Dear Friends and Supporters of the E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship,

It is a great pleasure to come to you with news from Tours, France, where our 2015/2016 E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship recipient, Monica Salib, is clearly having an exceptional year. Here is the postcard we received from her in November:

Just prior to Monica’s departure for Tours, Hostelling International (HI) Calgary City Centre generously hosted a send-off reception in their very own East Village garden. The hostel’s general manager, Jason Wong, is a wonderful advocate for the ECB Scholarship. E. Catherine Barclay’s role in establishing the very first youth hostel in North America in 1933 made the gathering in this location all the more meaningful. With founders Gerald Hankins and Bob Knipe, as well as Dean Sigurdson of the Faculty of Arts in attendance, Jason presented Monica with a full hostelling kit including a HI membership and a backpack full of equipment she is most certainly finding useful in her travels!

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We are very grateful for the support and involvement of HI Calgary City Centre. Monica’s send-off reception is featured on their website: http://www.hihostelspm.ca/blog/2015/07/09/barclay-scholarship

Another reason to celebrate is that starting in 2016, the E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship we will be issued every year. The E. Catherine Barclay endowment reached $213,000 in 2015 and $7500 has been allocated for the 2016/2017 award. We had hoped that this milestone would coincide with the University of Calgary’s 50th anniversary and the University is equally pleased. The message is out and applications for this flagship year are available online at: https://fis.ucalgary.ca/sites/fis.ucalgary.ca/files/ec_barclay_application_2016_17_0.pdf

With sincere thanks for your help, dedication, and perseverance, we realize that we have reached our goal of “An Annual Award by 2016”! However our efforts to establish the E. Catherine Barclay scholarship as a self-sustaining annual award are ongoing. Knowing the potential impact of current market conditions on endowments, we are cautiously watching the endowment and are encouraging donations which may still be made online at: https://netcommunity.ucalgary.ca/ec_barclay_donate

Cheques may still be sent, payable to the University of Calgary with “E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship” in the memo line to:

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In closing, we wish you and your loved ones the very best for 2016. May excellent health and inspiration accompany you throughout the year and in all your endeavours.

With our very best wishes,


Did you know?
The Department of French, Italian and Spanish has launched a webpage dedicated to the E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship: https://fis.ucalgary.ca/EC_Barclay

The Faculty of Arts recently published a story on the E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship and our fundraising project. A PDF can be viewed (see p.26-27) at:
http://arts.ucalgary.ca/annual-report#p=26