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Dear NAME:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your extraordinary support of scholarship aid at MIT. By giving exceptional young people the chance to attend MIT, the NAMED Scholarship Fund enhances the strength and diversity of the MIT student body. Without such generous aid, many students could not afford an MIT education. I am delighted to update you on these remarkable students as well as report on the financial status of the NAMED Scholarship Fund.

For the 2005-2006 academic year, ten NAMED FUND Scholars have been named. The students range from first year through seniors, with three of the students studying abroad at some point this year. We were disappointed that you were unable to visit MIT and meet your Scholars in person, so we have enclosed a photograph with this report. Each Scholar pictured has included a personal expression of what support from the NAMED FUND Scholarship means to him or her in their attached biography. We look forward to being able to introduce you to all of them when you return to MIT.

The NAMED FUND Scholarship Fund has produced $631,213 of income to be distributed as scholarship aid in 2005-2006. As of July 1, 2005, the Fund had a book value of $5,250,000 and a market value of $15,888,393.

During The Campaign for MIT, donors added generously to existing funds and created 227 new endowed funds and 67 expendable funds in support of scholarships and other undergraduate aid. We are grateful to you, and everyone else who made this possible.

Sincerely,

Maureen D. Donnelly
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XXX, Class of 2006 (Front row, first from left)

“I have been truly blessed with an opportunity of a lifetime, a stepping stone from which I can leap into a vast world of promise.”

XXX, native Lynne Salameh, a senior, is currently working on a UROP in the Affective Computing Group at the MIT Media Lab. Through this project, she is helping to create an intelligent software agent that can detect when the user is frustrated. During this past summer she interned with Apple Computer, working with the Java group on testing and improving the performance of a Java virtual machine targeted at the Mac OS X. Here on campus, she serves as the secretary of both the Arab Student Organization and Eta Kappa Nu honor society for electrical engineering and computer science. When not participating in organized activities, she can be found playing the piano, swimming, reading, writing, or playing tennis. XXX is interested in artificial intelligence and wants to pursue a career in software development in that field after graduation.

XXX, Class of 2007 (Front row, second from left)

“I am truly grateful to be able to study at the best technological university in the world. My experience here has been outstanding, and without your generosity, all of this would not be possible.”

Chemical engineering major, XXX of Dhaka, Bangladesh, is a junior working on a minor in biomedical engineering. He has been working at Professor Robert Langer’s Laboratory under the UROP program, researching drug delivery. Maroof is active in extracurricular organizations and serves as the treasurer of the Bangladesh Students Association and is also a brother of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. Beyond his organized activities and the laboratory, he enjoys music, movies, and people. After graduation, he plans to work in the pharmaceutical industry or in biomedical engineering.

XXX, Class of 2009 (Front row, third from left)

“Thank you very much for making my education at MIT possible.”

First year student, XXX of Yangon, Myanmar, has shown interest throughout her high school career in community service. She cared for others by giving students health information through the School Health Association and running a non-profit library for youth. She also volunteered as a tutor in an orphanage. During the summer, XXX tutored students taking matriculation exams, made handicrafts, read, and listened to music. She currently plans to study electrical engineering.
XXX, Class of 2009 (Front row, fourth from left)

“I doubt that words can return the favor you are doing me and humanity; at the same time, they are all I have to thank you; words and a promise to pass the flame to future generations.”

Junior XXX has transferred to MIT from Birzeit University. Although few extracurricular activities were offered there, XXX was active in the University’s book club and has been teaching himself to play the recorder and the lute. Computers and the Internet fascinate him, and he believes that telecommunications provides a window to the world. XXX is also interested in artificial intelligence, which points the way to future technological advancements and development. In his leisure time, XXX enjoys music and reading.

XXX, Class of 2007 (Back row, first from left)

“I’d like to thank you for the opportunity that you have given me through your Scholarship. Not many people from my country, Indonesia, can experience a college education in the United States.”

XXX is also from Jakarta, Indonesia. Now in his junior year, XXX holds a high interest in research. During the summer and fall terms of 2004, he participated in a UROP in the Nuclear Spectroscopy Lab and, over the summer, worked in the MIT Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory. XXX has also worked as a grader for a beginning physics course during the academic year and enjoys table tennis, badminton, and computer games. XXX hopes to work in academia after MIT.

XXX, Class of 2007 (Back row, second from left)

“Coming from a middle-class background in a Third World country, Pakistan, I owe a lot of what I am and what I will be to your generosity.”

XXX of Rawalpindi, Pakistan, is an electrical engineering and computer science major. Wajahat remained on campus this summer to work under the UROP program in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He has become active in the MIT Muslim Students Association, the International Students Association, and the MIT Korean Karate Club. In his leisure time, XXX enjoys playing soccer, biking, and sailing. After graduation, he hopes to enter the physics, computer science, or telecommunications field.
XXX, Class of 2007 (Back row, third from left)

“Your extreme generosity not only gave me the finest education, but also a brighter future. I shall never forget your gift and I will try my best to pass along the fruits of your kindness to others.”

Junior XXX of Las Pinas City, Phillipines, is an electrical engineering and computer science major. XXX serves as the treasurer and webmaster for the MIT Filipino Students Association and is an active member of both the Tech Catholic Community and the Asian American Association. XXX is team captain for intramural softball and the co-captain of his intramural basketball team. During the January 2005 Independent Activities Period and in the spring term, XXX was involved in the MIT Media Lab’s I/O Brush research project. This project introduced an input/output photon-capturing drawing tool aimed at young children, and had them explore the colors, textures, and movements in everyday materials by picking up and drawing with them. Outside of the classroom and the laboratory, he enjoys weightlifting, basketball, softball, software programming, cooking, and reading. XXX hopes to pursue a career as a software engineer, an information technology consultant, or as a researcher and developer.

XXX, Class of 2009 (Back row, fourth from left)

“Thank you for giving me a golden key, on a diamond plate. I know this is not even close to enough, but, thank you.”

XXX is one of few students who has attended MIT from Ramallah, Palestine, in many years. XXX involved himself in numerous extracurricular activities throughout high school. XXX was a member of the student government for several consecutive years and headed his class committee for the past two years. He also administered voluntary workshops through the Young Scientists Club and practiced martial arts for three years. Here at MIT, XXX is working on a UROP with Professor Yang Shao-Horn in the electromechanical energy lab. Over the summer, he worked and spent time with his family before traveling to MIT.

XXX, Class of 2008 (Back row, fifth from left)

“An education is one of the finest gifts a person can receive. Thank you for giving me that gift; it has truly blessed me.”

XXX is from Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. This past summer, XXX worked on a UROP proofreading mathematics professor Kiran Kedlaya’s new book, Geometry Unbound. XXX enjoys music and playing the piano in his free time, and is also a member of Cross Products, an a capella singing group at MIT. He hopes to pursue a career in software engineering or theoretical computer science.
“Words cannot express my incredible gratitude for making MIT possible. The standard of education and opportunities offered are truly extraordinary. Thank you!”

Sophomore XXX from Aleppo, Syria, is a member of the Arab Student Organization (ASO) and the chief editor of the ASO newsletter. During the term she worked as a Tech Caller for the Alumni Association seeking contributions to MIT from alumni and also participated in a UROP project at the MIT Media Lab. Over the summer, she returned to Syria to spend time with family and friends while studying for the 8.02 advanced standing exam in physics. Her hobbies include listening to music, reading, playing soccer and tennis. XXX continues to explore options for declaring a major.