

## 2011 Management Women Scholarship Recipients

Each year, Management Women offers scholarships to women pursuing post-secondary education at accredited institutions of higher learning. A scholarship may be awarded to a female applicant sponsored by a Management Women member or to a member who is pursuing further education. This year, we received 46 applications and awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to 12 very deserving young women. Funds for our scholarships are raised through the annual Management Women Fall Seminar.

Congratulations to the following:

### **Casey Stepien**

Casey is a senior at Pulaski High School. Her MW sponsor is her great aunt, Dottie Stepien. Casey is a member of the National Honor Society and has a 3.974 GPA. Casey says that she has an enormous respect for nature, knowledge, and service. She has a passion for outdoor sports, especially hiking, skiing and lengthy cross-country runs. Connecting with nature and stabilizing her life with music fuels her focus. Casey plays French horn and is a section leader in the Pulaski High School band that traveled to the Washington DC Independence Day Parade and the Mackinaw Island Lilac Festival where she took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the competition. She has participated on the varsity swimming and cross country teams, as well as having performed in two high school musicals. She enjoys volunteering for the Green Bay Mission support through St. Vincent DePaul and Christian youth retreats. She plans to continue volunteering while in college. Casey will be attending The College of St. Scholastica this fall. She plans to major in Biology.

### **Elizabeth Stangel**

Elizabeth is a senior at West De Pere High School. Her MW sponsor is Carol Gibson. West De Pere High School is one of the few high schools in the area that do not require community service hours, though they do present an award at graduation for doing so. Elizabeth has completed over 190 hours of community service through the date of the application. Many of these hours have been through church mission trips. This summer she will be one of 15 students traveling to Cincinnati OH for a week. Elizabeth has seen a need in our own community and started a service project called "The Blanket Project." She collects blankets for homeless families and children and has distributed them to Freedom House and Tank School in Green Bay and Harbor House in Appleton. Her goal is to make this an ongoing project that can spread farther than Northeastern Wisconsin. Elizabeth is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Outreach Team, Suicide Prevention Skit Cast, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), Spanish, Drama and Art clubs, and has participated as a soccer player and referee for many years. Elizabeth will be attending the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay and Bellin College this fall, pursuing a degree in Nursing. She hopes to become a nurse practitioner in a small clinic someday.

### **Amber Smits**

Amber is a senior at Ashwaubenon High School. Her MW sponsor is Pam Hopps. Amber has participated in Destination Imagination for 11 years. Her team advanced to Global Finals in Tennessee twice. She's a member and officer of SADD and participates in Link Crew, Sting Cancer and National Honor Society. She's played softball for 11 years and has been in Girl Scouts for 13 years where she's earned bronze and silver awards and has her gold award in progress. She has been a counselor at Camp Invention over the past few summers and was chosen to deliver a three minute speech about the Wisconsin Covenant to introduce Governor Jim Doyle at UWGB last May. One experience that has shaped her future career goals was the opportunity to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Atlanta GA between her sophomore and junior years. Amber shadowed a surgical med student for the day. She was able to witness first hand a colonoscopy, a thoracentesis, and a gallbladder removal surgery. She was able to observe these procedures within five feet and had each step explained along the way. Amber will be attending the University of Wisconsin – Madison seeking a pre-med major.

### **Lauren Senour**

Lauren just completed her Junior year at St. Norbert College. Her MW sponsor is Dorothy Stepien. Lauren has continued to keep a straight-A average and 4.0 throughout her college career. She recently returned from her study abroad semester in Florence, Italy. Lauren has joined more than seven groups while at St. Norbert and has taken a leadership role in all. She has worked on campaigns such as the Invisible Children of Uganda, and with organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army, and St. Jude's Hospital. Lauren is the Public Relations representative and executive board member of St. Norbert's Colleges Against Cancer organization, as well as a St. Norbert College radio station co-director and DJ. While studying in Italy, she volunteered at the Canadian Island Children's Day Camp and La Palestra and Swan Gymnastic Center – both activities were unrelated to her studies. Lauren plans to go to graduate school for Nutrition and would then like to combine her degrees to work toward bettering the health, wellness, and self-esteem of the youth in America. Her motto is, "There is always a way." Lauren will continue her studies at St. Norbert College this fall, pursuing a degree in Communication and Media Studies.

### **Katie Pott**

Katie is a senior at Notre Dame Academy. Katie's MW sponsor is Marcia O'Leary. Katie says that a variety of high school activities have shaped her as a person: a leadership role as captain of the tennis team, challenging positions in student government, a tough academic load, and volunteering at the literacy council on a regular basis, to name a few. Her long-term goal is to work in a career where she can help others understand and take ownership over their personal health situations, while potentially saving their employer health care costs. Katie is a 4-year Varsity Tennis letterman. Her team placed first in the state the last three years, she and her doubles partner were 2010 State Champions, she was named 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State in 2010 and 2008, and 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-State in 2009 and 2007. She was the Green Bay Press-Gazette girls' tennis player of the year in 2008. Katie will be proudly wearing Badger red at the University of Wisconsin – Madison this fall. She plans to major in Nutritional Sciences with a possible double major in kinesiology.

### **Amanda Miles**

Amanda just completed her freshman year at St. Norbert College. Her MW sponsor is Dorothy Stepien. Amanda says her aspiration in life has always been to make a difference. Two of her life's passions are language and teaching. She hopes to share her love of Spanish through teaching. She said she had the best Spanish teacher growing up and she wants to be that teacher for the kids of the next generation. Her ambition after college is to start a Relay for Life program at her high school in honor of her Grandmother – an 18-year cancer survivor who taught her how to persevere. Lauren is active in her church at home and in campus ministries here at St. Norbert. Lauren taught Spanish at Aldo Leopold School this past year and helped with the Village Project, a partnership between the YMCA and Boys and Girls club to provide underprivileged kids with additional learning opportunities after school. She was active in Girl Scouts, receiving the bronze, silver and gold awards for various volunteer projects. Amanda will continue her studies at St. Norbert College this fall, pursuing a double major in Secondary Education and Spanish.

### **Nikitha Murali**

Nikitha is a senior at Ashwaubenon High School. Her MW sponsor is Pam Hopps. Nikitha was recently featured as a member of the Green Bay Press-Gazette's 2011 Academic Team; she received the Schreiber Foods Youth Volunteer Award in April, and was listed as a Green Bay Press-Gazette Keller Scholar of the Week back in March. She has taken all the honors courses available at AHS, studied an accelerated science track, including seven AP classes and two college courses. She had a 3.96 GPA at the application date. She has leadership roles in numerous school activities including DECA, Student Council, and Link Crew Freshman Mentoring, and is the editor of the school newspaper. Nikitha volunteers at San Luis Rehabilitation Center and Country Kids Physical Therapy, and was a counselor for Camp Invention during the summer of her Freshman and Sophomore years.

Nikitha was born in Bangalore, India and moved to Green Bay at the age of three. During her sophomore year, she became interested in a medical career and shadowed area doctors in order to immerse herself more thoroughly in the field. She says she remembered seeing many slums in India on the way from the airport to her grandmother's house and decided she wanted to do something about it. Nikitha organized a health camp in a rural Indian village last summer that served over 200 people. The camp was structured in three parts – education on preventative hygiene and care, medical attention from doctors, and the distribution of supplies and medication. She raised over \$4,000 and worked with two non-profit groups in order to bring 13 doctors and over 30 volunteers to work the camp with her. She says her experience in India made her realize that health care is more than treating a person's physical ailments; it's about providing them with dignity and a certain standard of life. Nikitha will be attending the University of Chicago this fall. Her intended major is Neuroscience. She plans to become a doctor, specializing in neurology.

### **Kaitlyn Jacobs**

Kaitlyn is a senior at Preble High School. Her MW sponsor is Sue Porath. Kaitlyn says that her specific career goal is to be an Orthopedic Surgeon specializing in athletic-related injuries with an emphasis on knee injuries. She has taken many medical-related classes at Preble and received her CNA certification through the school. Kaitlyn has job shadowed and volunteered more than 75 hours at Aurora Bay Care Medical Center. She experienced the radiology, nuclear medicine, and physical therapy departments and was able to sit in on a heart catheter surgery. Kaitlyn has played varsity basketball all four years and varsity softball for three years. A knee injury her sophomore year, along with her academic classes, have helped her decide her chosen career path. She says she really appreciates and understands the commitment and teamwork it takes to be successful both on and off the court and field. It takes a lot of determination and focus to balance both academic and athletic achievements. Kaitlyn will be attending the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point where she will pursue a Pre-Med major and play basketball for Wisconsin's 2011 Women's Basketball Division III Coach of the Year, Shirley Egner.

### **Olivia Charlier**

Olivia is a senior at Ashwaubenon High School with a 3.99 GPA. Her MW sponsor is Pam Hopps. Olivia is proud to say that during high school she has remained true to herself. She's learned to stand for what she believes in, even when standing alone. As a sophomore, she was recognized as the inspirational leader of the dance team, providing motivational speeches before each performance. She was chosen captain of the squad both junior and senior years. She guides her teammates to make good decisions outside of dance and tries to be a role model in her own life. She knows she has succeeded because she hears younger girls on the team say things that she does to promote positive attitudes and believing in each other. Olivia participates in Student Council, Destination Imagination, National Honor Society, German Club and German National Honors Society. She was also a Badger Girls State representative, First Rotary Student of the Month, and Green Bay Press-Gazette Keller Scholar of the Week. Olivia has already completed 12 college credits in German and received a perfect score of 5 on her AP Government and AP Statistics tests. Olivia has chosen to attend the University of Wisconsin – Madison where she will pursue a double major in German and Pre-Law. She intends to continue on to graduate school for her law degree.

### **Becca Buell**

Becca is a senior at Bay Port High School. Her MW sponsor is Karen Monfre. She is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in her class of 437 as of the application date. Becca's ultimate goal is to become an attorney who specializes in either business or medical law with an emphasis on bioethics. She currently serves as captain of Bay Port's Mock Trial team and feels that law is in her blood. Participating in Mock Trial has forced her to have patience and tolerance of others while working towards a common goal. Becca has had the opportunity to view criminal court cases and preliminary hearings through shadowing judges and court commissioners. She has held offices in Student Council, the Wisconsin Association of School

Councils, Youth Service Learning Club, Badger Club, and Knitting for Peace Club. In addition, she has been the Student Representative to both the Howard-Suamico Strategic Planning Commission and Howard-Suamico School Board. Becca is a member of the National Honor Society, was a Badger Girls State Representative, a Green Bay Press-Gazette Keller Scholar of the Week, Honorary Rotary Student of the Month, a Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Representative, and UW-Madison Wisconsin Promise Award Recipient. Becca will be attending the University of Wisconsin – Madison this fall. She will study Pre-Law while pursuing undergraduate degrees in Business Administration and Biology.

### **Erin Berns**

Erin recently completed her sophomore year at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Erin's MW sponsor is Heather Weller. Erin has wanted to work for NASA, yes...the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, since she was in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade! In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, she had the opportunity to attend NASA's Space Camp in Cape Canaveral, FL. She attended a second Space Camp in Huntsville, AL as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader. Erin has participated in Destination Imagination for 10 years; her team made it to the Global Finals three times and placed as high as 6<sup>th</sup> in the world one of those times! She has held leadership positions since 6<sup>th</sup> grade – first as class president, then as Senator and Vice President of Bay View Middle School's Student Council. Erin was selected by her school's advisors to attend the Wisconsin Association for School Councils summer leadership camp and became involved in regional leadership and then became state President her senior year of high school. She has stayed involved in the association the past three summers as a Junior Counselor and was a guest presenter at the leadership conference in 2010. Erin has stayed involved in leadership while at UW-Madison through the Mission & Vision Group Staff where she assists in planning programs to support the residents of Chadbourne Residential College. Erin will continue her studies at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, pursuing a degree in Geological Engineering.

### **Fiona Baus**

Fiona is a senior at Bay Port High School. Her MW sponsor is Karen Monfre. Fiona has pushed herself to excel from a young age. As a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, she was doing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade multiplication worksheets; in elementary and middle school she competed in Mathletes and Wordmasters. Any time a teacher gave her an opportunity to take a harder class or do a harder assignment she did. She took Language Arts 202, Social Studies 202, advanced chemistry and geometry as a freshman. She has taken nine AP classes to date, earning many college credits even before stepping a foot onto a college campus. Fiona participated in Irish dance from ages seven to 14 and at a highly competitive level, traveling to Ireland at one point for the world competition. Fiona also participates in track, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in state at high jump her junior year. She was a Green Bay Press-Gazette All Metro Team pick and is vice president of the Track Club. Fiona holds other leadership positions as well: Secretary/Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Founder and Treasurer of the Chemistry Club, Founder and President of the Badminton Club, and Pep Band Drum Major, to name a few. She is an AP Scholar with Distinction and was voted Bay Port's Scholar Athlete of the year. Fiona will be attending the University of Wisconsin – Madison where she will pursue a Pre-Med program and Biomedical Science degree. She also plans to compete in track all four years.