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Spring/Summer 2015 Newsletter

OUR NEW DIRECTION -- INTRODUCING DKJ SCHOLARS

Since 2008, we have empowered over 400 youth from low-income families to succeed academically and socially in high school and beyond. We are very proud of our achievements to date and have continued to evolve and find innovative ways to meet our objectives in a very cost-effective manner. Now we are extremely pleased to introduce “**DKJ Scholars**”. The **DKJ Scholars** program provides underrepresented, academically-sound college students with a supportive network that is comprised of financial scholarships, internship referrals and networking opportunities.

Through **DKJ Scholars**, we are continuing to build our legacy of making meaningful impacts on students from low-income families who have successfully demonstrated their desire and abilities through academics and community-focused activities. Importantly, **DKJ Scholars** has virtually no overhead costs so 100% of your program contributions to go directly to scholarship funding. Program participants are required to maintain specific grade point averages, progress toward graduation and irrefutable community standing. Our initial program goal is to reward at a minimum, two qualified students per program year as **DKJ Scholars**.

We are excited to introduce to you our first **DKJ Scholars**, ***Puja Niroula and Karrington Ogans Taylor.***

DKJ Scholar: ***Puja Niroula***

College: *Western Washington University*

High School: *Rainier Beach High School, Seattle, WA*

Degree/Field: *Medical Related Field*



DKJ Scholar: ***Karrington Ogans Taylor***

College: *Gonzaga University*

High School: *Garfield High School, Seattle, WA*

STEM Degree: *Mechanical Engineering / Minor in Business*





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March 24, 2015 - DKJ Scholars Awardee Presentation: L to R: Danna K. Johnston, DKJF President, David Barron, DKJF Board Member, Puja Niroula, Awardee, Io Dolka, DKJF Supporter, and Jennifer Lesher, DKJF Distinguished Mentor.

To learn more about the outstanding students that we have selected as our **2015 DKJ Scholars**, please visit our website at www.dannakjohnston.org. You can support **DKJ Scholars** in the following ways:

1. Fund a scholarship award for (a) deserving student(s);
2. Arrange or provide a career-oriented networking opportunity for a student; and/or
3. Arrange or provide an internship interview for a student.

Please let us know what you think about our new direction, and if/how you would like to help. To learn more about us, or if you have general questions or comments about our programs or organization, please send us an email at Danna@dannaKjohnston.org. You may also call us direct at 206-330-8884. Thank you for your support!



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Thank you!

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DKJ Ambassadors

DKJ Ambassadors are civic-minded leaders who understand and support the DKJF mission. They have joined our efforts to bring hope, spirit and good will as we grow and expand our programs to neighborhoods throughout the region.

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