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

As we extend summer greetings to our regular readers, we welcome those of you who are newly on board to support the E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship and our Annual Award initiative.

It is our pleasure to announce the 2015-2016 E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship recipient, Monica Salib, pictured right. Recently we had the pleasure of meeting Monica and hearing about why she applied for the opportunity to study in France for a year.

In Monica’s case, the opportunity to study abroad in France was a natural progression of her current studies as a French major at the University of Calgary. Monica is already thinking of pursuing a Master’s degree, but it wasn’t always that way. When she first started at the University, Monica enrolled in Biological Sciences, minoring in French. She quickly realized, however, that the courses she enjoyed most were her courses in the Department of French, Italian and Spanish. In her third year, she made the final switch and is now pursuing an honours degree in French.

While talking with Monica, it became clear that her passion for French literature and culture runs quite deep. Of Egyptian background, Monica grew up in Kuwait, where she and her brother attended a French school until moving to Canada in junior high. Her passion for French culture is credited to her mother, a true Francophile who still speaks to her children in French.

When asked what she is most looking forward to, Monica couldn’t settle on just one thing:

“I’m most excited by the adventures I will have, the people I will meet, the new places I’ll see, and to study the culture first hand and experience its rich history. Lastly, I’m looking forward to the independence that I’ll gain through living on my own and the growth I’ll have from this amazing opportunity.”

We are certainly confident that Monica will make the most of her academic year at the University François Rabelais in Tours, France!

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The 2015-2016 recipient selection marked an important milestone for the E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship. We are pleased to report to you that we are anticipating a 2016-2017 Scholarship and are working closely with the University of Calgary to implement the award annually thereafter. As we prepare for the introduction of an annual award, we are filled with gratitude for your ongoing support and for the wonderful opportunity this scholarship will be offering a student every year.

At the same time, we gently remind you that your continued support will help to perpetuate the award through high calibre candidates, academic excellence, and community distinction. Philip Calvert continues to be our key contact in the Development Office. Cheques may be sent, payable to the University of Calgary with “E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship” in the memo line, to Philip at:

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While the Development Office continues to guide us through the implementation requirements for an annual award, the process could not be possible without the direct involvement of the Department of French, Italian and Spanish and the Centre for International Students Studying Abroad (CISSA). We hope to celebrate more than the University’s 50th birthday with them next year and will be keeping you updated on our progress toward the creation of an annual award.

With our very best wishes,


Did you know?  
The Department of French, Italian and Spanish has been invaluable in the success of the E.Catherine Barclay Scholarship application process.  
Thanks to their efforts, this year we had more applicants than ever before!  

CISSA is instrumental in supporting our award recipients as they prepare to go abroad. We thank them for their support and guidance of every award recipient!