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Karachi, Pakistan
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“I feel honored and convey my highest gratitude to the Endowment Committee and the Petersen family for awarding me this scholarship. I thank my family (especially my mom), the International Center, and all my friends for their support. This scholarship has certainly given me confidence to strive for more in the future.”

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Ami Kim
Ko-Yang Kyung-Ki, Republic of Korea
Human Biology and Biochemistry Double Major
“As the Kuhn H. Lee International Scholarship recipient for this year, I am truly thankful for this award and the confidence the committee has in me. This award definitely will help me to pursue my dream and provide more time for me to be involved in both the MSU and Mankato communities.”

The Florence Sponberg Scholar
Smriti Shrestha
Kathmandu, Nepal
Nursing Major
“I want to thank the Endowment Committee and ISSS. The moment I received the news of the scholarship was shocking and delightful, not everyone receives this honor. This has boosted my confidence and inspired me to do better. Just want to tell everyone not to lose hope and believe in yourself.”

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends of the Endowment and of International Students:

Despite amidst the stumbling world economy, the number of international students in the United States climbed to a new high of nearly 624,000 in 2008. Furthermore, these students—through tuition, living expenses, etc.—contribute 15.5 billion dollars to the U.S. economy. In Minnesota, their contributions amounted to nearly 200 million dollars. Source: OpenDoors International.

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