



GAMMA MU FOUNDATION

Autumn 2024 Newsletter

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A message from the GMF President

John Ellis

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer.

Fall is the time for us to focus on our plans for the upcoming year. In the next few months, we will begin our annual fall appeal. Which allows us to continue with our annual Grant and Scholarship awards.

New applications will be accepted for the next fiscal year in January.

During July and through September we awarded \$300,000 to our Grant and Scholarship winners. Your generous donation made this possible. Our funding provides only a small percentage of the requests for both Grants and Scholarships. Please consider an additional donation this year so that we can increase our awards.

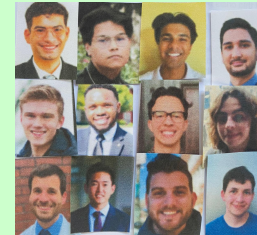
We are also planning to implement changes based on the donor survey we recently completed, as well as holding "Celebration 25" fundraisers in Florida in January and Palm Springs in March.

You will soon get the new annual report sent to you, see a new interactive web site, have the opportunity to participate in the scoring process for our awards, and hopefully join our Annual meeting ZOOM call on Oct 2.

We look forward to a very active fall season, and urge you to consider your ongoing support to help make our goals a huge success.

Fiscal Year 2024 Scholarships

Thirty Five Scholarships totaling \$125,000



Since the inception of the Scholarship Program in 1999, the number of awards and the amount of the awards has dramatically increased. This year we were able to fund \$125,000 for 35 scholarships.

We currently have 15 named scholarship awards. These named awards are by donors who have contributed the \$50,000 threshold necessary to name a scholarship award in perpetuity. Each named scholarship is for \$5,000. The remaining 18 scholarships are for \$2,500 each.

Gregory Alan - \$5,000 – attending Campbell University too pursue a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. *Gamma Mu 50th Anniversary Scholarship*

Jack Bachman - \$5,000 – attending Brown University to pursue a Bachelor's in Arts in Cultural Media and Business Economics. *Douglas G. Morton Scholarship*

Hans Bode - \$5,000 – attending University of Pennsylvania to pursue a Bachelor's in Public Health. *Tonomora Scholarship*

Myles Chapman - \$5,000 – attending Morehouse College to pursue a Bachelor's in Political Science. *Art Huskey and Herman Phillips Memorial Scholarship*

Nicholas Ciccinetll - \$5,000 – attending The Fletcher School at Tufts University to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations. *Steve Lotterer Memorial Scholarship*

Robert Del Carlo - \$5,000 – attending University of California David Geffen School of Medicine to pursue a Doctor of Medicine. *Robert L. McCullough Scholarship*

Daniel Dorsky - \$5,000 – attending Palo Alto College to pursue a PhD in Clinical Psychology. *Robin McDonald Memorial Scholarship*

Kai Huong - \$5,000 – attending University of California San Francisco to pursue a Doctor of Medicine. *Phil Papel Memorial Scholarship*

Kitchi Maron - \$5,000 – attending College of Southern Idaho to pursue

an Associate of Arts Social Work. *Folosi and Goodwin Scholarship in memory of Ray Williams*

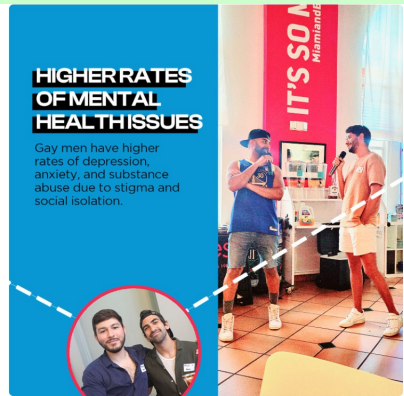
Darien Nguyen - \$5,000 – attending Irvine Valley College to pursue an Associate of Psychology. *Clark Trust Scholarship*

Joe Servido - \$5,000 – attending Yale Law School to pursue a Juris Doctor. *Steinhilber Weiser Foundation Scholarship*

Adam Sherwood - \$5,000 – attending University of Wisconsin Madison to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, Mandarin and History. *Wade Simpson and Gordon Mann Scholarship*

Clayton Singleton - \$5,000 – attending Clark University to pursue a Bachelor in Arts. *Cliff and Aileen Pettit Scholarship*

Alexander Sticha - \$5,000 - attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to pursue a Bachelor in Psychology and English, *Professor Peter W. Sperlich Fund Scholarship*



Grant Spotlight

Out My Closet, New York/Florida

We're proud to highlight the incredible work of **Out My Closet, Inc.**, a recipient of the Gamma Mu Foundation's grant program. Out My Closet is dedicated to empowering underserved LGBTQ+ youth by providing essential resources, education, and

community support. Their commitment to fostering inclusivity and acceptance aligns perfectly with our mission of advancing equality and well-being within the LGBTQ+ community.

“Receiving funding from a foundation like Gamma Mu Foundation means the world to a small LGBTQ+ organization like Out My Closet,” stated Michael Narain, Founder & President of Out My Closet. “Your funding is not just a financial boost; it’s a powerful affirmation of our mission and the work we do. It enables us to dream bigger, expand our reach, and implement programs that truly make a difference in the lives of those we serve.”

Learn more about Out My Closet <https://outmycloset.org/news/msmq2>

Gamma Mu Scholarship Recipient:

Isaac James

As a queer kid growing up in Texas, entering university with the financial



support of the Gamma Mu Foundation Scholarship allowed me to fully embrace the potential of my college experience with confidence and empowerment. It was this freedom, and the support of my LGBTQ+ community, that encouraged me to become an advocate for my queer and trans peers at the university, city, and state level while a student at UT Austin.

Now studying Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and a Master of Public Policy at the University of Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship, I am more determined than ever to continue embracing my passion for advocacy.

While at Oxford, I co-founded a non-profit organization called OutVote that seeks to build a new culture of civic engagement in the LGBTQ+ community ahead of the 2024 election. I look forward to continuing this work indebted with gratitude for support from organizations like the Gamma Mu Foundation.

□ Learn more about OutVote <https://www.outvotehq.org/>



Scholarship Spotlight

Myles Chapman, Morehouse College, Georgia

The Gamma Mu Foundation is excited to spotlight Myles Chapman, one of our recent scholarship awardees! Myles received the Art Husky and Herman Phillips Memorial Scholarship, which recognizes up-and-coming LGBTQ+ leaders committed to

advocating for the community's rights and well-being. He was recently featured in an interview with a local ABC news affiliate in Denver, discussing LGBTQ+ inclusion.

Originally from Colorado, Myles has already made a remarkable impact as a young advocate, working to ensure that schools and communities become more inclusive and safer for LGBTQ+ youth. His dedication and leadership reflect this scholarship's very spirit and the Foundation's values.

"I am very thankful to receive a scholarship from the Gamma Mu

Foundation,” wrote Myles. “The Art Husky and Herman Phillips Memorial Scholarship has made it easier for me to afford my college education as a first-generation college student, especially at a prestigious school like Morehouse College, a historically black college (HBCU) in Atlanta. It has uplifted me being a gay person of color because frequently my community is underrepresented.”

Check out his recent interview, where he discusses the challenges facing the LGBTQ+ movement today and the vital work still needed for equality. We are so proud to support Myles in his journey.

Watch the ABC interview

ABC INTERVIEW

FISCAL YEAR 2024 GRANTS

***This Fiscal Year \$163,000 in Grants
were awarded.
There were five named awards.***



New Mexico Community Aids Partnership - *Vanden Heuvel & Greeson Award*

Stonewall National Museum, Archives, and Library - *The Richard Karpowich Award for Research and Education*

The Source LGBTQ+ Center - *The Gamma Mu 50th Anniversary Award*

Wyoming Equality - *The Jones-Kahle Award In Honor of Martin Culbreth.*

Legacy Counseling Center.- *The Gordon Mann Memorial Award*

**THE GAMMA MU FOUNDATION ANNUAL
MEETING AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2,
2024 VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM.**

**John Ellis is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Gamma Mu Foundation Annual Meeting
Time: Oct 2, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87088958731?
pwd=2F7eRbIt6uid4aKKGEFl5bSV6LZWaS.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87088958731?pwd=2F7eRbIt6uid4aKKGEFl5bSV6LZWaS.1)**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GAMMA MU FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors thank you for the role you are playing in strengthening the LGBTQ+ community. As a donor to the Gamma Mu Foundation we are reaching out in hope that you will continue your commitment to supporting our Foundation in the *Fall Appeal*.

THE GAMMA MU FOUNDATION HAS RECEIVED OVER 4 MILLION DOLLARS SINCE IT'S INCEPTION AND AWARDED IN EXCESS OF 4 MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS WHILE MAINTAINING A HEALTHY INVESTED CORPUS.

With your help, the Gamma Mu Foundation will play an even bigger role in 2025 and beyond. The earlier your financial support, the more our Foundation can invest in helping non-profit groups and student scholarships in the LGBTQ+ rural community.

PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR A RECURRING MONTHLY DONATION.

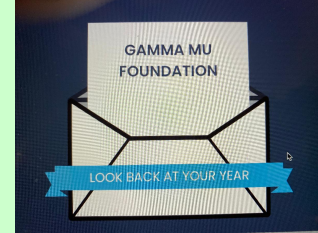
Together we have a giant opportunity to continue to make outstanding financial contributions to those in our community who most need our financial support.

We invite all donors and friends to join the Gamma Mu Foundation Facebook Page.

GMF Facebook Page

WHAT YOUR DONATIONS HAVE DONE OVER TIME !

Since the Gamma Mu Foundation was formed 35 years ago, awards have been made for **\$4,724,242**. The highest amount ever awarded is Fiscal Year 2022 at \$400,000.



Grants

556 grants have been made for **\$3,815,242.00**

In 1990 the first two grants were awarded at \$750 each!

Scholarships

385 scholarships have been awarded for **\$909,000.00**

In 2000 the first scholarships were awarded at \$1000!



Announcing "CELEBRATION WEST 25"

In addition to "Celebration 25" in Fort Lauderdale in January, Plans are in progress for "**Celebration 25 West**" to be held in Palm Springs California in March!

More information will follow as plans are finalized.

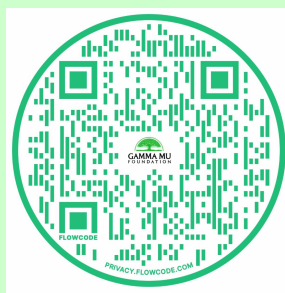
PLEASE USE THE WEBSITE TO MAKE DONATIONS

Our *Foundation* is receiving an unprecedented number of requests for Grants and Scholarships and we are only able to fund a small fraction of our requests.

Please consider making an "**Extra**" donation during these uncertain times so that the *Foundation* can fulfill more requests.

The *Foundation* is an **all volunteer** organization and *every dollar that you donate is awarded to Grants or Scholarships.*

[Visit our website](#)



SCAN TO DONATE

***PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR CONTACT
INFORMATION OR A CHANGE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD***

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