



# Friends of the Bardwell Scholarships

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Many of us look forward to spring for its new beginnings and rebirth, yet scholars and students alike anxiously await fall for its academic beginnings. For teachers and students, fall has the anticipated and familiar mix of excitement and apprehension; new classes, instructors, students, ideas, reading and assignments. Such is the case with Bardwell Scholars. This fall we proudly assist 13 students at six colleges and universities.

Students are supported in individual ways. Most receive books and mentoring, others receive tuition assistance and tutoring. We are also exploring new ways to enrich their college careers and provide more work-related information and experience.

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Monica Newsome was referred to us through our connection with Women Employed. A serious, goal directed student, Monica needed help with transportation to get to class. The Bardwell Scholarships Program was happy to provide this support as well as a listening ear as Monica finished her training and practicum and began her professional career.

My Letter of Appreciation for the Roger W. Bardwell Scholarship Program  
What Would Most of us do Without Supportive Programs Like This?

*I would like to start off by giving thanks to God because without him in our life nothing is possible. I ask God to be with me while I'm writing this letter of appreciation. In June 2001 I wanted to go to medical assistant school but I just was not sure how I was going to accomplish it with having three little ones to care for. But after searching around for different daycares and medical assistant schools, I found one that excited me. So after getting enrolled in a medical assistant program and everything seemed to be going good, I could not afford the car fare back and forth in my budget of bills. So, Illinois School of Health Careers referred me to Women Employed where I met with a very nice woman named Sheila Rogers.*

*I was so excited after leaving her office knowing that I don't have that burden over my head because she could assist me as long as my grades and attendance were in good standing. In September, 2001, I needed to take a leave of absence to take care of family matters. After returning to school in March 2002, leaving Sheila Rogers' office was kind of stressful. They had run out of funds to be able to provide me with that assistance that I needed to complete my studies. The next evening, I received a phone call from Sheila stating that she knew someone that might be able to help me. She left me with a number to call a lady named Hedy Cohen. After meeting with her, I was still on pins and needles. So, after getting all the documents that she requested, she said, "Yeah"; she could help me until completion of my program.*



Monica Newsome, mother-in-law  
Ella Wilson and daughter Kamari.

*All I could say is that God put the right people in my life that believed in me and I would like to thank Sheila Rogers and the Roger Bardwell Scholarship Program at Harold Washington College. And thank God for having programs like this that assist people who need help in different areas.*

Monica Newsome  
2002 Graduate Illinois School of Health Careers  
Bardwell Scholar

**Our association with Women Employed (WE) has benefited Bardwell Scholars and clients of WE in defining and pursuing their academic, career-related, and personal goals.**

*The Roger Bardwell Scholarship Fund has been collaborating with Women Employed, an advocacy agency for women's work and training, since the spring of 2001. Hedy Cohen, an administrator for the fund, first thought of this partnership while attending the Women Employed Luncheon last year. She contacted WE and was directed to Sheila Rogers, Program Manager of Keys to Success, who counsels women who need to go back to work after a hiatus from the workplace.*

*Since the initial contact, Sheila has worked with three women whom Hedy has referred. Sheila's expertise and her kind, professional manner has helped these women get back on their feet, guiding them to the different services that they need. As one of these women, I have found her counseling invaluable, as I try to balance school, taking care of my children, and finding ways to support myself. Hedy's work with us, besides the help with financing our college tuition, and buying books, has been to coach us through the hard times. She calmly reminds us why we are going to school and gives the push needed to continue.*

*In return, Sheila has referred several students to Bardwell Scholarships for assistance when other grants or funded programs fail to assist with personal obstacles to success. This assistance has included tuition, transportation, workshop payments, and skill development courses.*

*I am sure that this is just the beginning of a very exciting program, tailored to the needs of women returning to school, of which there are many. I applaud the work Sheila and Hedy have done to support this cause, and admire their dedication to helping women.*

Debby Bates  
Northeastern IL University Student  
Bardwell Scholar



Hedy Cohen and Shelia Rogers at the offices of Women Employed.

**Bardwell Scholars are always looking for ways to connect academia with on-the-job-training. Saruul recently received valuable career-related experience working in financial planning.**

*Last summer, I spent a couple of months completing an internship program at Ehlert Financial Group. It's a financial planning company that conducts and handles people's personal accounts, and assists them in attaining their financial goals in the near future. The company aids their customers in a variety of other ways including government benefits for people with disabilities. However, my part was to focus on financial services that were carried out by Ehlert Financial Group, and get a picture as big as possible about the complicated and sophisticated world of finance.*



Mary Anne Ehlert, President, Elhert Financial Group with Saruul Ganbaatar.

*The environment and the team of co-workers that I met there were encouraging and inspirational. With the cross-functioning teams and bigger employee empowerment, everyone of us was eager to get things done to the full satisfaction of our clients. I was personally involved in gathering a full load of information about the clients' past accounts from the pile of their old financial statements and sorting them out to come up with the cost basis which was relevantly important in determining and scaling the performance of their financial portfolios. Sometimes, I would cooperate with other co-workers and work on certain accounts together to settle on investment strategies that would be in the best interest of our clients. More often I would be drawn in to handle trust and bond accounts, and help clients find the right places to invest their savings.*

*The work experience that I had gotten at Ehlert Financial Group was interesting and challenging at the same time. It helped me to discover the part of me that I haven't known before. I realized that all those financial numbers that can be frightening and seem like a dark cloud can become as clear as a sunny day once you comprehend their sole meanings. I realized that the financial world can be rewarding. I also realized that this is where I'm drawn to the most. My work experience at Ehlert Financial has certainly widened my financial background and created a foundation for my future career in this field.*

Saruul Ganbaatar  
Harold Washington Graduate 2002  
Loyola Student  
Bardwell Scholar

**Seeing education as a lifelong process, Bardwell Scholars are committed to enriching and extending the academic experience. Sharon, proudly a new and eager Bardwell Scholar, highlights those endeavors.**

### **Bardwell Biz**

*Initially, I want to express my profound appreciation to Hedy Cohen and John Wozniak for extending the Bardwell Scholarship to me. Being a Bardwell Scholar is giving me the opportunity to pursue my wildest dreams and the most lofty of goals. Hedy has been the "wind beneath my wings." She has been a friend, a sister and a mentor. For this, I am immensely grateful. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of a group responsible for carrying on the outstanding and incredible legacy and vision of Roger Bardwell. Thank you.*

*Enough about me...On to the Bardwell Business..*

### **What HAPPENED?**

*This is an exciting time for the Bardwell Scholarships. We've embarked on a new frontier! Let's catch up!*

*On August 20, 2002, the Bardwell Scholars held their first lunchtime seminar, envisioned by Hedy Cohen as a way to provide the scholars with tips, tricks and tools to enhance their educational objectives and work lives. Led by Bardwell Scholar's own Kimberly Lawrence, the seminar presented the importance of creating and maintaining the powerful portfolio. Kimberly delightfully described her experience of building her own portfolio and expressed how it is a continual "work in progress." This seminar not only provided invaluable information but it also gave the scholars time to think, share, "meet and greet". It is awesome to be a part of a living breathing think tank!!!! Kim, you are an inspiration to us all. Thank you for being a gracious hostess and such a great person!*

On Friday, September 27, our second seminar, titled "Resume Writing" was held. Corporate Communications Consultant Kate LeVan, from Rogen International, began the discussion for this seminar. Kate provided priceless information about the significance of developing and tweaking our presentation skills and building upon our strengths. She explained the importance of how all of our communication/job search materials are individual representations of who we are. She gave us the okay to unashamedly "Put our best foot forward!" The second half of the seminar was conducted by HWC's Transfer Director, Kimberly Pettis. Kimberly discussed the importance of utilizing the Success and Transfer Centers, updating your resume, and crafting cover and thank you letters. The Bardwell Scholars would like to extend our enthusiastic thanks to these two exemplary women for sharing their ideas, their concepts and their expertise. Thank you!



Kimberly Pettis, Sharon Beuregard, and Kate LeVan at Resume Writing Seminar.

### What's HAPPENING!

Here we go again..

On November 15, the Bardwell Scholarships will host the "Balancing Your Priorities" Lunchtime Seminar. This workshop promises to be fantastic. Brian Meister will be discussing how to balance your priorities and how his personal struggle led to receiving a baccalaureate degree at middle age.

Stay tuned for future Bardwell HAPPENINGS!!!!

Sharon Beuregard  
HWC Student  
Bardwell Scholar

### A New, Affordable, Influential Way to Help Bardwell Scholars

At times, individuals have asked us what they might do to help Bardwell Scholarships. Many of you have provided generous contributions which significantly help us continue our work. Now there is a new, reasonably priced, interactive way to directly assist Bardwell Scholars. We call this new undertaking

### TAKE A STUDENT TO LUNCH!

Take a student to lunch is simple and direct. First, you return the enclosed application by mail or e-mail, stating that you are interested in mentoring a student over lunch. Secondly, we match your professional interests with a student who has similar career goals. We contact you with the necessary student information, you contact them and arrange a lunch at a mutually convenient time and place, remembering that most of our students are dependent on public transportation. During your lunch you can share your own career challenges, pros and cons of your profession as well as materials and contacts that might be helpful for someone beginning their professional career. Any ongoing contact is your choice.

We currently have students showing an interest in the following fields:

psychology	high school English	nonprofit administration
CNA/nursing	recreational/day care administration	community organizing
business administration	business finance	criminal justice

Please consider returning the coupon on the back for **TAKE A STUDENT TO LUNCH**. Your time and effort will be greatly appreciated by a Bardwell Scholar and you, in turn, will have an effect on the next generation of professionals in your field. And, all of this for merely the cost of a lunch!

**Yolanda and Linda were the first to experience for TAKE A STUDENT TO LUNCH.**

*On October 4, 2002, I had the pleasure of going to lunch with Dr. Linda Herreid, a clinical psychologist. Lunch with a professional is another great idea of Hedy Cohen, the administer of the Bardwell Scholarship at HWC. Hedy thought these meetings would be a good experience for us; it would give us an opportunity to speak directly to someone in our field of interest. During the lunch Linda and I talked about what it is I like about the field of psychology, what possible areas I can work in once I have completed my education, and some possible things that I can do right now while I am in school. Overall the experience was great and meeting with Linda was very helpful. I hope that we find more volunteers to speak to our students; it would really help them alot. I know it did for me.*



Yolanda Hopkins and Linda Herreid at first Take a Student to Lunch.

Yolanda Hopkins  
HWC Graduate 2001  
Roosevelt University Student  
Bardwell Scholar

**Our work is based on Roger's belief that education is a lifelong challenge and process. Our students continue to reinforce this belief through their motivation and success.**

**Thank you for your interest in and support of Bardwell Scholarships.**

*As we put together this Fall 2002 edition of the Bardwell Scholarship Newsletter, Harold Washington College is full of students. There is, in fact, an inverse relationship between the state of the economy and community college enrollment. When times are good, community college enrollment decreases but when times are bad students need their community colleges more than ever.*

*Roger Bardwell possessed a keen understanding of this type of relationship in the world of education. I can hear him chuckling and saying how appropriate it is that Hedy Cohen has set up and nurtured this scholarship fund in his memory here at Harold Washington College. Moreover, he would applaud Hedy's willingness to give so much of her own time and talent and those of her friends and acquaintances on behalf of our Bardwell Scholars.*

*Indeed there is no set pattern or formula to the aid a Bardwell Scholar receives. As you turn the pages of this newsletter reflect on the fact that one thing is guaranteed our Bardwell scholars: with Hedy's intervention whether it be financial or simply encouragement and a chance to access her network of professionals, each Bardwell Scholar's life will be enriched and chances are they will be a little closer to their educational goals.*

John R. Wozniak  
Vice President, Harold Washington College  
Administrator, Bardwell Scholarship Program

Put your name on file to **TAKE A STUDENT TO LUNCH!** We'll maintain a catalog of names and professions and match you with a student with similar interests. For the small price of a lunch, you can influence a student and the future of your profession.

You may also e-mail your personal information to Hedy Cohen at [cohenhedy@aol.com](mailto:cohenhedy@aol.com).

Thank you for your help and interest in Bardwell Scholars.

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Profession/interest \_\_\_\_\_

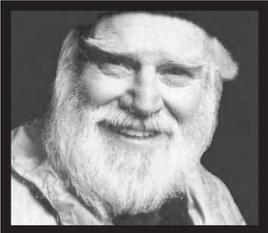
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For further information, or if you know someone who might be a candidate for a Bardwell Scholarship, please contact John Wozniak or Hedy Cohen:

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