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Learn more about the Spring 2013 Ray M. Greenly Scholarship recipients.

NRF Foundation Awards \$195,000 in Scholarships to 26 College Students Pursuing Retail Careers
-26 Students from 18 States Receive Ray M. Greenly Scholarship-

Washington, May 30, 2013 – More than two dozen college students received great news this month when they learned they were chosen as a recipient of a \$5,000 scholarship from the NRF Foundation’s [Ray M. Greenly Scholarship](#) fund. Each student, representing 26 schools around the country, was nominated by educators based on demonstrated academic achievements and their strong passion for retail. As part of the application process, each recipient submitted essays on their career aspirations, how they would impact their community as a retailer, and the most inspiring retail innovation they have experienced as shoppers. In addition to the \$5,000 scholarship, recipients will also receive a travel grant to attend the [Shop.org Annual Summit](#) in September. During the 2012-2013 school year, the NRF Foundation distributed nearly \$375,000 in scholarships to college students.

“We are so excited to recognize our newest Ray Greenly scholarship recipients, who are true representatives of the future of our industry,” said Ellen Davis, executive director of the NRF Foundation and senior vice president of the National Retail Federation. “The NRF Foundation is thrilled to be able to provide these deserving students with financial support and experiences as they pursue their passion for retail.”

“Retail requires constant change to keep up with consumers, is incredibly innovative, and consistently rewards bold decision makers,” Mindy Grossman, CEO of HSNi, and chair of the NRF Foundation Board of Directors, wrote in a letter to the scholarship recipients. “Our industry has the best jobs in America, and I was thrilled to read through all of the nominees’ personal essays to understand how our industry’s future leaders view careers, community and innovation.”

The students below have been named recipients of the Spring 2013 Ray M. Greenly Scholarship. To learn more about each recipient, visit their individual profiles by clicking the links.

Name	Hometown	School
Roger Aubuchon	Dallas, GA	American Public University System
Danielle Brief	Warren, NJ	Drexel University
Shelby Richards	Morrisville, NC	East Carolina University
Katherine Aguilar	Shelton, CT	FIDM/Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
Jennifer Mingoia	Edison, NJ	Fashion Institute of Technology
Katherine Koehler	Largo, FL	Florida State University

Paola Garrido	Statesboro, GA	Georgia Southern University
Courtney Tilchen	Plainview, NY	Indiana University
Chelsey Plumb	Lincoln, RI	Lasell College
Marisa de la Torre	Poughkeepsie, NY	LIM College
Jennifer Wiley	Williamsburg, VA	Longwood University
Scott Lambert	Dayton, OH	Ohio University
Abigail Layer	East Aurora, NY	Pennsylvania State University
Megan Kraus	Lake Bluff, IL	Santa Clara University
Kasie Levi	Canton, GA	Savannah College of Art and Design
Emmanuel Torres	Tucson, AZ	The University of Arizona
Alejandra Gonzalez	Rogers, AR	University of Arkansas
Elizabeth Thompson	Longwood, FL	University of Florida
Madeline Molloy	League City, TX	University of Houston
Anna Keiser	Gothenburg, NE	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Rachael Kennedy	Coppell, TX	University of North Texas
Elonia McHenry	Miami, FL	University of Pennsylvania
Bryant Christensen	Moccasin, AZ	University of Phoenix
Laura Grove	Dunwoody, GA	University of South Carolina
Grant Herman	Collierville, TN	University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Bronte Jagodzinski	Eden Prairie, MN	University of Wisconsin-Madison

Scholarship recipients, each of whom is a member of the [NRF Student Association](#), will travel to Chicago for the [Shop.org 2013 Annual Summit](#), where Mindy Grossman, CEO of HSNi will host a special dinner for scholarship recipients the night before the NRF Foundation's student program.

The Ray M. Greenly Scholarship Fund was established to honor the memory of a former [Shop.org](#) vice president who lost his battle with cancer in the fall of 2005. His generous and kind spirit inspired NRF to establish a scholarship that provides financial support to students pursuing a career in retail in areas including marketing, operations, merchandising, logistics, IT, and analytics. The scholarship is partially funded by a portion of the proceeds from CyberMonday.com, a website launched in 2006 to provide retailers with the opportunity to highlight their online promotions on Cyber Monday and throughout the year.

The NRF Foundation shapes retail's future by building awareness of the industry through statistics and stories; developing talent through education, experiences and scholarships; and fostering career growth among people who work in retail. The NRF Foundation is the 501(c)(3) nonprofit arm of the National Retail Federation and is funded in part by generous donations from retail industry supporters. www.nrffoundation.com.

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