

REFLECTIONS FROM PAST CCSF SCHOLARS



Jacob Allen-Fahlander moved to Concord at the beginning of his freshman year and graduated from CCHS with the class of 1996. An honors student, he quickly found a place for himself on sports teams, in community service opportunities, and as a counselor for the Concord Recreation Department. He received his B.A. from Union College in 2000 and since then has worked as an analyst in the Manhattan (NY) office of Accenture Consulting. Jacob was at the American Express headquarters next to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Like so many young people who witnessed the terror of that day, Jacob has confronted unexpected challenges. *"Experiencing something like September 11th really puts things in perspective. It makes me appreciate more than ever how much we all depend on a community of family and friends. For me, a part of my support network has been the **Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund**. Even though I worked every summer, I still ended up with several large college loans to pay back. **Receiving direct grants from CCSF has made a real difference as I get my feet on the ground in a new city and a new career.**"*



Rasheedah Washington graduated in 1996 from CCHS where she was a participant in the METCO program. She was a conscientious student who distinguished herself for her serious-minded approach to her studies and clear focus on her academic goals. After graduating from Quinnipiac University in 2000, Rasheedah joined the admissions office at Northeastern University in Boston where she is Assistant Director for Undergraduate Admission Transfer Affairs. In this position she travels to high schools in the New England area to attend college fairs and speak to graduating seniors interested in attending Northeastern. *"How much did you say those books were? Can I buy a one-way ticket to Boston? 'Class, please go to Campus Copy and purchase additional information packets for our discussion.' When I began Quinnipiac University I realized that my education was not free any more. The **Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund** helped me cover costs for books, transportation, and 'additional information' required for classes. **Thanks to all who support this fund. You have truly made a difference in my life.**"*



Johanna Rees is the youngest of three sisters who attended CCHS in successive years. All three girls attended Rice University where Johanna majored in sociology and graduated in 2002. At Rice she played lacrosse and women's rugby and also continued with community service, working at an AIDS hospice and in a summer program for underachieving youth.

Now a member of the Teach for America Corps in New Orleans, Johanna still plays in a women's rugby league and is passing along her energy and enthusiasm for learning to her classroom of underprivileged 1st and 2nd graders. *"The support I received from the Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund and others helped me to attend college. As a result, my student loans are less than they would otherwise have been, and that helps me pursue my goals of teaching and social work. I am very grateful to the Scholarship Fund for its important support."*



Peter Greer graduated from CCHS in 1993, thankful for an excellent education, especially in the areas of French and mathematics. As a major in international business at Messiah College, he was introduced to microfinance as a way to use business skills to help the entrepreneurial poor

break out of the cycle of poverty. After two years as the assistant business manager at Lexington Christian Academy, he joined World Relief's microfinance team as an advisor in Cambodia. He then worked with World Relief as the managing director of a microfinance institution in Rwanda. Currently, he is getting a master's degree in public policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. *"Recently a client of our microfinance institution presented me with a giant yam. This gift was significant because it came from a widow of the Rwandan genocide who previously had relied on handouts. We helped her set up her own business and she wanted to express her appreciation in a tangible way. She was proud of the fact that she was no longer dependent on others and could provide for her family on her own. I don't have a giant yam to give to everyone who supports CCSF but, like this Rwandan widow, I would like to express my thankfulness to all of you. Your gifts allowed me to complete college and to receive the necessary tools to work for lasting change in the developing world."*

A DONOR'S STORY

By William E. "Jack" Mattison

My family and I thought carefully about the need for the Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund to increase its endowment. We decided this is where we wanted to invest and create our legacy to the future, while simultaneously honoring the past. What finer investment in the future can there be than supporting the youth of our towns who need a financial boost to realize their dreams!

The Mattison family, Brad, Polly, Richard, Martha Curran, and I, provided \$100,000 to the Elizabeth A. Mattison Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of our mother. We are very pleased that she will be remembered through the lives and work of so many young people to come.