



Two 2020 Scholarship Recipients Awarded Four Years of College Tuition Plus Living Expenses

The Doug Miller and Don Sanders Scholarship (DMDS) Fund is pleased to announce the fund's inaugural 2020 scholarship recipients. Ashaunte Hill and Deysi Davila were granted four years of college tuition and all living expenses not covered by other aid as well as a semester abroad. Each scholar was selected after displaying remarkable academic achievement, extra-curricular participation, and community service.

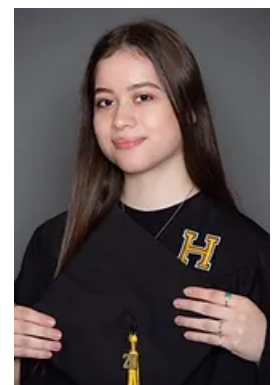
The DMDS Scholarship Fund is dedicated to lifting disadvantaged students up - in a very different way from most other grant programs. Recipients are given everything to ensure success. Besides tuition, living expenses, and a semester abroad, the fund covers other necessities, such as laptops and software, dorm room design and decoration, clothing, meal plans, and health needs.

"It's a great pleasure to aid these impressive young women who are poised to do great things," Colleen Sweeney, vice president & treasurer, DMDS Scholarship Fund, stated. "This scholarship came out of tragedy - the premature deaths of Kathy Butler's (president & secretary, DMDS Scholarship Fund) husband and mine. In their honor, we strive to support students in their educational journey so they can look for a path that truly sustains them."



Hill graduated from Northside High School with a 3.9 GPA. She participated in many sports programs even becoming co-captain of the cheer team, was a part of the student council, and frequently volunteered at the Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Summer Day Camp. Hill plans to major in education and minor in english or math to become a teacher. In her words, "I want to be the foundation to help someone become successful".

Valedictorian of Sam Houston MSTC, Davila graduated with a 4.5 GPA. She participated in a number of extracurricular clubs as well as interning for Houston City Council Member Karla Cisneros's TechConnect activities. Davila will be attending the University of Houston, majoring in marketing "to shine more light on the [Hispanic] art community by helping with better and improved marketing ideas," as she notes.



"Both recipients will be first-generation college graduates," says Kathy Butler.

"These grantees show grit, resilience, and dedication. In our husbands' memories, we are ecstatic to aid these

driven women in achieving their goals. I have no doubt they will change the world through higher education.”

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank all of this year’s applicants for taking the time to apply for this year’s scholarship award. We wish all of the applicants much success with their college efforts.

The Fund is seeking donors who support the power of higher education. To become involved, please contact colleen@dmdsscholarship.org or visit <https://www.dmdsscholarship.org/support-us>.

ABOUT THE DOUG MILLER & DON SANDERS FUND

The Doug Miller & Don Sanders Scholarship fund provides Texas high school graduates the lifetime opportunity of advanced education free from financial worries or a lifetime of debt. Recipients are granted four-years of tuition, living expenses, and a semester abroad. For more information, please visit <https://www.dmdsscholarship.org>

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