



Landmark College Access to Innovative Education



AIE scholars graduating, spring 2017

l to r: Samantha Jackson, A.S. Life Sciences; Isaac Alam, A.A. Liberal Studies; Jeffrey Marcano, B.A. Liberal Studies; Elizabeth Hubbard (non-AIE), and Rhiannon Greywolf, A.S. Life Sciences

Overview of Landmark College

Students with learning disabilities and learning difficulties (LD) too often fail in higher education, with significantly lower enrollment and graduation rates than the general population. The data show that having an LD too often dooms many bright young people to a life without a college education, and deprives society of innovative thinkers capable of enormous accomplishments.

Fortunately, Landmark College has a mission, history, and strategic plan-driven operation that confronts and redresses these problems. As one of only two colleges in the U.S. exclusively serving the needs of students with LD, including those with attention deficit disorders and autism spectrum disorder, Landmark College is in a unique position to impact young people's lives.

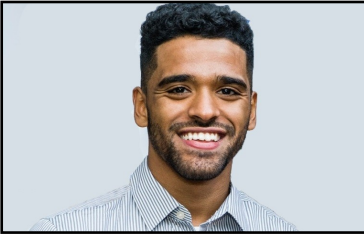
Landmark College's mission is to transform the way students learn, educators teach and the public thinks about education. We provide highly accessible approaches to learning that empower individuals with learning disabilities to exceed their aspirations and to achieve their greatest potential. Through research and training, the College aims to extend its mission across the nation and throughout the world.

Access to Innovative Education (AIE)

Now in its fourth year, the *Access to Innovative Education* fund is an integral part of Landmark College's financial aid system and has eliminated financial barriers for those students with the highest level of financial need. AIE has received generous support from foundations, corporations, and individual donors and has truly made an impact on the lives of students.

In addition to standard AIE support, the College also supports students through AIE-STEM awards, specifically for students studying Computer Science or Life Sciences. AIE-STEM awards are funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Meet our 2017-18 AIE Scholars



Isaac Alam, Liberal Studies (B.A.)

Isaac earned his associate's degree last spring and is now working on a B.A. in Liberal Studies, with an Education minor. Isaac aspires to teach at the elementary or middle school level, and sees himself working with students with learning disabilities. Isaac recently secured a Global Engagement Scholarship to study abroad in January.



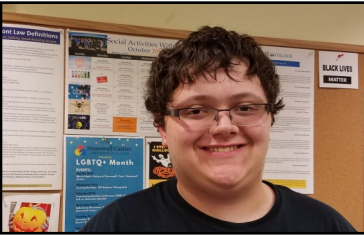
Nahuel Felio, Liberal Studies (A.A.)

Nahuel is working toward an associate's degree in Liberal Studies, which he hopes to complete in spring 2018. After Landmark, Nahuel is interested in continuing his studies in forensic science as he enjoys both biology and chemistry. Nahuel is clear that his AIE award alleviated family stress in terms of affording his college education.



Rhiannon Greywolf, Studio Art (B.A.)

Rhiannon's varied interests are evident as she recently obtained an A.S. in Life Sciences and is now working towards a bachelor's degree in Studio Art. Rhiannon was a recent speaker at Convocation, and states that her AIE scholarship has allowed her to "explore the arts in a deeper way".



Eric Horowitz, Life Sciences (A.S.)

Eric is a Life Sciences student at Landmark College with a deep interest in bio-medical engineering. When talking about his AIE-STEM award, Eric is clear about the importance of the financial support, but also appreciates the programmatic support the program provides—specifically, outside speakers brought in to talk with students.



Alicia Keating, Liberal Studies (B.A.)

Alicia earned her A.A. in Liberal Studies from Landmark College in fall 2015, and anticipates receiving her bachelor's degree this year. Along with her academic studies, Alicia has been actively involved as a research assistant with Landmark College's Institute for Research and Training. Alicia aspires to be a cognitive neuroscientist.



Jacob Krupkin, Computer Science (A.S.)

Jacob is an AIE-STEM scholar enrolled in the Computer Science program. Jacob has aspirations of obtaining an internship with Hasbro, Inc., one of the business partners currently working with the College. When talking about his scholarship, Jacob states that "it has helped me to stay in school and has pushed me to work my hardest".



Kathryn Alicia Marquez, Liberal Studies (A.A.)

Kathryn Alicia is a second year student at Landmark College, and is interested in pursuing a degree in Animal Science upon completing her associate's degree. Kathryn Alicia describes her interest in coming to Landmark College in order to "learn about how to learn because of my disability".



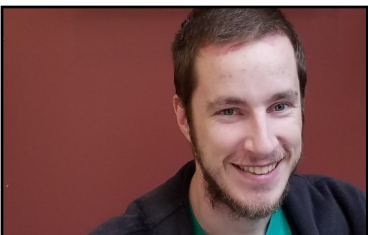
Lucas O'Keefe, Studio Art (B.A.)

Lucas graduated in spring 2017 with an associate's degree in Liberal Studies and is currently enrolled in the Studio Art baccalaureate program. In Lucas' words, "Since being at Landmark, I have started to take the concept of higher education much more seriously and am that much closer to receiving my bachelor's [degree]".



Maximilian Petersen, Computer Science (A.S.)

Max is an AIE-STEM scholar studying Computer Science. Last year, Max, along with several of his classmates, were awarded the Landmark Entrepreneurial Accelerator Program (LEAP) award to support Ohmni, a start-up creating immersive virtual reality technologies. Max sits on the Student Government Association (SGA).



David Quillen, Computer Science (A.S.)

David is working on a degree in Computer Science and was awarded an AIE-STEM scholarship to support his academic goal of working in the gaming industry. David has been fascinated by video games since he first encountered Legend of Zelda, a Japanese action-adventure series.



Ryan Schyler, Computer Science (A.S.)

Ryan plans to complete an associate's degree in Computer Science at Landmark College, and then move on to obtain a baccalaureate degree in cyber security. Ryan talk about the difficulties he has had in affording higher education and the burden lifted through his AIE-STEM award.



Anais Sidonia, Life Sciences (A.S.)

Anais is an AIE-STEM scholar with an interest in genetics and career aspirations in working to find a cure for progeria, a rare genetic disorder that causes premature aging. Her interest stems from her desire to work in a lab, as well as a personal interest in the disease. In her free time, Anais enjoys figure skating, ceramics, and puzzles.



Mia Wong, Life Sciences (A.S.)

Mia is a Life Sciences student and interested in ultimately pursuing a bachelor's degree in biology. Mia talks about her AIE-STEM award as supporting her both financially, as well as through the connections she's made that have helped her to better determine her academic path.



Ivy Young, Life Sciences (A.S.)

Ivy is an AIE-STEM scholar and attributes her time at Landmark as having "boosted her confidence and intelligence". Ivy was a strong member of the College's phone-a-thon team and stated that it provided her with a way to give back for the scholarship support she has received.

***Access to Innovative Education . . .
supporting students with significant financial need and big dreams.***

Understanding the Impact . . .

100%

of AIE and AIE-STEM scholars have significant financial need

\$1.2 million

has been disbursed in AIE and AIE-STEM awards since 2014

26

foundations and corporations have supported the AIE and AIE-STEM programs

530

individuals have made gifts to support AIE and AIE-STEM scholarships

24

AIE and AIE-STEM scholars over the past four years

9

AIE and AIE-STEM scholars have received a Landmark College degree

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