



# Growing Minds

*The Maine Island Scholarship Program*

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## ISLAND INSTITUTE



*“It is great to know that people recognize the uniqueness of coming from and living in a year-round island community. I could not be at this school without this scholarship; it enabled me to go to the school I REALLY wanted to attend.”—Meagan Blank, Islesford*

## *From the President*

2010 marks the 20th anniversary of the Maine Island Scholarship program—one that has become perhaps our most visible and valued resource to Maine's year-round unbridged island communities. From total awards of \$2,000 that first year to a high of \$130,000 in 2008 and more than \$90,000 in scholarships this year, this program has become one of our highest priorities.

Twenty years...650 awards...over \$750,000 in support to date...these numbers tell only a small part of the story. What they don't convey is the quality of excellence found in Maine's small island schools—the heart of their communities—and the fierce commitment of island educators to ensure that no academic potential goes untapped and no learning opportunity goes unexplored.

On the following pages you will meet a sampling of the young men and women whose hopes, talents and zeal to further their education have inspired us. You will also learn about the schools, communities and generous donors who make student success—and these awards—possible.



Philip Conkling, President  
ISLAND INSTITUTE

## *Island Scholar Alumni*



**LANA CANNON**

PEAKS ISLAND

B.A. in Environmental Studies with a focus  
on International Sustainable Development  
and a minor in Art and the Environment  
Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania  
May 2008

*Lana Cannon spent two years on Matinicus  
Island, helping with curriculum development  
and other materials for the Matinicus school.*



**JOSH CONOVER**

ISLESBORO

B.A., Resource Agribusiness Management  
with a concentration in commercial fisheries  
University of Maine, Orono  
May 2001

*"I moved back to Islesboro after school and started  
lobstering. I built a house on-island, married an  
Island Institute Fellow, and now our second child was  
born in May, 2010."*

## *Current Island Scholars*



**FRANCES BLANK**

ISLESFORD

B.A., Nursing

University of New England,  
Biddeford, ME

Expected graduation date: 2014



**NATALIE JONES**

NORTH HAVEN

B.S., Pre-Med, Community Health

Brown University,  
Providence, RI

Expected graduation date: 2013



**WESLEY NORTON**

PEAKS ISLAND

B.A., Environmental Studies

St. Lawrence University,  
Canton, NY

Expected graduation date: 2011

*“My love for science has grown into an interest in medicine,  
and from this I have been able to place myself in leadership roles within my community.” —Natalie Jones*

# Scholarship History

The Island Institute supports island students throughout their academic careers, from their years attending on-island schools to the time when they leave to pursue educational opportunities on the mainland. The cost of a college education is increasing dramatically.

Published tuition and fees at public four-year colleges and universities rose at an average annual rate of 4.9% per year beyond general inflation from 1999-2000 to 2009-2010, more rapidly than in either of the two previous decades.

The average estimated yearly undergraduate expenses—including tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation and other expenses—for the 2009-10 school year were:

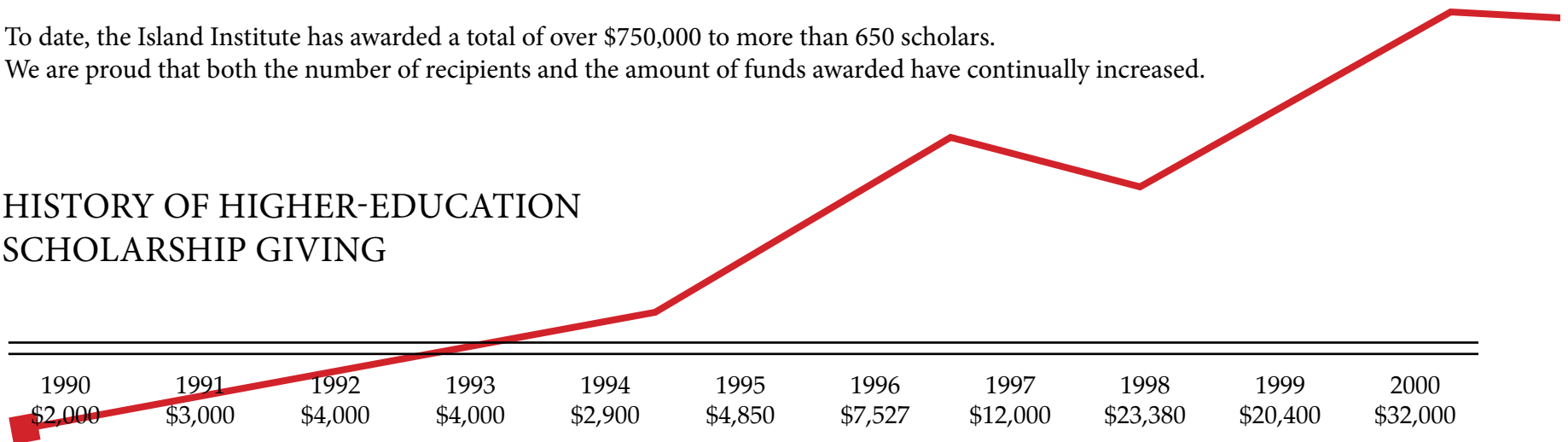
Public, two-year commuter.....	\$14,285
Public four-year, in-state, on-campus.....	\$19,388
Public four-year out-of-state, on campus.....	\$30,916
Private, not-for-profit four-year, on campus.....	\$39,028

Source: Trends in College Pricing, College Board (2009)

Not only are college tuitions rising, but it is also becoming more expensive for students to travel home to Maine for those all-important visits. Scholarships support is one of the most effective ways to directly help island students and their families in the pursuit of higher education.

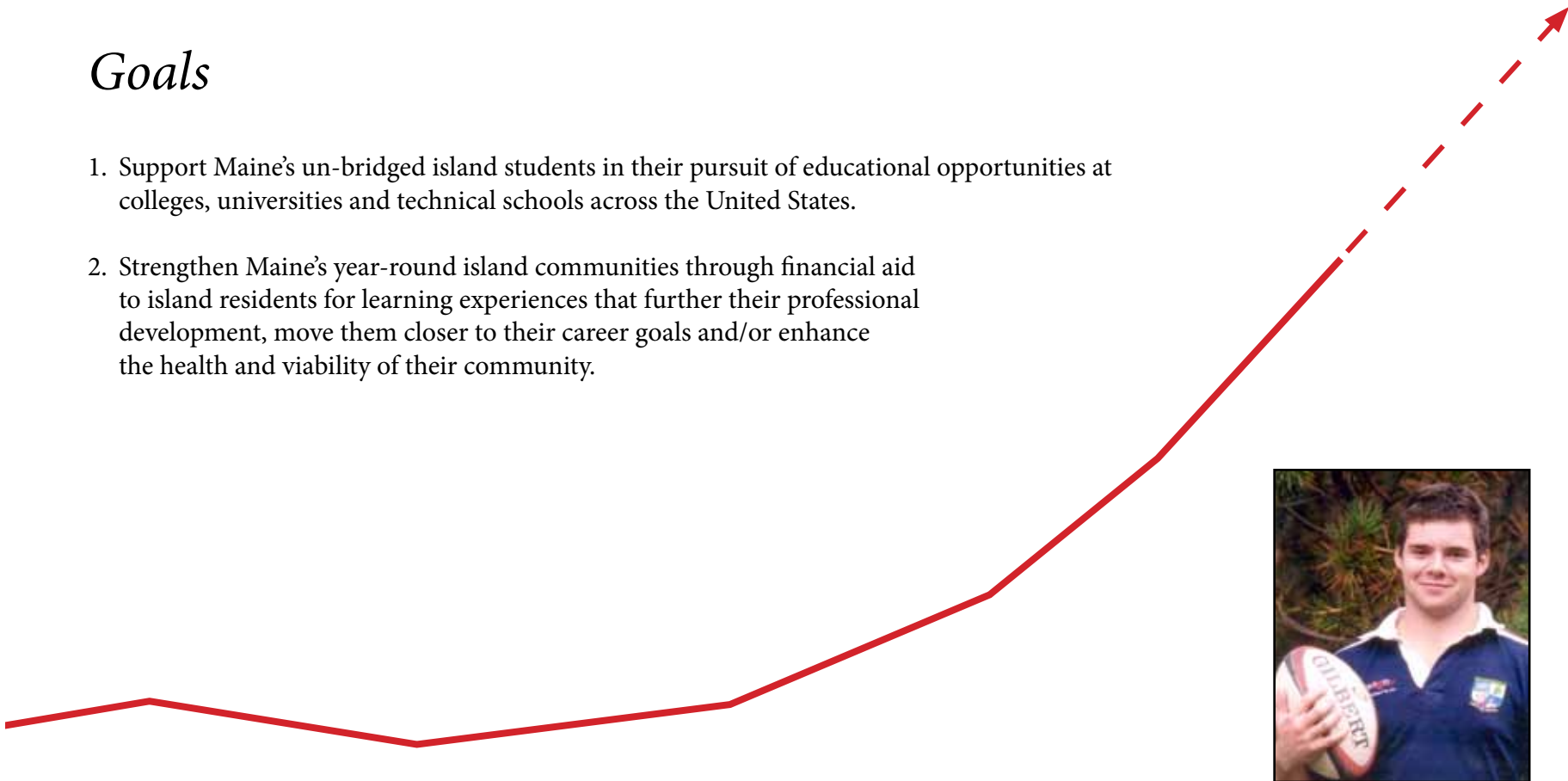
To date, the Island Institute has awarded a total of over \$750,000 to more than 650 scholars. We are proud that both the number of recipients and the amount of funds awarded have continually increased.

## HISTORY OF HIGHER-EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP GIVING



# Goals

1. Support Maine's un-bridged island students in their pursuit of educational opportunities at colleges, universities and technical schools across the United States.
2. Strengthen Maine's year-round island communities through financial aid to island residents for learning experiences that further their professional development, move them closer to their career goals and/or enhance the health and viability of their community.

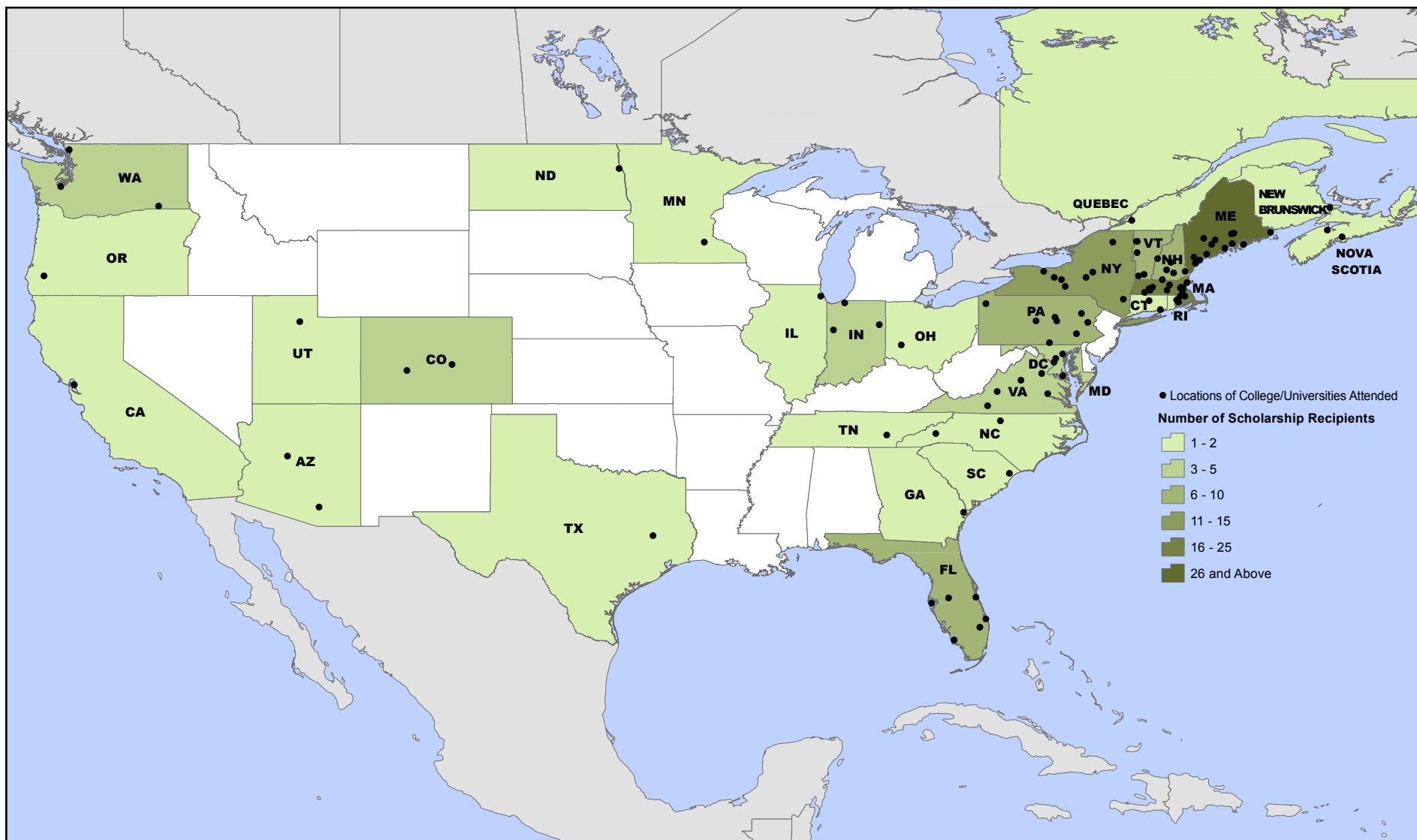


*“Islands create an atmosphere of both independence and dependence—learning to rely on oneself, while reaping the benefits of a close community, is an important part of growing up.”—Zachary Whitener, Long Island*

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2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
\$32,000	\$34,700	\$31,750	\$33,250	\$37,400	\$48,900	\$66,700	128,250	\$131, 850	\$90,450	\$751,307



## *Maine Island Scholarship Recipients Colleges and Universities Attended (2002-2010)*

Acadia University  
Allegheny College  
American University  
Andover College  
Antioch College  
Assumption College  
Atlantic Union College  
Bates College  
Bennington College  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
Bowdoin College  
Bridgewater State College  
Brown University  
Bryan College  
Bucknell University  
Burlington College  
Carleton College  
Champlain College  
Coastal Carolina University  
Colby College  
Colby-Sawyer  
Colgate University  
College of the Atlantic  
Colorado College  
Colorado Mountain College  
Concordia University  
Connecticut College  
Cornell University  
Culinary Institute of America  
Curry College  
Dalhousie University  
Dartmouth University  
Eastern Maine Community College  
Eckerd College  
Elon University  
Embry Riddle  
Evergreen State College  
Ferrum College  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida Southern College  
Fordham University

Franklin Pierce College  
Full Sail University  
Gettysburg College  
Gordon College  
Goucher College  
Hamilton College  
Harvard University  
Hobart & William Smith Colleges  
Holy Cross College  
Huntington University  
Husson College  
Intercoast Career Institute  
Ithaca College  
Johnson & Wales University  
King's College  
Lasell College  
Lewis & Clark College  
Lynchburg College  
Maine College of Art  
Maine Maritime Academy  
Marlboro College  
Mass. College of Art & Design  
Mass. College of Pharmacy  
McGill University  
Messiah College  
Middlebury College  
Mount Allison University – New Brunswick Canada  
Mount Holyoke College  
Muhlenberg College  
New College of Florida  
New England College  
New England School of Communications  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Paul Smith's College  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pratt Institute  
Prescott College  
Purdue University  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rockport College  
Roger Williams University

Saint Joseph's College  
Saint Lawrence University  
Saint Mary's College of Maryland  
Saint Michael's College  
Salem State University  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Smith College  
Southern Maine Community College  
Southern New Hampshire University  
Springfield College  
Stonehill College  
Susquehanna University  
Texas A & M  
Thomas College  
Trinity College  
University of Maine System - UMA,UMO,UMF, USM  
U.S. Military Academy  
Universal Technical Institute  
University of Arizona  
University of California Berkeley  
University of Mary Washington  
University of Maryland Conservatory  
University of Massachusetts  
University of New England  
University of New Hampshire  
University of North Dakota  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
University of Utah  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
Utica College of Syracuse University  
Warren Wilson College  
Washington County Community College  
Wells College  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Western State College  
Western Washington University  
Wheaton College  
Whitman College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute



## *The Island Scholars Network*

This program is designed to help island students address the special difficulties that confront them and to ease their transition into college life and adulthood. It includes:

- An annual Island Scholars Luncheon
- In-school talks about writing essays and college choices
  - An Island Scholars e-newsletter
- Newsletters for parents and high school students
- A writing program for students to contribute to Institute publications
  - College and financial-aid counseling.

## *Island Scholars Luncheon*

Thanks to a grant from the Catawamteak Fund, the Institute launched this annual celebration of island scholars in June 2007. The Island Scholars Luncheon continues to serve as a chance for peer-mentoring pairs to meet in person before the start of the academic year and for inter-island friendships to re-connect.



# Scholarship Funds and 2010 Awardees



BRENDEN MYERS  
Great Diamond Island  
College of the Holy Cross

## **Maine Island Scholarships**

*Renewable awards of \$200 to \$5,000 available for college, technical-school or boarding-school expenses.*



ARTHUR GOVONI III  
Islesboro  
Maine Maritime Academy

## **Academic & Community Leadership Scholarship**

*A one-time \$5,000 award recognizing academic excellence and community leadership.*



KEITH DRURY  
Vinalhaven  
Colorado College

## **Otter Island Fund**

*A renewable \$5,000 award for students enrolled at select preparatory schools, colleges and universities.*



AMILIA CAMPBELL  
North Haven  
Bowdoin College

## **Shaw Fund for Mariners' Children**

*Renewable awards of \$250 to \$3,000 for mariners' children. One \$5,000 scholarship awarded to the mariner's child with the highest cumulative GPA.*



ANNA MAINE  
Chebeague  
Brown University

## **Seth Jordan Memorial Fund**

*A one-time award of \$1000 given to supplement the scholarship received by the Casco-Bay graduate with the highest GPA.*



ARIANNA STEFANILO  
Chebeague  
Southern Maine Community College

## **Sweet Scholarship**

*A new \$5,000 award for academic excellence and leadership, renewable for up to two years at \$2,500 per year.*



## *The Future of Scholarship Giving at the Island Institute*

Our goal is to contribute 10% towards total college expenses for all Maine island students. To do that, we need an endowment fund of \$2 million so that \$100,000 is available for awards each year. To date, we have raised \$500,000, and we rely on yearly gifts to provide the additional assistance needed. The future of the Maine Island Scholarship Program is uncertain without a stable source of funding. We need your help to ensure that island students get the help they need to achieve their dreams.

# *How You Can Help*

We welcome any contributions to the Maine Island Scholarship Program for:

- General support
- A named award
- A special fund
- The Island Scholars Luncheon
- The Island Scholars Network

Please contact Nancy McLeod Carter at 207-594-9209 or [ncarter@islandinstitute.org](mailto:ncarter@islandinstitute.org).



*“The number of scholarships, range of funds, and specific types of scholarships are great! It is wonderful to have this scholarship program available to islanders. I know it is helping a lot of island families.”* —**Flora Drury, Vinalhaven**

# *Thank you to our Maine Islands Scholarship Donors*

We wish to recognize the late **Charles B. McLane**, for the Fund for Maine Island Education, established in 1996 in memory of Carol Evarts McLane, for higher-education and professional-development opportunities...

**Barbara and Cyrus Sweet**, for establishing a special award in 2008 for academic excellence and leadership...

the **ERQ Educational Foundation**, for ongoing support for students attending four-year colleges and universities...

the **Shaw Fund for Mariners' Children**, helping those who earn a living from the sea provide the gift of a college education to the next generation...

the **Otter Island Fund**, supporting students enrolled in select preparatory schools, colleges and universities across the country...

**Nancy and Robert Jordan**, for establishing a memorial fund in 2006 to honor their son Seth...

the **Wilson Family Foundation**, for continuing generous support providing scholarship funds for Maine island graduates.



*Nancy and Robert Jordan with Anna Maine, recipient of the 2010 Seth Jordan Memorial Fund Scholarship*



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