

## First Year Thank Yous

**Jaimie Williamson** (Oskaloosa) – First off, I would like to thank you for your continued interest in my education. The Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship was, by far, the hardest scholarship to receive. Since being awarded this scholarship, I have completed my first year at William Penn University. I plan on being an Accounting and Business major with a minor in Economics.

**Paige Shelton** (Modale) – I had a great first year at Simpson College. I learned many new things and had a very enjoyable experience. I not only grew more intelligent, but also grew more as a person. While reading the *Grand Lodge Bulletin*, I realized how much you do for our great state. Your contributions have helped me and so many other students strive to reach their dreams.

**Audrey Mc Gargill** (Imogene) – I just completed my first year at Iowa State University. I participated in choir, voice lessons, an organization called Best Buddies, intramural sports, and a worship team. I also became very involved in a campus ministry, and God taught me a lot throughout the year and provided me with many people to have fellowship with. The Grand Lodge Scholarship has aided me greatly.

**Amanda Eikenberry** (Des Moines) – I am currently completing an internship with CIGNA Corporation in Hartford, Connecticut. My first year of college was a challenging and enjoyable experience. Receiving the Grand Lodge Scholarship has allowed me to concentrate on my major study and contribute to the Des Moines community through volunteer and service work.

**Sarah Michaelson** (Coralville) – My first year at the University of Iowa was a rich rewarding experience. I applied for and was accepted to be a resident assistant. I'm really looking forward to being able to help new students through their first year.

**Adela Cope** (Springville) – My first year of college went very well. With much hard work and long hours of studying, I managed to maintain straight A's throughout the year (at Wartburg College). During Spring Break, I went on a service trip with about a dozen other girls to Denver, Colorado. We painted and refurbished several rooms for Sobriety House, a nonprofit organization that offers services to those who have substance abuse.

**Megan Hefflefinger** (Corning) – I have just completed my first year at the University of Northern Iowa. I had a great year! I joined the Panther Pacers and made many friends in the 100-mile intramural running club. I was a mentor at Edison Elementary School and ended up with a 3.98 G.P.A. My professors were friendly and helpful.

**Noelle Plueger** (Stanwood) – College is a fascinating experience, an experience whose sole purpose is learning, and to some extent, growing. Through how the scholarship interviews were conducted and the questions asked, I have become more confident and comfortable selling myself during an interview.

**James Krejsa** (Indianola) – Thank you for your well wishes. I can assure you that I had an extraordinary first year at Grinnell College. Academically, I ended up taking the maximum eighteen credits for both fall and spring semesters. Though Grinnell has an open curriculum and no required classes, I took a diverse course that included Political Science, Biology, Religious Studies, and Chinese.

**Adrienne Nedved** (Garner) – My first year at Drake was very successful I feel. I earned a 4.0 GPA in the fall and a 3.85 GPA in the spring. I also became involved in one of Drake's campus fellowship programs, participated in intramurals, and I was inducted into a professional pharmacy fraternity called Phi Delta Chi.

**Avni Sanghi** (Ames) – My first year of college went wonderfully. I realized that the major, Chemical Engineering, I had chosen coming into college was right for me. The scholarship aided in all the costs for textbooks and the many activities I became involved. I enjoyed meeting the members of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and thank you all for supporting me in my endeavors.

### Brother Walter Saves Lives

**B**rother Randall Walter of Mount Olive Lodge No. 79 at Boone was in the right place at the right time to save the Chad Hudson family. Brother Walter is a funeral director, and as he was returning from a call in the wee hours of the morning of December 9, he noticed smoke in the air around houses as he traveled on Mamie Eisenhower Avenue. As he returned to the funeral home, he saw flames shooting out of the roof of the Hudson house, which was across the street. He called 911, went to the house, and beat on the door until the family woke up and answered the door. The entire upstairs was in flames within four minutes after the family evacuated the house. The smoke detectors had failed to go off. Brother Walter's quick response saved the family of six.



### Role of the Top Line Signer

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**T**he role of the top line signer is one of the most important roles in Freemasonry, for he is the Brother who, by his signature, is telling the lodge that the man he is signing for is a really good man, one who works diligently to improve himself and one who will bring honor to the Fraternity. He is also telling the candidate that he will help him get his Masonic career off to a good start and that the applicant can depend on him.

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