



# National Scholarship Peer Advisors SEMESTERLY COMMUNIQUE



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To all the essential workers who are risking their safety

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# NEWS FROM THE HEAD ISSUE 1



Dr. Yee Han Chu

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What will Spring 2020 be remembered for? COVID-19. Our national news compare the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic with 9/11. Reflecting on the purpose of national scholarships at this time may seem inconsequential, but understanding the types of students who are competitive for scholarships supporting their academic growth is particularly relevant now. These students have the global vision to guide us through dark times.

This NSPA Semesterly Communiqué recaps the major activities at UND during Spring 2020 to identify and support students interested in applying for national and international scholarships and internships. This semester started out strong with campus presentations at the Chairs Leadership Institute and Provost Forum. I, along with NSPA students Michelle Nguyen and Kincaid Rowbotham, discussed the common traits of competitive national scholarship applicants. The Provost's Blog reported on our presentation to the campus community. Scholarship faculty advisors Drs. Mark Jendrysik, Thyra Knapp, and Ryan Zerr shared their experiences advising scholarship students with Grand Forks Herald reporter, Sydney Mook. NSPA student Aivaras Bartkaitis and I presented on the Boren, Project Go, and Tillman Scholarships to ROTC students in Captain David Ayers' Military Science classes. My NSPA students and I have been working to promote a virtual information session on the Knight Hennessy scholarship to be given by its program admissions director. The wonderful team of students and I began rolling out a monthly reminder of due dates and timelines and a semesterly update on scholarship activities to our students and allied faculty and staff.

As in all ambitious endeavors, applying for competitive scholarships and internships requires soliciting help from a network of helpers. This semester has focused on building that network of individuals to help us identify, advise, and counsel applicants. I want to thank my NSPA students for their help delineating application steps for these scholarships. I want to thank the faculty and staff who help identify promising students. I want to thank the VPAA office for giving me and my students the freedom to creatively develop this program. I want to thank Cale Gressman and Emmanuel Musa, in particular, the NSPA newsletter team for a wonderful first edition!



# HEART TO HEART INTERVIEW WITH Dr. MARK JENDRYSIK

What would you say motivates you to do what you do as a mentor, and where did that come from?

Well, it's a combination of things. I think that our highest achieving students can hold their own with any student from any where in the country and I want them to know that and I think this [NSPA] is a way to know that. That excites me when I see someone who has shown themselves to be a leader here is recognized nationally and that's a powerful thing. I think the other reason is that these opportunities should be seized, and it's part of my job to try to get students to seize these opportunities. That's why it's very frustrating sometimes when you know you can't force someone to do this; it can be very frustrating when people don't grasp these opportunities. The other reason is pure self-interest honestly, when someone wins the Truman it reflects well on the department and the university. And that's good too, I mean we are in a competition, in a life or death struggle in many ways for this university to show itself in a positive light in this State and the nation. These rewards help. Our best students are out there flying the flag for UND, letting people know that this place produces good people.



"Our best students are out there flying the flag for UND."

Dr. Mark Jendrysik is a Professor of Political Science and Truman Scholarship Representative for UND

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# THE BOOK PARTY

On the 29th of April, a colorful cast of characters gathered via Zoom to discuss the nerdiest of pastimes; each of our favorite books. All those present were applicants for the various scholarship, internship, and fellowship opportunities, and this was our way of celebrating. The point of the party was for each individual present to have previously picked out the book that had the greatest effect on them intellectually. From self-help to satire, the books put forward were interesting and varied. Here is a short list of the books they chose.

1 **CECELIA CASTLEBERRY**  
NSF funded REUs at Central Michigan University's Great Lakes Research Experience for Undergraduates and at University of Idaho's Program in Molecular and Organismal Evolution

2 **RANJU DHUNGANA**  
Critical Language Scholarship

3 **ASHLY HANNA**  
Two-Time UDALL Scholar

4 **VINCENT LEDVINA**  
SMART Semifinalist

5 **MERRICK McMAHON**  
UDALL Honorable Mention

6 **NATHAN MOE**  
SMART Semifinalist

7 **MARSHALL NUNBERG**  
Yenching Academy finalist

8 **JOEL RUNNELS**  
Fulbright Specialist

## TO THOSE THAT WON

We on the newsletter team greatly appreciate all those who had the bravery to apply. However, we must give a special shoutout to the few colleagues who made our university proud by being awardees for several venerable scholarships.

Bethany Brumbaugh- *The Healing of America* by T.R. Reid

Mollie Douthit- *Can't and Won't* by Lydia Davis

Ashly Hanna- *I'll Go and Do More: Annie Dodge Wauneka, Navajo Leader and Activist (American Indian Lives)* by Carolyn Niethammer

John Hayes- *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie

Briana Kruprinsky- *Brave, Not Perfect* by Reshma Saujani

Jason Power- *The Power of Now* by Eckhart Tolle

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# HAIKUS

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THEME: GROWTH

A time of building



Foundations need to be laid  
Hard work but good work

Poet: Jake Gressman

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The world has changed

But not my education

It keeps progressing



Poet: Aivaras Barkatis

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Every now and then,

We all experience growth pains

We are only men



Poet: Emmanuel Musa

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The relief felt rose

the journey is over with

worth every petal



Poet: Cecelia Castleberry

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Thoughts are Suns

Different Sprouts flourish

At Contrasting Angles.



Poet: Kincaid Rowbotham

Take care of yourself

Encourage and give credit

To others and you



Poet: Michelle Nguyen

# TIPS AND TRICKS OF THE TRADE

As National Scholarship Peer Advisors, we are here to walk with you every step of the way! From the application, to the interview, until you get the result you want.

Here are some tips to get you started:

To be competitive, you must do the following:

1. Set Goals: Making plans to reach your goals is a critical component to being successful in applying for scholarships
2. Engage Deeply: Scholarship Committees value well rounded students with diverse experiences.
3. Plan Ahead: Long term planning gives the most options
4. Stay Organized: Long term goals need plans and staying organized is indispensable.



## APPLICATION TIPS

**#1** DEFINE YOUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES  
For this is the best way to ensure you have a positive application experience.

**#2** EXPLORE SCHOLARSHIP LISTINGS  
For this is the best way to find those scholarships.

**#3** REVIEW ELIGIBILITY  
For this is the only way to know if you qualify

**#4** KEEP A LIST  
For this is the best way to remember the scholarships you like

**#5** CREATE A TIMELINE  
Do this 6-8 months in advance!!

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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quiet; repose; facility: *v.t.* to free **Easy Street** (strēt), a position of  
from pain, anxiety, or trouble: give financial comfort. [Colloq.]

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Looking for highly motivated students who want to use their leadership skills to promote national scholarships.

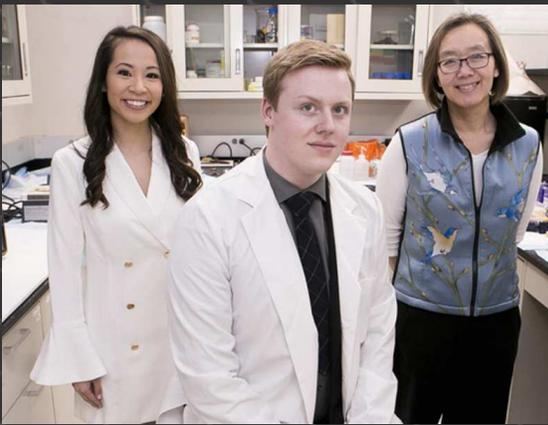
1 credit for 15 hours of service/semester.

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## THANKS

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## TEAM



It has been a crazy semester. A mild statement if there was one. No one could have predicted how this semester was going to go. Things are rough. But the show must go on. So without further ado, we would like to extend our thanks. Thank you to all the first responders and medical staff working their hardest to stop this virus. To all the essential workers who are risking their safety. To all of the professors and administrators who are working to keep classes online. To all of those who worked so hard this year to apply for scholarships. To the other peer advisors for their hard work. Thank you. Stay safe.



<https://und.edu/academics/national-scholarships/national-scholarship-advising-network.html>

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