Macalester alumnus establishes scholarship at college

St. Paul, Minn. – Macalester alumnus Duane Burnham, retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Abbott Laboratories, has established the Burnham Scholarship at Macalester College which will support five students in each incoming class.

“Duane Burnham’s scholarship is a thoughtful recognition of students who want to come to Macalester but otherwise might not be able to because of limited finances,” said Acting President Kathleen Murray. “This four year scholarship will help those students who qualify for need-based financial aid come here and get a world-class education.”

Through a partnership between Duane Burnham, a member of the Class of 1963, and Macalester College, selected students from Minnesota receive annual awards of $5,000. Burnham is a Minnesota native who went on to have a distinguished career in business that culminated at Abbott Laboratories serving as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

The Class of 2017 recipients, the first students to receive the Burnham Scholarship, are: Devin Bjelland, St. Peter, Minn., Ted Toegel, Red Wing, Minn., Lucas Myers, St. Michael, Minn., Madison Reid, Grand Rapids, Minn., and Zoe Geisen, North Branch, Minn.

Madison Reid chose Macalester because she was “looking for a college that boasts an international perspective and a vibrant, diverse student body.” Zoe Geisen liked Macalester’s “rigorous academics and involved student body.” Lucas Myers is at Macalester because of “its great location in the Twin Cities and its stellar academic reputation.” Ted Toegel “chose Macalester because of its academic standing, its values, and its location.” And Devin Bjelland picked Macalester because he “wanted to go to school at a small liberal arts college in a big city.”

Macalester College, founded in 1874, is a national liberal arts college with a full-time enrollment of 2,011 students. Macalester is nationally recognized for its long-standing commitment to academic excellence, internationalism, multiculturalism, and civic engagement. Learn more at macalester.edu (http://www.macalester.edu/).

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