

Webb, Elaine Jenkins, Director of Planned Giving in the Africa University Development Office said, "Because of the generosity and faithfulness of donors like the Upper New York Annual Conference, Africa University has now educated more than 8,000 young men and women from 31 of the 55 nations of Africa. The majority of our graduates have returned to their communities to engage in cutting-edge ministries which are transforming lives."

Africa University's motto is Learning Here. Living Here. Leading Here. Serving God. All the time. Everywhere. The members of UNY Conference who have hosted fundraisers and/or made



donations to Africa University are part of the reason that thousands of young African women and men are fulfilling the motto of Africa University.

In Brief

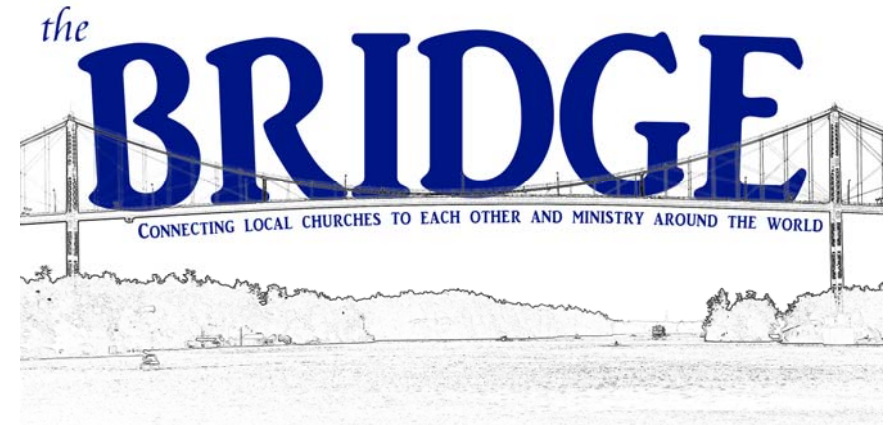
Charles and Grace Bulson Memorial Student Loan

Applications are now being accepted for the Bulson Memorial Loan Program, which provides loans of up to \$4,000 per academic year per undergraduate student. The amount of the award will depend not only on the applicant's need, but also upon the number of applications and the amount of money available to make awards each year. Funds for these loans are made available from a trust for this purpose administered by the Board of Trustees. The application deadline is August 1, 2017. Visit <http://bit.ly/bulson2017> for more information or to apply.

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The Upper New York Conference's vision is to live the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God's love with our neighbors in all places.

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Lottie Brown Scholarship Recipients announced

Each year the Upper New York Annual Conference College Scholarships Committee offers Lottie Brown Scholarships for undergraduate students who are intending to enter a career in Christian service. This year's recipients are Elyse Muder, Emily Allen, and Katherine (Kate) Bobsein.

Elyse is attending the State University of New York at Fredonia. She is pursuing a career in Social Work. One day, she hopes to run a Christian-faith based social work office.

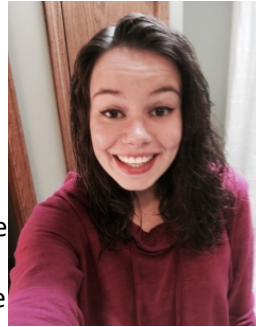
Brad Chesebro, Senior Pastor of the First United Methodist Church of



Elyse Muder

New Hartford recommended Elyse for the Lottie Brown Scholarship. He said, "Elyse is faithful in her dedication to honoring God with her time, talents, and treasures...Her involvement in local and overseas mission work is a testament to her love of helping others. Elyse is a young woman with great character and a positive, bold witness for the Church."

Emily is attending Houghton College. She is on the path to become a clergy member like her mother and father. She is a Theology major.



Emily Allen

Steve Atwater, Director of Youth at Bemus Point United Methodist Church recommended Emily, who attends the church. He said, "Emily is a great leader, excels academically, but most important to me, is wonderful working with people. She has the ability to bring many personalities with different viewpoints together and serve for a greater purpose. She is able to do this with a humble yet confident strength that draws people to her."

Kate attends Ithaca College where she studies Music Education and hopes to have a leading role in her church's music ministry.

Kate attended Pendleton Center United Methodist Church (PCUMC) her whole life. Her pastor at

PCUMC, the Rev. Tom Kraft said, "Kate has provided leadership in a variety of areas including our children, youth, music, and fundraising ministries. Kate is the type of young person the Church should encourage as an example of faith and commitment. I expect she will have a bright future in the Church."

Elyse, Emily and Kate's scholarships will help support not only their education goals, but also their lifelong goals to apply their gifts to Christian service.



Katherine Bobsein

UNY Conference helps Faith Tatenda Nyatoti graduate from Africa University this year

Africa University celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. This institution, which was developed by United Methodist bishops, enables young men and women from dozens of nations throughout Africa to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees on the Africa University campus.

Africa University students are sup-

ported primarily through endowed scholarships. The UNY Conference has an Africa University Endowed Scholarship Fund that helps support specific students at Africa University.

According to the Africa University website, "Funding for scholarships is vital for Africa University, which is a residential institution, because many

students would not be able to attend without financial help. Most are first-generation college students with backgrounds that include displacement, underemployment, and relatively low annual incomes for many workers."

This year, 718 students graduated from Africa University. One of the

graduates was a recipient of one of the five current Upper New York Annual Conference endowed scholarships. Her name is Faith Tatenda Nyatoti and she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education.

In a letter addressed to Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J.

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