

## Wilkey Recognized for Leadership

# 30 Wisconsin Students Receive MS College Scholarships

The Wisconsin Chapter is pleased to award a financial scholarship to 30 top Wisconsin students to help them start their college careers. This is the fifth year of the MS College Scholarship program, with the Chapter awarding more than \$200,000 in that time to 131 students. The 2009 Scholarship recipients were recognized at the June 17 MS Luncheon in Milwaukee.

### The Selection Process

To qualify for a scholarship, high school seniors or graduates of any age must have a parent with multiple sclerosis or have MS themselves. Additionally, the applicants must be attending an accredited postsecondary school for the first time. All applicants are initially evaluated by Scholarship America, a national nonprofit student aid organization. Among other criteria, applicants are judged on demonstrated need for financial aid, academic record, leadership and an essay about the impact of MS on their life. Qualified applications are forwarded to the MS College Scholarship Committee in Wisconsin for final selection. This year's Wisconsin Chapter Scholarship Committee members were Molly Walsh, Wendy Rusch and Susan Wilkey.

The list of Wisconsin scholarship winners is shared with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, where



Joining Mathew Jones to celebrate his scholarship award are, from left: LuAnn Luedtke, Patricia Jones, Elizabeth Curtis and Sarah Jones.

finalists are reviewed for exceptional scholarship, need, character and community service. This year two students – Jennifer Jendusa and Andrew Scrima – were named Top Scholars by the National MS Society and will receive additional funding. Dillon Grose was also recognized by the National MS Society for academic performance and will receive additional scholarship funding.

### Establish a Scholarship Endowment

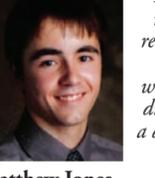
The Wisconsin Chapter generated more scholarship applications this year than any other chapter in the country. Applicant numbers have grown from 10 in 2005 to 59 in 2009.

Your contributions to the Wisconsin Chapter's MS College Scholarship program help ensure that MS will not stand in the way of a college education. In addition to individual contributions, donors are encouraged to consider funding endowed scholarships with a minimum gift of \$25,000. For more information about making a donation – or to secure information about the 2010 MS College Scholarship program – please contact Meghan Schnabl at 262-369-4420 or e-mail [meghan.schnabl@wisMS.org](mailto:meghan.schnabl@wisMS.org).



Susan Wilkey's longtime leadership earned her 2008's National MS Lifetime Achievement Award. Wilkey has also established a \$25,000 endowment benefitting the Wisconsin Chapter's MS College Scholarship program.

# 2009 Wisconsin Chapter College Scholarship Recipients

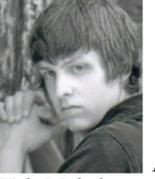
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|  <p><b>Claire Anhalt</b><br/>Shawano, WI<br/>UW-Whitewater</p> <p><i>"Love is what keeps my family stable during the tough times."</i></p>  |  <p><b>Christina Behrens</b><br/>Muskego, WI<br/>Notre Dame</p> <p><i>"I found a totally new perspective on life this year when my mom was diagnosed with MS."</i></p>  |  <p><b>Katerina Borkhus-Veto</b><br/>Racine, WI, College of Ozarks</p> <p><i>"Even though this disease has taken things away from my mom and I, the disease also has shown me that 'you need to pull yourself up by your own bootstraps.'"</i></p> |  <p><b>Elizabeth Budelman</b><br/>Fond du Lac, WI<br/>St. Norbert's College</p> <p><i>"I don't look at MS as a negative thing because it is just a bump in the road."</i></p>   |
|  <p><b>Amber Dunnum</b><br/>Cashton, WI<br/>Winona State University</p> <p><i>"Having a parent with MS we learn to cherish the hours, the minutes, and the seconds of every moment we have."</i></p>  |  <p><b>Ross Fassbinder</b><br/>Oak Creek, WI<br/>Winona State University</p> <p><i>"I'm not sure where I would be without my mom. She is a big impact and she keeps my family going."</i></p>                                   |  <p><b>Elizabeth Fijalkiewicz</b><br/>Chetek, WI<br/>UM-Duluth</p> <p><i>"I know scientists are toiling at finding a way to cure or reverse MS, but for me it will never be fast enough."</i></p>  |  <p><b>Stephanie Frisch</b><br/>Antigo, WI<br/>UW-La Crosse</p> <p><i>"MS...has made me stronger, not to take anything for granted, and know what I want to do in life."</i></p>  |
|  <p><b>Dillon Grose</b><br/>Pickerel, WI<br/>UW-Green Bay</p> <p><i>"Even though this horrible disease is something that has hurt our family deeply, I believe that in some aspects it has brought us all closer together."</i></p>           |  <p><b>Zygmunt Gross</b><br/>Chilton, WI<br/>Franciscan University of Ohio</p> <p><i>"Upon completing high school, I would like to attend a four-year college and receive a degree in nursing."</i></p>                         |  <p><b>Kristin Hagen</b><br/>Sun Prairie, WI<br/>UW-Madison</p> <p><i>"Living with a mother who has MS has taught me to be thankful for all of the activities I am able to be a part of."</i></p>  |  <p><b>Rebecca Hall</b><br/>Hartland, WI<br/>Marquette University</p> <p><i>"I do what I can, like Bike MS, because it's one way I can help towards a cure."</i></p>  |
|  <p><b>Kimberly Hanson</b><br/>Baraboo, WI<br/>UW-Platteville</p> <p><i>"I only hope that I can be as selfless a mother, co-worker, teacher and wife (as my mother)."</i></p>   |  <p><b>Elizabeth Huston</b><br/>Stevens Point, WI<br/>UM-Twin Cities</p> <p><i>"... life with someone who has MS leaves no room for indecisiveness, cowardice, or an inability to face fears and challenges head-on."</i></p> |  <p><b>Leah Jagodzinski</b><br/>Holmen, WI<br/>UW-La Crosse</p> <p><i>"My mother never gives up on trying to beat MS and this, in turn, gives me the courage to persevere against obstacles in my own life as well."</i></p>                     |  <p><b>Jennifer Jendusa</b><br/>Hartland, WI<br/>UW-Madison</p> <p><i>"... I remain hopeful that a cure for MS will be found; hopeful that one day my Papa and others like him will regain their independence..."</i></p> |
|  <p><b>Lindsay Johnson</b><br/>Evansville, WI<br/>UW-Green Bay</p> <p><i>"My former teacher once told me that we have been put on this earth to give back in any way that we can, and that is just what I plan to do with my life."</i></p> |  <p><b>Dayleen Johnson</b><br/>Evansville, WI<br/>UW-Stevens Point</p> <p><i>"MS has provided my life with an incredible journey of ups and downs."</i></p>   |  <p><b>Trevor Jones</b><br/>Kenosha, WI<br/>UW-Milwaukee</p> <p><i>"I want to get a degree in elementary education and then join the Peace Corps."</i></p>   |  <p><b>Matthew Jones</b><br/>Janesville, WI<br/>UW-Rock County</p> <p><i>"The day that my parents returned from Madison with my dad's diagnosis was a day I'll never forget."</i></p>                                     |

## 2008 Award Winners

# Where Are They Now?

The Wisconsin Chapter caught up with several of last year's scholarship winners to find out where they are attending school. Together with this year's winners, the Wisconsin Chapter has presented 131 students with college scholarships in just five years.

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| Vani Barry<br>UW Eau Claire                      | Leah Walker<br>UW Oshkosh                   |
| Anna Gibson<br>Pomona College                    | Cassandra Anderson<br>UW Richland Center    |
| Elizabeth Schilder<br>Marquette University       | Bradley Konkel<br>UW La Crosse              |
| Melanie Walter<br>Winona State University        | Amalia Santos<br>St. Mary's University, MN  |
| Andrew Tinlin<br>Concordia University            | Marga Schoch<br>Benedictine College, Kansas |
| Nicole Seibert<br>Viterbo University             | Ashley Schubert<br>UW Stout                 |
| Justin Haman<br>MATC-Milwaukee                   | Jordan White<br>University of Kansas        |
| Meghan Birt<br>UW Platteville                    | Cortney Wright<br>UW-Stout                  |
| Marissa English<br>North Central Tech. Institute | Olivia Sheldon<br>Gateway Technical College |
| Emily Combs<br>Nicolet College                   | Danielle Govek<br>Illinois Institute of Art |
| Jenna DeCleene<br>University of HI - Hilo        | Meaghan Hackett<br>UW Richland Center       |
| Myles Gikling<br>MATC-Milwaukee                  | Adam Heun<br>MATC-Milwaukee                 |
| Debra Haggerty<br>UW-LaCrosse                    | Laura Johnson<br>UW-Madison                 |
| Laura Hermanns<br>UW-Madison                     | Nicole Laufenberg<br>UW-Milwaukee           |
| Kyle Liesener<br>Milwaukee School of Engineering | Ryan McDowell<br>Bethel University          |
|  | Jordan Johnson<br>UW-Platteville            |

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|  <p><b>Tara Mayer</b><br/>Sheboygan, WI<br/>UW-Green Bay</p> <p><i>"I believe my father's MS diagnosis has only made me stronger, more resilient and more determined... to take the gifts I have been given out into the world."</i></p>           |  <p><b>Erica Mohorko</b><br/>Beloit, WI<br/>UW-Madison</p> <p><i>"I have accepted the fact that we can't do all that we want and we are working around it to still have a normal and healthy relationship."</i></p>                 |
|  <p><b>Kyle Muladore</b><br/>Three Lakes, WI<br/>Vancouver Film School</p> <p><i>"Nearly a decade has offered the disease an opportunity to define me as a person, shaping my being."</i></p>  |  <p><b>Margaret Oliver</b><br/>Cedarburg<br/>Stanford University</p> <p><i>"MS is an unpredictable disease that always leaves room for uncertainty, so my family continues to prepare for future obstacles."</i></p>                |
|  <p><b>Austin Schwefel</b><br/>Oconomowoc, WI<br/>UW-Stevens Point</p> <p><i>"...it (MS) may have been a blessing in disguise, because for me, it has brought out a better side, a more productive side, a side better prepared for life."</i></p> |  <p><b>Andrew Scrima</b><br/>Waukesha, WI<br/>Marquette University</p> <p><i>"I know that I am a lucky person and I want to do the best I can to give back to the National MS Society."</i></p>                                     |
|  <p><b>Ryan VanDenBerg</b><br/>Kaukauna, WI<br/>UW-Milwaukee</p> <p><i>"Getting a degree would be a huge deal to me. This is a goal I have set for myself and I know I will obtain."</i></p>   |  <p><b>Kirsten Wellna</b><br/>Sheboygan, WI<br/>Marquette University</p> <p><i>"She (my mom) never complains, never ever. If she isn't an outstanding and phenomenal person, I don't know who is."</i></p>                        |
|  <p><b>Joshua Wurtz</b><br/>Loyal, WI<br/>UW-Madison</p> <p><i>"We have grown closer as a family... Now we spend more time together, whether it just is to watch a movie, play cards and games or just hanging out together."</i></p>            |  <p><b>Brooke Zimmer</b><br/>De Pere, WI<br/>UW-Oshkosh</p> <p><i>"Ever since my mother was diagnosed with MS, my family has been trying to get her to realize how important it is for her to think about herself first."</i></p> |