Moldin Scholarship Recipients Announced

GREENVILLE, N.C. (May 13, 2010) — The East Carolina University Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences has announced the 2010-11 Moldin Scholarship recipients. They are Isaac D. Morton, a duel-major in biology and chemistry, and chemistry major Sarah Howell Kinsley.

The Moldin Scholarship, established in 2006 by ECU alumni Richard and Nancy Moldin, provides a $2,000 annual scholarship to two rising juniors enrolled full-time in the Department of Chemistry or the Department of Biology, with a minimum 2.5 GPA and demonstrated financial need. The $2,000 monetary award is available for one academic year – $1,000 each semester – and is renewable through the recipient’s senior year, upon maintenance of the scholarship eligibility criteria.

Morton, who received the scholarship during his junior year in 2009-10, has been selected for renewal of the scholarship during his 2010-11 senior year.

“I must admit that when I first opened the letter and read the ‘Congratulations, Isaac,’ I was ecstatic. This is such a blessing to receive the Moldin Scholarship, and it means so much to me because it provides further encouragement to continue to do well in academia and in the community,” said Morton. “I am so grateful for my donors and to those who chose me to be a recipient. The inspiration that comes along with such an award provides all the necessary incentive to ‘continue to fight the good fight.’ I cannot wait until later in life, where I hope to have an opportunity to return the favor to another young student in need.”

In addition to his studies in biology and chemistry, Morton is active in a number of clubs and organizations both at ECU and within the community. He is involved with the Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Society, the ECU Isshinryu Club and the S.G.A. Judicial Board and leadership team. In the community, Morton has served as a member of AmeriCorps, providing more than 900 hours of service work to ECU and the surrounding community. He has acted as a moderator for an annual, youth science fair held at ECU, and he is an undergraduate biology instructor through Project HEART. Morton received the ECU Access Scholar Award his sophomore and junior years, and as a senior, he also will receive the Dr. Chia-yu Li Undergraduate Scholastic Award through the ECU Department of Chemistry.

“As the time for graduation draws closer, I have become more and more satisfied with the path I have chosen,” Morton wrote in his scholarship application. “I have come to love and understand both my fields of interest in
biology and chemistry…. I have been fascinated at the relationships between the two fields and want to grow and learn more about each.”

Kinsley, the second recipient, is a chemistry major who will begin her junior year in the fall.

“I am extremely grateful for having received this award,” said Kinsley. “It's a blessing to be rewarded for my hard work.”

While pursuing her chemistry degree, Kinsley has worked two jobs and maintained her involvement in ECU organizations and academics. She is active in ECU’s Pirate Tutoring Center, and is a member of the ECU Chancellor’s List, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Golden Key National Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Kinsley received an EC Scholars Bookstore Scholarship during her freshman year, and as a junior, she also will receive an ECU Alumni Scholarship.

It is Kinsley’s goal to become an oral maxillofacial surgeon and open a bilingual practice in eastern North Carolina.

In her scholarship application, Kinsley stated, “This scholarship will help me to focus more on my studies and the upcoming dental admissions test, rather than making money.”

The Moldins, who established the scholarship, reside in Wilmington. Richard Moldin is an employee of Metrics, Inc., in Greenville. He received his bachelor of science and master of science degrees in chemistry from ECU in 1970 and ‘73 respectively, as well as a master in business administration in ‘76. Nancy Moldin is a 1973 graduate of the ECU School of Music, with a bachelor of music degree in music education.

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