



Bunker Hill Community College  
Ruby Anniversary Scholars

Dear Friends,

Last year, in honor of the 40th anniversary of Bunker Hill Community College, the BHCC Foundation established the Ruby Anniversary Scholars Program. The goal of this scholarship program is to cover financial needs not met through federal, state or other grants. The Foundation hoped that this additional aid would enable the Ruby Scholars to take more courses than they otherwise would have been able to afford, in order to accelerate progress toward completing their degrees. As you will read in the following pages, that goal was met. Twenty of the Ruby Scholars are completing their tenure at BHCC this year and moving on to further education or careers. The remainder are first-year students who have made an excellent start at BHCC and who have promising futures. Funds raised through the Foundation's 2014 Ruby Night gala made the Ruby Anniversary Scholarships possible.

To those of you reading this booklet who participated in that gala and gave generously, I offer my deepest thanks. You can share pride in the accomplishments of the Ruby Scholars and know that your support was used wisely and well. To those who are new to the Foundation's scholarship programs, I hope the stories of the Ruby Scholars encourage your participation in these initiatives. Your generous support will have a real impact on helping our students complete their work at BHCC and go on to further education or careers.

Gratefully,

Jeanne-Marie Boylan  
President, Bunker Hill Community College Foundation

## Class of 2015 Ruby Scholars



### Kelechi Amogu

Current Residence: Everett  
High School: FGC Keffi, Nigeria  
Major: Gaming/Computer Simulation  
Future Plans: Graduate in May. Transfer to a four-year school and play professional soccer.



### Baongoc Bui

Current Residence: Boston  
High School: Tran Phu High School,  
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam  
Major: Biology  
Future Plans: Graduate in May. Transfer to the University of Massachusetts Boston to major in pharmacy.



### Jean Paul Ewang

Current Residence: Malden  
High School: Government Bilingual High School,  
Yaounde, Cameroon  
Major: Biology  
Future Plans: Graduate in May. Transfer to Idaho State University to major in pharmacy.



### Ximing He

Current Residence: Boston  
High School: Jian Men #1,  
Guangdong Province, China  
Major: Engineering  
Future Plans: Graduate in May. Transfer to the University of Massachusetts Boston or Northeastern University.

## About the Ruby Scholars

The Ruby Anniversary Scholars are a diverse group of students. They come from the Boston area and from around the world. They are studying science, engineering, technology, education, business and art. While they are different, their comments about the impact that the Ruby Anniversary Scholarships have had on their lives and studies reflect several common themes.

Foremost is the financial aspect. The \$5,000 award enabled them to take more courses, work less and study more, thus accelerating progress toward their degrees. Ximing He would not have been able to graduate in May (A.S., Engineering) without the Ruby Scholarship. Ximing told us, "Before I was awarded the scholarship, I had a part-time job and could only take four classes a semester; now I take five classes a semester and have more time to study." Kristina Stapelfeld struggled to take two classes per semester; the Ruby Scholarship enabled her to become a full-time student." [The Scholarship] covers everything I need after financial aid—transportation, even textbooks, which I used to have to work two double shifts to pay for!"



## Quan Nguyen

Current Residence: Dorchester

High School: Phu Nhuan High School,  
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Future Plans: Graduated in December. Transferred to MIT to major in chemical and biomedical engineering, then attend graduate school.



## Zhaoyan Yu

Current Residence: Somerville

High School: No. 9 Hi Yang High School,  
Shandong, China

Major: Database Programming

Future Plans: Graduate in May.

Seek employment.



## Pedro Martins

Current Residence: Somerville

High School: Somerville High School,  
Somerville, Massachusetts

Major: Gaming/Computer Simulation

Future Plans: Graduate in May. Work for a year then transfer to Boston College.



## Charlene Magang Sidze

Current Residence: Malden

High School: Polyvalent High School,  
Douata, Cameroon

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Future Plans: Graduate in May. Transfer to Wentworth Institute of Technology, then attend graduate school.

## Financial Impact

For several of our students, the Scholarship was life changing. Melissa Desrosiers' father passed away last year, reducing their family income by half and derailing her plans to attend any of the colleges to which she was accepted—except BHCC, because of the Ruby Scholarship. Last fall, Quan Nguyen was taking five classes at BHCC, applying to four-year schools and studying for the USA Academic Team (which he made). Then his mother lost her job. Because of the Ruby Scholarship, Quan had to work only 20 hours per week. He told us, "The financial support of the scholarship meant that I had more time to study, and I got into MIT!" The Ruby Scholarship also meant a lot to Zhaoyan Yu, who emigrated to the US seven and a half years ago. "I never expected that I could earn a scholarship. I got an email to apply. I tried and I got it! I was so surprised! It encouraged me. I hadn't planned on graduating this year, but the Ruby Scholarship enabled me to do so. I will graduate in May and so will my daughter—from Harvard. We will go to each other's graduation ceremonies!"



### Richard Hui

Current Residence: Quincy  
High School: North Quincy High School,  
Quincy, Massachusetts  
Major: Gaming/Computer Simulation  
Future Plans: Graduate in May. Transfer to  
Becker College.



### George LoCascio

Current Residence: Lawrence  
High School: Braintree High School,  
Braintree, Massachusetts  
Major: Biology  
Future Plans: Transfer to the University of Massachusetts  
Amherst to major in plant, soil and insect science.



### Nelson Kiggundu

Current Residence: Randolph  
High School: Saint Mary's High School,  
Kisubi, Uganda  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
Future Plans: Graduate in May. Transfer to the University  
of Massachusetts Lowell to major in engineering.



### Daniel Ormond

Current Residence: Woburn  
High School: Nauset Regional High School,  
Eastham, Massachusetts  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
Future Plans: Graduate in May. Transfer to  
a four-year school to major in electrical and/or  
computer engineering.

# Confidence Building

In addition to financial support, the Ruby Scholarships gave the recipients confidence in their ability to achieve something they never thought they could. For Fnu Mbamuku Anjoh, an engineering student, "The Ruby Scholarship helped me to develop a level of confidence in my studies. I couldn't believe that I could get a scholarship. Once I did, it boosted my self-esteem. Anything that at first may seem to discourage me now, I remember that I got this scholarship and know that if I stay working hard, I can succeed." Daniel Ormond wanted us to know that "It has been an honor to be recognized with the Ruby Scholarship. It has been such a boost in the middle of a difficult major (engineering). Receiving the scholarship said to me you can do this and you can do it well! It has helped me to build towards my goal."



## **Fnu Mbamuku Anjoh**

Current Residence: Malden

High School: DSS Mankon, Cameroon

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Future Plans: Graduate in May.





## Giovanni Pereira

Current Residence: Saugus  
High School: Northeast Metro Technical High School,  
Wakefield, Massachusetts  
Major: Network Technology and Administration  
Future Plans: Graduate in May. Transfer to the University  
of Massachusetts Boston to major in IT/networking.

## Maureen Keddie

Current Residence: Tewksbury  
High School: Academy of Notre Dame,  
Tyngsboro, Massachusetts  
Major: Medical Laboratory Technology  
Future Plans: Graduate in May.  
Seek employment.

## Biniam Legesse

Current Residence: Cambridge  
High School: GED  
Major: Biology  
Future Plans: Graduate in May.  
Transfer to a four-year school.

## Youssef Sabouni

Current Residence: Saugus  
High School: Ben Ali High School,  
Casablanca, Morocco  
Major: Web Development  
Future Plans: Graduate in May. Transfer  
to the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

## Ngwa Standly

Current Residence: Lynn  
High School: Foreign High School,  
Cameroon  
Major: Engineering  
Future Plans: Transfer to Oklahoma  
University to major in petroleum  
engineering.

## Zakia Zeifri

Current Residence: East Boston  
High School: Ebno Zaidoun, Morocco  
Major: Medical Laboratory Technology  
Future Plans: Graduate in May.  
Seek employment.

## Class of 2016 Ruby Scholars



### Mikhail Agrba

Current Residence: Medford

High School: School #1397,  
Moscow, Russia

Major: Biology

Future Plans: Graduate in May 2016.

Transfer to a four-year school for pre-med, then attend medical school; become a surgeon.



### Johanna Deras Marroquin

Current Residence: Chelsea

High School: Chelsea High School,  
Chelsea, Massachusetts

Major: Human Services

Future Plans: Graduate in May or December 2016.

Transfer to a four-year school, major in social work.



### Melissa Desrosiers

Current Residence: Everett

High School: Everett High School,  
Everett, Massachusetts

Major: Radiography

Future Plans: Graduate in May 2016.



### Zhixi Liu

Current Residence: Quincy

High School: Guangzhou City, China

Major: Business

Future Plans: Graduate in May 2016.

Transfer to a four-year school for accounting and earn a CPA license.

# Gratitude

The Scholars have shared with us their immense gratitude to those who made the Ruby Scholarships possible. From Charlene Magang Sidze: "Thank you to all those who contributed [to the scholarship]. It helped me to pay for my last year of BHCC. I was paying out of pocket, so this really helped me to complete." From Jean Paul Ewang: "I am so grateful that there are people out there that are willing to help you get an education and give back to the community." And from Alynn Karnes: "When I started school I had a good job, but unfortunately I got laid off. Finances became an issue. If it were not for the Ruby Scholarship, I would not have been able to continue. I want to say thank you to all of the donors for their gifts. You are kind of making dreams come true."



## Alynn Karnes

Current Residence: Somerville

High School: Southwest High School,  
Fort Worth, Texas

Major: Biology

Future Plans: Graduate in May. Transfer to a four-year school to major in zoology and wildlife conservation.



### Reyna Palma

Current Residence: East Boston  
High School: East Boston High School,  
East Boston, Massachusetts  
Major: Business  
Future Plans: Graduate in December 2016.  
Transfer to a four-year school, major in  
law/mediation law.



### Antwanisha Washington

Current Residence: Chelsea  
High School: Chelsea High School,  
Chelsea, Massachusetts  
Major: Education  
Future Plans: Graduate in 2016.  
Transfer to Lesley University; become  
a middle school teacher.



### Kaitlyn Winder

Current Residence: Boston  
High School: Fenway High School,  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Major: Sonography  
Future Plans: Graduate in May 2016.  
Work in a hospital that will support  
further education.

On behalf of the Bunker Hill Community College Foundation, we salute and thank all the donors to the Ruby Anniversary Scholars Program. You are making a difference in the lives of the young scholars featured in this booklet. You are having an impact. You are making dreams come true.

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