



# Stein Family College Scholarship

2009—2023 DONOR IMPACT REPORT

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# The Stein Family College Scholarship



**September 2008: The Stein Family College Scholarship Fund was established at the Tidewater Jewish Foundation with initial gifts in Memory of Arlene Stein who passed on December 6, 2007.**

Arlene Shea Stein lived her life for everyone else. She represented the true meaning of altruism, possessed unconditional love and had the fortitude to show forgiveness. An example of Arlene's Jewish spirit was felt all year round at every Jewish holiday meal. Newcomers to town, without friends or family, were always welcome to her home for all the holiday meals—a simple gesture that turned strangers into friends.

Next to her children and grandchildren Arlene's compassion and deep sense of Tikkum Olam is her greatest legacy. Her children Steven, Lisa, Craig and Debbie and grandchildren Melanie, Ariel, Samantha, Lauren, Matthew, Madison, Seth and Shea had a special relationship and personal bond with their mother and grandmother. Arlene was their mentor, their friend and passed along her passion to make the world a better place. Every one of Arlene's children and grandchildren live each day honoring her memory of good deeds and a giant heart.

In that spirit, the children and grandchildren of Arlene Shea Stein set up a special fund in her honor. Never completing college because of financial hardship always tugged at Arlene. She possessed a deep love for learning and this scholarship affords those in need the opportunity she never had. The Stein Family College Scholarship Fund was established on Arlene's belief that higher education should be accessible to all. On July 1, 2013, several years after the fund was established, a major gift of \$1,000,000 was received from Gerald Stein who passed on October 30, 2014.

The Scholarship also benefited from numerous gifts after his passing of approximately \$147,000 in his honor from Hampton Roads and beyond.





# Making a Lasting Difference

The Stein Family College Scholarship continues to make great impact fifteen years after its establishment. Thank you to the Stein Family who had the forethought to put Arlene's spirit and love of learning into action by creating this scholarship!

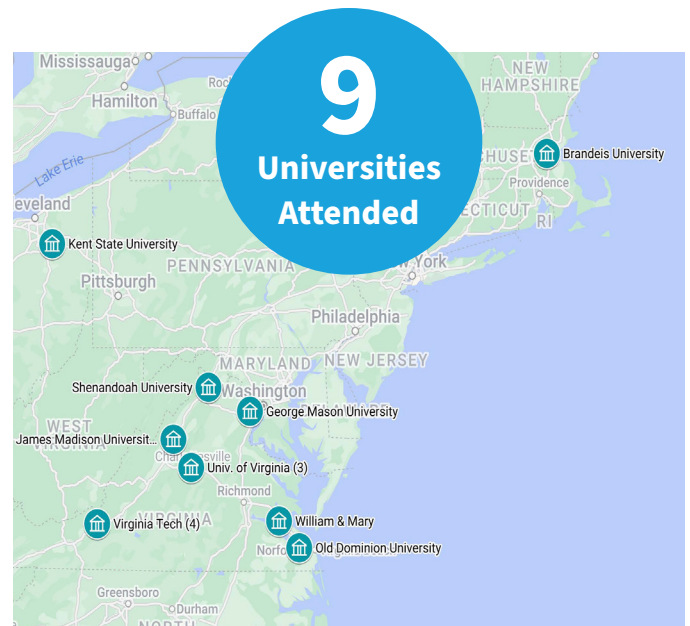


*"This is what I want, and this is what Arlene wanted. I've been blessed that all four of my children are college graduates and all of my grandchildren are college graduates. Being able to make this contribution is so gratifying. Words can't express how happy I am that these Stein Scholars will be able to go to school and get an education. It's an amazing feeling." —Gerald Stein*

# Student Journey

Today, the Stein Family College Scholarship offers up to \$20,000 a year for four (4) years. **This \$80,000 scholarship opportunity makes it the largest scholarship in Jewish Tidewater.** Students follow their dreams around the world through opportunities which would otherwise be unaffordable.

## Key Figures



### UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED

- Brandeis University
- University of Virginia
- George Mason University
- College of William & Mary
- James Madison University
- Virginia Tech
- Old Dominion University
- Kent State University
- Shenandoah University



111

applicants from Tidewater area schools since 2009



35

schools in Tidewater region represented since 2009



15

recipients of the Stein Family Scholarship since 2009

\$444,300

given in scholarship awards between 2009 and 2023





## STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES MADE POSSIBLE

- Florence
- London
- Paris
- Prague
- Switzerland



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

- Atlanta, GA
- Boston, MA
- Columbus, OH
- Laurel, MD
- Seattle, WA
- Virginia Beach, VA
- Washington, DC



**4**

students receive the  
scholarship each year



**11**

unique degrees pursued  
since 2009



**14**

recipients started their career  
or pursued a higher degree

- The first scholarship, awarded in 2009, gave up to \$10,000/year, renewable for 4 years, for up to \$40,000. In 2022, the award amount was increased, giving up to \$20,000/year, renewable for 4 years, for up to \$80,000.
- An additional major gift promise of \$1,000,000 is anticipated, with the first installment of \$250,000 added to the fund in 2022.

# Thank You

## **MORGAN CONLEY**

*First Scholarship Winner, 2009 Recipient, Brandeis University*

Morgan entered Brandeis as a mid-year student in January 2010, and was active on campus in a variety of extracurriculars, including a dance club, the on-campus childcare center, and social justice activism. She graduated in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in International and Global Studies and a minor in Peace, Conflict, and Coexistence Studies. After Brandeis, Morgan served in the AmeriCorps Legal Advocates of Massachusetts program as a legal advocate in the housing unit of a local legal aid office. She then joined Bet Tzedek Legal Services at Jewish Family & Children's Service, where she represented clients in public benefit cases.



Morgan later moved to Seattle to attend the University of Washington for graduate school, where she earned her master's degree in International Studies. She then moved to Washington, DC, where she is an integral member of the Election Protection team at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, working to protect voting rights nationally since the 2018 midterms. Morgan is a leader in her staff union and is currently bargaining the union's first contract. She is extremely grateful to the Stein family for their steadfast commitment to Tikkun Olam and for supporting higher education access for Jewish high schoolers in the Tidewater area.

## Previous Scholarship Recipients

### **ERIC SMITH**

*2010 Recipient, University of Virginia c/o 2014*

### **DINAR YUSUFOV**

*2013 Recipient, James Madison University c/o 2017*

### **DANA COHEN**

*2015 Recipient, Virginia Tech c/o 2019*

### **MARISSA ARAGER**

*2011 Recipient, George Mason University c/o 2015*

### **AMANDA GLADSTONE**

*2014 Recipient, Virginia Tech c/o 2018*

### **BRETT POMERANTZ**

*2016 Recipient, Virginia Tech c/o 2020*

### **AVI MALKIN**

*2012 Recipient, College of William & Mary c/o 2016*

# Thank You

## **JOHN WEBER WILLIAMSON**

*2023 Recipient, Old Dominion University*

The 2023 Stein Family Scholarship recipient is John Weber Williamson, a senior at Great Bridge Highschool in Chesapeake, Virginia, will attend Old Dominion University, majoring in Psychology with a focus on cognitive and clinical psychology. His career pursuit is focused on early diagnosis and early intervention for children with special needs. Having two older brothers with autism, John has personally experienced how early detection of special needs can significantly impact the quality of life.



John was recently inducted into the National Honor Society, actively volunteers at Temple and Hebrew school, several environmental causes in the community like clean the bay days, and community health initiatives such as blood drives.

Without the Stein Family Scholarship, John would have been a commuter student, limiting his ability to fully immerse himself in the campus community. ODU recently selected John to join the Living-Learning Community, which will allow him to live and engage with other students with similar academic and professional interests, while helping students manage college transition, academic focus, and social-emotional wellness.

## **SYDNEY LEVINE**

*2017 Recipient, University  
of Virginia c/o 2021*

## **FAITH WHITE**

*2019 Recipient, Kent State  
University c/o 2023*

## **DANIAL WATTS**

*2021 Recipient, Virginia  
Tech c/o 2025*

## **LUCIE WALDMAN**

*2018 Recipient, Old  
Dominion University  
c/o 2022*

## **EMILY MYERS**

*2020 Recipient, Shenandoah  
Univeristy c/o 2024*

## **LEIA MORRISSEY**

*2022 Recipient, University  
of Virginia c/o 2026*

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## Who is Next . . . ?

As students prepare to submit their 2024 scholarship applications, one can only imagine what they will be able to accomplish having been afforded an education that may have been otherwise attainable without the Stein Family College Scholarship.



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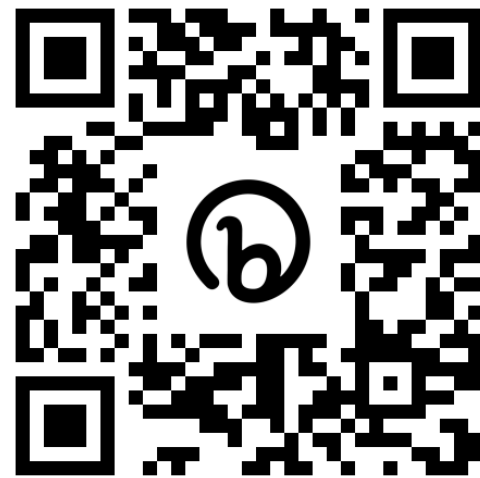
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