Kiley Wathen**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Major:** Biology

**Year:** Senior

*“When I complete my bachelor’s degree, I want to either go into veterinary medicine or wildlife rehabilitation. I’ve always known that animal care is where I belong, and this scholarship is one of the stepping stones helping me achieve my goals.”*



**Lainey DeVries**

**Hometown:** Red Oak, Iowa

**Major:** Agricultural Business

**Year:** Senior

*“Growing up on my family’s diversified livestock and row crop operation sparked my passion for agriculture and has shaped my career aspirations. After graduation, I hope to return to southwestern Iowa and work directly with farmers in the region, helping them make informed decisions to improve the profitability and sustainability of their operations. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting students like me who are eager to make an impact in the agricultural industry.”*



### **Lucas Greenwood**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Major:** Horticulture

**Year:** First Year

*“I am majoring in horticulture, specializing in turfgrass science and management. I am excited about the challenges and learning experiences that lie ahead this year as I embark on my first year of college. This scholarship will give me the chance to get the quality education and hands-on experience that I need to achieve my dreams of owning my own business and being a leader and innovator in my field.”*

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### **Lucas Hug**

**Hometown:** Silver City, Iowa

**Major:** Biology

**Year:** Senior

*“My career interests lie in aquatic systems and conservation practices. The opportunity to study at Iowa State and gain hands-on experience in my field has been invaluable, and your support through this scholarship helps make that possible. The field of biology is vital to our society, and I am passionate about making meaningful contributions through research.”*

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### **Luke Seidler**

**Hometown:** Underwood, Iowa

**Major:** Agricultural Business

**Year:** Junior

*“Barbara’s story is truly inspiring. It can be enticing to consider selling farmland to developers, so it is encouraging to hear about people like Barbara who value farmland and who want to support new generations of farmers. I am eager to learn more about the agricultural industry at Iowa State University so that I can be a successful agricultural equipment salesman or possibly a seed salesman.”*

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### **Mason Herman**

**Hometown:** Missouri Valley, Iowa

**Major:** Animal Science

**Year:** Senior

*“I have dreamed of becoming a veterinarian since I was a little kid, and this scholarship brings me a step closer to being able to achieve my goal. My educational and career goals are very important to me as they give me a way to grow, promote animal health, and give back to my community.”*

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### **Matthew Lutz**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Major:** Microbiology

**Year:** Sophomore

*“I am passionate about microbiology, and I aspire to have a career in research. I am committed to making the most of being a recipient of this prestigious scholarship by working hard to achieve my full potential in my studies. I am particularly excited about the opportunity to explore my interests in microbiology, virology, and genetics, and potentially participate in research related to one of these fascinating fields.”*



**McKenna Koehler**

**Hometown:** Glenwood, Iowa

**Major:** Animal Science

**Year:** Junior

“Since starting at Iowa State, I have become an active member of several organizations and am employed by the Department of Horticulture, where I work diligently to keep things organized and running smoothly. This past summer, I was fortunate to participate in a two-week travel trip across the United Kingdom with professors and fellow students to learn about agriculture in another country. I am deeply grateful for your investment in my future, and I am determined to make the most of my time at Iowa State University to prepare myself for a successful career in animal science.”

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**Mckenzie McMorris**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Major:** Animal Science

**Year:** First Year

“Thank you for allowing me to be an awardee of the Barbara J. Green Scholarship. I am on the pre-vet track where I hope to become a large and possibly small animal veterinarian.”



**Mira Oberdorfer**

**Hometown:** Neola, Iowa

**Major:** Biology

**Year:** Junior

“As I approach my senior year in college as a biology major, I look back on the struggles and hardships I have overcome to achieve what I have today and would like to thank you for your help in allowing me to continue my education.”



**Nick Denning**

**Hometown:** Avoca, Iowa

**Major:** Industrial Technology

**Year:** Senior

“This scholarship supported my internship this past summer at Menards Distribution Center in Shelby, Iowa. This was an invaluable opportunity for me to apply what I’ve learned in the classroom to real world projects.”



**Olivia DeWitt**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Major:** Biology

**Year:** First Year

“I am excited for my next four years of education at Iowa State, as it will give me all the experiences, opportunities, and knowledge that will help me reach my career goals where I aspire to work in a national park. As a recipient of the Barbara J. Green Scholarship, I would like to thank you for your belief in me.”



**Owen Ott**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Major:** Animal Science

**Year:** Senior

*“I am honored to be considered and selected for the Barbara J. Green Scholarship. Thank you for this opportunity and support.”*



**Payton Johnsen**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Major:** Animal Science

**Year:** First Year

*“I’m majoring in animal sciences on the pre-vet track. As an aspiring veterinarian, this scholarship is a huge benefit to me as I begin the transition from high school to college.”*



**Ren Johnson**

**Hometown:** Glenwood, Iowa

**Major:** Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation and Ecology

**Year:** Senior

*“I am majoring in animal ecology with a focus of wildlife and wildlife care. I have always wanted to work with animals, or in research to apply knowledge about how wildlife is impacted by a variety of factors.”*



**Ruby Patomson**

**Hometown:** Neola, Iowa

**Major:** Biology

**Year:** Junior

*“I grew up not sure of what I wanted to do for my career, but I always had a unique love for animals. I genuinely believe I am on the right track with my current major for what my aspirations are for my future. I am so grateful for the opportunities this scholarship provides!”*



**Sophie Thomas**

**Hometown:** Harlan, Iowa

**Major:** Microbiology

**Year:** Senior

*“I have spent the last two years as a student at Iowa Western University and am so excited to begin my journey at Iowa State with the help of this scholarship. I am majoring in microbiology with a hope of one day being a lab clinician, where I am diagnosing and doing lab work.”*

**William Tallman**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Major:** Biology

**Year:** Senior

*“I am majoring in biology and plan on becoming a marine biologist and habitat restorationist. Knowing I have your support at this important point in my life makes me so excited to follow through on my career path and give back however I can.”*

## Veterinary Medicine Scholarships

A total of \$40,000 was awarded for the 2025-26 academic year to four veterinary medicine students.



### **Aaron Gust**

**Hometown:** Audubon, Iowa

**Year:** Second Year

*“I am honored to be the recipient of the Barbara J. Green Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your generous support that will allow me to continue my education in the field that I have an extreme passion and drive for.*

*My hometown was a very small, agriculturally centered town in southwest Iowa that allowed me to experience many different aspects of production agriculture. Along with my family, I started my personal beef cow herd that I enjoy working and caring for. I fell in love with livestock production at young age where health and medicine became the forefront of my dream. I am truly excited to become a veterinarian, with my main focus on beef cattle and swine medicine.”*

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### **Caitlin Ehrlich**

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa

**Year:** Third Year

*“Originally from Council Bluffs, Iowa, in Pottawattamie County, I was deeply touched to learn about Barbara J. Green’s legacy and her connection to family and agriculture in the area. Learning about how she grew up on the farm with Holstein cows especially resonated with me, as it was during my time as an undergraduate at Iowa State University that I fell in love with large animal medicine.*

*Over the past several years, I have sought opportunities to help prepare me for someday returning to the area where I am from and providing support to the farmers and communities that I am so deeply passionate about. This scholarship is a significant help in continuing my journey and moving forward with my dreams of providing high-quality veterinary care to rural communities and farmers.”*



## **Jeremy Miller**

**Hometown:** Avoca, Iowa

**Year:** Second Year

*“I was drawn to the veterinary field because it was a career path that I knew would challenge me, and it would allow me to work with animals while helping people who cared for them. I’ve had opportunities to gain experience across many areas of veterinary medicine. This past summer, my training for the Army Reserves consisted of two weeks of training at a mixed animal practice.*

*This scholarship allows me to focus on school, clubs, and making time for myself when I can during the school year. I will be able to enjoy my holiday breaks a little more with family and friends. I would also like to do some traveling next summer and intern at a few veterinary clinics.”*

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## **Morgan Kirsch**

**Hometown:** West Side, Iowa

**Year:** Third Year

*“My career goal is to join a rural veterinary clinic back home in western Iowa practicing mixed-animal medicine. After a few years of mentorship, I hope to open a mixed-animal practice of my own and further advance my career and clientele.*

*I am truly grateful to be chosen for this scholarship and do not take it lightly. I have worked my whole life to be able to put finances towards my education and cannot thank your foundation enough for the impact you are making.”*

## Internship Scholarships

Internships offer students within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences the opportunity to experience practical application of the knowledge learned in academic courses, to explore career options, make contacts, and build networks that can assist with securing employment.

Scholarships assist with tuition and living expenses while students pursue their internship. An internship enriches a student's educational experience by combining work experience with academic performance.

Eight students received internship scholarships totaling \$24,000 for the 2025-26 academic year. Of the eight recipients, six also received the Barbara J. Green Scholarship. An additional \$15,000 is anticipated to be awarded this academic year. Enjoy learning more about the meaningful experiences these students were able to gain because of your support.



### ***Avery Heller***

**Internship Location:** Walgreens in Council Bluffs, Iowa

#### **What experiences did you gain from your internship?**

Working as a technician, I was responsible for filling prescriptions, answering customer questions about prescription costs and status, and fixing any insurance issues. I was also involved with starting the vaccine protocol and promotion for the upcoming flu season. This was an added responsibility of talking about vaccines with our customers who were eligible and letting new customers know that we had the new flu shots available. Overall, my experience this summer really helped me get my foot in the door of the pharmacy world and I learned so much!



### ***Cole Carlson***

**Internship Location:** United Bank of Iowa in Denison, Iowa

#### **What experiences did you gain from your internship?**

Throughout my internship, I assisted lenders with preparing loan documents and processing paid off loans. I also verified insurance coverage with insurance companies and completed customer requests via telephone. At the end of my internship, I created a project to present to upper management.

*“Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Barbara J. Green Scholarship award. This truly means a lot to me as I hold my academics to a high standard and always strive to do my best. After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in ag lending or finance.”*  
— Cole Carlson, senior majoring in agricultural studies



### **Kennedy DeVries**

**Internship Location:** Montgomery County Memorial Hospital in Red Oak, Iowa

#### **What experiences did you gain from your internship?**

As a finance intern, I was given creative freedom across a variety of projects. My supervisors provided guidance on where to find relevant data, and from there, I was encouraged to develop my own ideas on how to effectively present that information. I also had the opportunity to engage with colleagues, asking questions and gathering insights, which helped me shape more comprehensive and meaningful results.

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### **Lainey DeVries**

**Internship Location:** Midwest Ag Services, Inc. in Council Bluffs, Iowa

#### **What experiences did you gain from your internship?**

I worked with Donna Dostal, President and CEO of the Community Foundation for Western Iowa, to complete a press release regarding the Barbara J. Green Farms. I was interviewed alongside Evan Summy to speak about my journey from receiving the scholarship to now assisting with the management of the farms through my internship. Through this interview, I was able to speak about how impactful the scholarship has been on my education, as well as the rounded education I have gotten from the farm, now being an intern with Midwest Ag Services. It was truly a full circle moment!

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### **Lillie Devine**

**Internship Location:** Council Bluffs Veterinary Clinic in Council Bluffs, Iowa

#### **What experiences did you gain from your internship?**

The focus of my internship was on gaining experience in all phases of the clinic to better serve the professional staff and our clients. This experience has served as preparation and understanding of what I can expect when I get accepted in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State to pursue my goal of becoming a veterinarian.

*“I will be a senior this year at Iowa State University majoring in animal science. My goal will be to apply to the veterinary medicine program upon completion of my undergraduate degree. Thank you for this opportunity and support.”*

— Lillie Devine, senior majoring in animal science



### ***Luke Seidler***

**Internship Location:** AGRILAND FS in Underwood, Iowa

**What experiences did you gain from your internship?**

As an operations intern, I worked on a variety of equipment in the shop as part of the preparation needs. I would spend time with our field agronomist to develop my skills set to properly identify weeds and insects. I was also required to create a presentation to share with the management team about my experiences and the importance of the agronomy department at AGRILAND FS.

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### ***Mason Herman***

**Internship Location:** Shelby Veterinary Clinic in Shelby, Iowa

**What experiences did you gain from your internship?**

During my internship as a veterinary assistant, I observed the discussion of treatment options with clients, participated in the maintenance of our facilities, and performed under the guidance of the professional staff with anesthesia, X-rays, surgeries, and other needs as assigned.

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### ***Olivia DeWitt***

**Internship Location:** Pottawattamie County Conservation and Hitchcock Nature Center in Honey Creek, Iowa

**What experiences did you gain from your internship?**

Through my internship with the Pottawattamie County Conservation, I worked with the National Area Management team as well as the environmental education department. With the Natural Areas Management program, my task was to use the bushwhacker and cut down invasive dogwood to make room for the native prairie. With the education department, I was tasked with creating a bulletin board, on which I chose to present the native winter birds.

## CALS Completion and Emergency Grants Fund

Your support of this fund is instrumental in helping students complete their degree or providing emergency funds because of financial difficulties. The minimal funding restrictions allow students to use these awards to pay for a variety of expenses, including housing, bills, food, healthcare, tuition, books, transportation, and emergency expenses. Since this fund was established in 2018, \$252,000 has been awarded enabling 86 students to remain at Iowa State. With your generous support of \$10,000 during the 2025-26 academic year, even more students flourish at Iowa State!

### Hear how a graduate student majoring in agricultural and biosystems engineering benefited from receiving these funds.

Due to an unexpected car accident and medical bills in the fall, this student was left with no savings and began skipping meals to make ends meet. They became extremely stressed and depressed and their passion for academics and research began to fade as financial worries took over. Due to their family's own economic challenges, the student could not rely on additional support from home. Having exhausted all available financial aid resources that covered tuition and fees and already working the maximum amount allowed in their program, they sought our assistance to cover basic living expenses.

*"Receiving the CALS Completion and Emergency Grant Fund was truly life changing. While \$2,500 may not seem like much to some, to me at that point, it meant everything. I was able to clear my academic and credit card debt and buy groceries. More importantly, I'm happy again and fully focused on my research and academic goals, no longer burdened by constant financial stress. I am incredibly grateful for the generosity of the donors who made this possible. Thank you for helping me get back on track."*

— Recipient of the CALS Completion and Emergency Grants Fund

## Stewardship Report | October 2025

### Gifts Received

Date	Amount
December 2024	\$200,000.00
January 2024	\$160,000.00
September 2022	\$60,000.00
January 2022	\$60,000.00
June 2021	\$4,000.00
December 2020	\$60,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$544,000.00</b>

### 2025-26 Awards

Barbara J. Green Scholarships	\$120,000.00
Veterinary Medicine Scholarships	\$40,000.00
Internship Scholarships	\$24,000.00
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Completion and Emergency Grants Fund	\$10,000.00
Remaining balance for additional internship awards	\$15,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$209,000.00</b>



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