The Elizabeth Kearney International Scholar
Prabina Shrestha
Kathmandu, Nepal
Information Technology Major
“The morning sunlight of Aug 4th, 2008 brought the greatest surprise I had ever had. I must say that there is no better feeling than receiving the Elizabeth Kearney scholarship, which will be a great confidence-booster in achieving my goals. Thank you all who have made this scholarship possible.”

The Kuhn H. Lee International Scholar
Dahee Han
Incheon, South Korea
International Business & Marketing Double Major
“Receiving this scholarship was an honor for me and my family back home in South Korea and it came as a great surprise. It is a wonderful opportunity for me to accelerate my academic improvement and increase my volunteer time in the community as well as in society.”

The Carole & Dwain Petersen International Scholar
Amy Jun Ming Chin
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Music Major
“As the Petersen Endowment Scholar, my ambition is to reignite interest in the beauty and importance of classical music, forgotten today through competition and the popularity of modern music. This scholarship will inspire me to excel in my music, achieve my ambitions and continue my community activity at MSU.”

The Florence Sponberg International Scholar
Udeeb Shankhadev
Kathmandu, Nepal
Information Technology Major
“I thought my hard work and dedication had paid off when I got the news that I was selected for the endowment scholarship. My excitement was high and for a moment I forgot the pain I had to suffer through my junior year. I am thankful to endowment committee and dedicate myself to this legacy.”

The Louise Steele Syverson and Linda Steele Memorial Scholar
Shova Gurung
Kathmandu, Nepal
Nursing Major
“I feel honored by this scholarship. It feels great to get the financial help and encouragement of the Syversons, who are honoring their aunt and mother’s memory. This scholarship will go a long way toward my pursuit of being a nurse and extending a helping hand in the future.”

The Gladys Olson/Bill Olszewski International Scholar
Miwako Fujikata
Tokyo, Japan
Anthropology and Psychology Double Major
“The Gladys Olson/Bill Olszewski Scholarship means more than financial support. It motivates me not only to have gone to a different country this summer to have first hand experiences, but also to form solid ideas what I want to be and what I want to do in the future.” The Carole & Dwain Petersen International Scholar

The Mary Taggart International Scholar
Karishna Kamath
Udupi, India
Master’s Program: Educational Leadership
“Be the Change you wish to see,” said Mahatma Gandhi. Being a rational leader, I truly believe in the the power of hope and the miracle of education; they foster the change I wish to see in the world. I am honored to receive MSU’s International Endowment Scholarship and hope that I can continue to be an advocate for international students.”

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ENDOWMENT NEWSBRIEFS

- The International Student and Scholar Services welcomed over 180 new students this fall, bringing the total number of international students to 582. Easing of visa rules helps account for the larger number of both applications and acceptances. Nepali students now account for over one-fourth of the population, an amazing figure, considering that no special recruitment occurs there; it is all done by word of mouth. What a phenomenal-grappling!

- You will note that we have added another endowed scholarship this year: the Laura Steyer Sveinsson/Linda Steel scholarship. Chuck and Jo Syverson made the requisite contribution in honor of Chuck’s mother Louise and her sister Linda, both nurses.

- The Wally and Jean Jaax trust was added to our Endowment last year and provided the largest amount ever given. The year before, the gift from the estate of Mary Taggart was the single largest donation ever given. These two gifts have accounted for almost one-third of the Endowment funds. We would encourage our supporters to consider remembering us in their wills. Even a $1 legacy will be a great boost to the continued support of international student-scholars.

- The former International Center was dedicated as the Elizabeth and Wynn Kearney International Center last fall.

- To date, the Endowment has made 161 grants to international students; the total amount awarded is $1,500,290. This is a proud accomplishment!

2008-2009 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Amy Chin (Student Representative), Brenda Flannery, Thomas Gjesvold, Dave & Donna Hanke, Craigvich Wenzel & Sandy Hyde; Elizabeth Kearney, Kuhn H. Iae, Joe & Bao Moosally, Ellen Wy, Gladys Olson, Kelley Olson, Bill Ottoszewski (Chair), Dan & Margaret Preska, Julie Rabaey, Sam Roy, Dennis & Karen Sandlandahl, Florence Sveinsson, Chuck & Jo Syverson, Cornelius Votca, and Margot Zelenz

ENDOWMENT SUSTAINERS

The Endowment Committee wishes to recognize and thank donors of $500 or more for their particularly generous support, as well as those who have remembered the Endowment through Bequests, Trusts or Gifts.

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We deeply appreciate the interest in and concern for international students represented by your gifts.

BY CLASSIFICATION

- Doctoral: 2
- Graduate: 172
- Undergraduate: 408

TOTAL: 582

BY COUNTRY AND REGION

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BY STATE

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- Massachusetts: 2
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- Minnesota: 1
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- Ohio: 1
- Oklahoma: 1
- Oregon: 1
- Pennsylvania: 1
- Rhode Island: 1
- South Carolina: 1
- South Dakota: 1
- Tennessee: 1
- Texas: 1
- Washington: 1
- Wisconsin: 1
- Wyoming: 1

TOTAL: 26

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