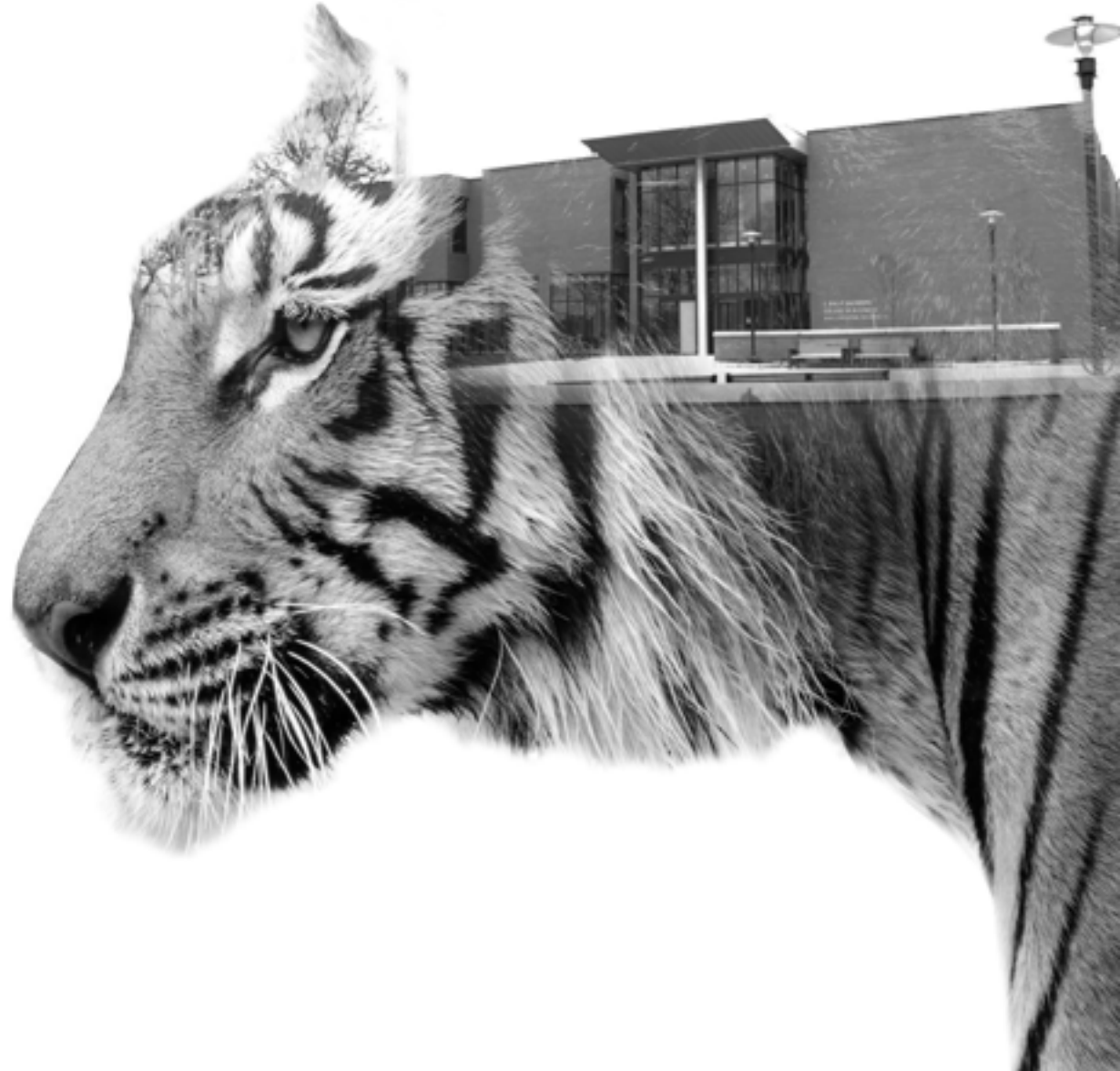


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A Special Thank You

Mary Kate Brushafer



Thank you so much for providing this scholarship program! I would not have been able to attend such an amazing school without your financial support, and I am forever grateful to you for providing that. I was able to meet several inspiring and successful people and learn from them. I am in the business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi, through which I have learned a great deal of professionalism and dedication to community service. I am also in the RIT Honors Program.

This summer, I will be working at my first internship at American Media in their advertising department in Manhattan. I have learned a great deal from the professors and staff at RIT and cannot imagine myself at any other school. I have found my home as a tiger and cannot express how thankful I am to you for making that possible!

Scholar Year: 2018 - 2019

High School: Lima Christian School

Major: Marketing



A Special Thank You

Jessica Coombs



**Student, MS Supply Chain Management
University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

I would like to thank Mr. Saunders for his selflessness and desire to help others. His commitment to our community can be seen not only through the students he supports, but in his daily actions to create a better tomorrow. While his business achievements are highly admirable, I believe it's his willingness to share knowledge with others that truly sets him apart as a leader. Giving others the ability to build their own success story is perhaps the greatest achievement of all. I feel truly blessed to be a Saunders Scholar and will forever be grateful for the impact Mr. Saunders' generosity has had on my life.

**Scholar Year: 2015 - 2016
High School: Dansville High School
Major: New Media Marketing**



Nicholas DeBerardinis

The scholarship to Saunders College was an incredible opportunity for me, which I am grateful to have received. Being at RIT opened up a world of possibilities and perspectives that I am fortunate to have experienced and taken in. Professors and friends that I met along the way demonstrated and shared with me the real value of higher education and drove me further to pursue a master's degree in applied statistics. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to educating the community that I grew up in. I am truly appreciative.

Scholar Year: 2010 - 2011
High School: Dansville High School

Major: Finance

A Special Thank You



Maggie Dempsey

This past year at RIT has truly shown me how fortunate I am to attend such an amazing school. I have been given opportunities and networked much more than I ever thought I would have in my first year into college. I've grown so much as an individual, and I am excited to continue working towards the goals and aspirations I have for the future. Your generosity has afforded me the opportunity to be exposed to a multitude of experiences, and I can't wait to see what the next three years will hold. Thank you so much!

Scholar Year: 2019 - 2020
High School: Avon High School

Major: Business Exploration



**Garrett
Didas**

“Mr. Saunders is changing lives by allowing kids to go to this great university and pursue their dreams. With what I’ve learned at RIT, I was able to start a passion for day trading that has allowed me to learn even more about the business world and help me develop my portfolio, giving me the best chances at landing my dream job.”

Scholar Year: 2018 - 2019
High School: York High School

Major: Finance

A Special Thank You



**Jonathan
Federico**

Microsoft | Sr Product Marketing Manager
Greater Seattle Area

“Mr. Saunders, your generosity and philanthropy in RIT and broader Western NY communities has helped me immensely. After attending RIT with your scholarship and graduating in 2011, Saunders College helped me find my interest in business at a global scale that has led me now to my current opportunities at Microsoft. RIT’s education led me to build a holistic and international mindset that guides me day-to-day in my life and career. Thanks again for your support that jump-started so many aspects of my education, career and life. For that, I’m forever grateful to you and your desire to give back to the community in many different ways.”

Scholar Year: 2008 - 2009
High School: Dansville High School

Major: International Business



A Special Thank You Kathleen Ferguson



Liberty Mutual, Associate Financial Associate
Rochester, New York

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As a Saunders Scholar, your generosity has allowed me not just to attend college but to attend a top university where classes are hands-on, academically challenging and opportunities are endless. Your influence as a leader and role model can be seen in both our hometown and the RIT community where your leadership and inspiration have impacted people of all ages and backgrounds. For these reasons, and more, I'll always be thankful to you, Mr. Saunders, and will look up to your character.

”

Scholar Year: 2016-2017
High School: Dansville High School
Major: International Business



A Special Thank You

Bryan Gascon



Rochester Institute of Technology, Student MBA
Rochester, New York

“Going to RIT has changed my life, and without your generosity, I would not have been able to attend this amazing university. I have gone on to complete my MBA at RIT as well and throughout my time at RIT, I became a part of Student Government for three years, allowing me to advocate for other students; I was able to complete a semester abroad at RIT Croatia in Zagreb and a semester in Berlin, Germany, which were life-changing experiences. Because of my time at RIT, my life has been reshaped and now I look forward to becoming a successful project manager, that maybe one day will allow me to give back and change lives, much like you have with me. Thank you again!”

Scholar Year: 2015-2016

High School: Livonia High School

Major: Management Information Systems



**Thomas
Gott, MBA**

**Genesee & Wyoming Inc. | Finance/IT
Administrator | Rochester, New York Area**

“I was extremely honored to be a recipient of the Saunders Scholarship. This scholarship allowed me to make the most of my time at RIT and to complete my MBA from the Saunders College of Business. I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to Mr. Saunders for this incredible opportunity.”

**Scholar Year: 2013 - 2014
High School: Livonia High School**

Major: Management

A Special Thank You



**Jeffrey
Kosakowski**

“The scholarship Mr. Saunders allowed me the honor of receiving, shaped my career path. I was able to apply it towards both undergraduate and graduate degrees. Having an MBA from Saunders College of Business has provided me with all the necessary business skills and knowledge needed to pursue my career path of taking over my family's business. I truly can't thank Mr. Saunders enough for his generosity and investment in my future.”

**Scholar Year: 2013 - 2014
High School: Livonia High School**

Major: Management



A Special Thank You

Hannah Hawkins



Modaramo Media, Publisher Account Manager
Port Washington, New York

First, let me start with, thank you, Phil Saunders, for helping me become the young professional I am today and supporting me throughout my whole college career. With your help, I was able to get my bachelor's in marketing, make life long friendships in my sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha, and make my dream of moving to NYC come true. Since I graduated, I was able to work for a company that allowed me to travel to multiple countries then moved on to the big apple with a new venture.

You truly are an inspiration to young professionals like me. I strive to be able to give someone the experience you've given me. Thank you so much again!

Scholar Year: 2014 - 2015
High School: Livonia High School
Major: New Media Marketing



A Special Thank You

Mitchell Hitchcock



Mr. Saunders, I want to start by saying thank you. Thank you for providing me and the college with so much! During my time at Saunders College of Business, I joined Delta Sigma Pi and was nominated to Brotherhood Chairman. This College has been my home away from home and has provided me with a network of professionals that will last a lifetime.

I admire your entrepreneurial skills and aspire to be more like you each day - not only with what I want to accomplish but with giving back to the community. You represent everything I hope to be, and I could not be more thankful for you.

A lifelong of thanks to you Mr. Saunders, you really have changed my life and opened up an endless amount of connections and opportunities that I will cherish forever.

Scholar Year: 2019- 2020
High School: Livonia High School
Major: Business Exploration



**Henry
Lemen**

“

I am so thankful to you, Mr. Saunders, for this scholarship. Without your generosity, this experience would not be possible. Each day that I spend at RIT, I am reminded of how amazing you are!

”

Scholar Year: 2017 - 2018
High School: Avon High School

Major: Management

A Special Thank You



**Scott
McLaughlin**

Nissan Americas | Senior Manager / Controller
Farmington Hills, Michigan

“

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to RIT! Ever since the sixth grade, when I attended my first Imagine RIT, I had always held RIT at the top of my list of colleges. When I was applying to RIT, I was hopeful that I would get in, and luckily did! Through your generosity, I was able to attend my dream school, and I made sure not to waste any moments. The education I received, as well as the bonds that I made, have shaped me into the person I am today, and I owe a great deal of that to you!

”

Scholar Year: 2014 - 2015
High School: Livonia High School

Major: Marketing



**Paul
Nebbia**

**Charter Communications | Director of Business
Process Analysis | White Plains, New York**



“
Mr. Saunders, because of your generosity, I received a top-notch education at RIT that has propelled me towards a successful career and helped me achieve several life goals. Thank you!

”

**Scholar Year: 2007 - 2008
High School: Livonia High School**

Major: International Business

A Special Thank You

**Lindsey
Parker**

**Ellegory Creative Services | Founder
Reno, Nevada Area**



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It's rare that the right opportunity finds you at the right time. I'm happy to say that winning the Saunders Scholarship was one such occasion for me. Without it, I'm not sure where I'd be. I was able to take a chance and move across the country to Silicon Valley after graduation. I became the youngest product manager to date at a company with thousands of employees, and eventually to gain recognition as a Woman Leading the AI Industry. I doubt I'd have developed the skill or the confidence to hone them without my education at RIT. I'm forever indebted to you. Thank you again!

”

**Scholar Year: 2009 - 2010
High School: Livonia High School**

Major: International Business



**Tyler
Russell**

**HFA Goods | Owner
Jersey City, New Jersey**

“One thank you is not enough Mr. Saunders for allowing a kid from a small town like Livonia, the chance to attend such a prestigious school like RIT. Over the course of my four years, I was able to meet some incredible professors, classmates that would go on to be some of my best friends today, and I was fortunate to play four years of Varsity Lacrosse for a nationally ranked program. Without your generous scholarship, none of this would have been possible, so thank you.”

**Scholar Year: 2008 - 2009
High School: Livonia High School**

Major: Management

A Special Thank You



**Robert
Schuster**

**Murphy and Nolan, Inc. | Buyer
Livonia, New York**

“I want to thank you, Mr. Saunders, for your generous scholarship! It was an honor to be chosen as a recipient of this award and attend the leading business school, Saunders College. Thanks to you, I have been able to pursue a career in sales. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to both Rochester Institute of Technology and Livingston County communities. Thank you again.”

**Scholar Year: 2010 - 2011
High School: Livonia High School**

Major: Management



Matthias Schuster

Mutual of America Financial Group | Account Executive | Rochester, New York

Thank you for providing me with this honorable scholarship. With your generosity, I was able to finish my degree back in 2013. This amazing opportunity to attend Saunders College of Business has opened many doors for me. I'm immersed in an extremely rewarding career. A great deal of my closest friendships were created at RIT, and I even met my life partner! I cannot thank you enough, and I will forever be grateful. I hope I am someday blessed enough to be able to give back like you.

Scholar Year: 2009 - 2010

Major: Management

High School: Dansville High School

A Special Thank You



Chandler Simpson

Mr. Saunders, I can't say thank you enough. Coming to Saunders College of Business at RIT has been one of the best decisions I have made. The hands-on, real-world experience and learning environment that this school provides has been incredible. I would not have been able to experience this if it wasn't for you! You have made coming to this school a reality, thank you so much!

Scholar Year: 2018 - 2019

Major: Management

High School: Livonia High School



**Rebecca
Stockslader**

**Insero & Co. CPAs LLP | Senior Accountant
Rochester, New York**

“Thank you, Mr. Saunders, for all the opportunities that you have afforded me, and many others as well. Your generosity is unmatched, and I would not be where I am today without your support. I cannot thank you enough, and I will forever be grateful. I hope I am someday blessed enough to be able to give back like you.”

**Scholar Year: 2011 - 2012
High School: Livonia High School**

Major: Accounting

A Special Thank You



**Brittney
Teed**

“Receiving the Phil Saunders Scholarship made my dreams of attending Rochester Institute of Technology come true. By receiving the wonderful scholarship it helped me begin my career after high school. I am very thankful to receive such an amazing award. Thank you!”

**Scholar Year: 2019 - 2020
High School: Livonia High School**

Major: Accounting



**Alexis
Townsend**

“

Thank you, Mr. Saunders! If it wasn't for you, the chances of me attending college were slim to none!!! You made a college degree possible for me. Thank you again!

”

Scholar Year: 2017 - 2018
High School: Livonia High School

**Major: Management
Information Systems**

A Special Thank You



**Connor
Wilkins**

Deloitte | Incoming GPS Consulting Intern
Arlington, Virginia

“

Thank you, Mr. Saunders, for allowing me to attend the school of my dreams! I have been able to grow both personally and professionally. I feel confident that I am ready to be a leader in the industry!

”

Scholar Year: 2016 - 2017
High School: Livonia High School

**Major: Management
Information Systems**

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A Special Thank You

Zachary White



EY | Technology Advisory Staff
Greater New York Area

Phil Saunders provided me an opportunity to step far beyond what I thought was achievable. Access to schools such as RIT seemed unreachable at the time, but the scholarship provided by Mr. Saunders gave me the confidence to attend a great school that would open up incredible paths in my life and career. As I reflect on the impact of this scholarship, I know that I would not be where I am today without his incredible support. I knew someone believed in me, and I didn't let any opportunity go to waste and put my best effort into my studies. I am glad to know Mr. Saunders and extremely grateful for what he has done to impact my life and the lives of many of my peers.

Scholar Year: 2012- 2013
High School: Dansville High School
Major: New Media Marketing



A Special Thank You Casey Keikebelt Wing



Zirkova Vodka | Chief Marketing Officer
Toronto, Canada Area

“

As an entrepreneur, Phil Saunders has invested in many great endeavors making him an inspiration. Having him invest in the future of business leaders and give the gift of an RIT education is not only inspiring but also positively impacts the lives of so many people. Being one of them, I can't thank him enough for his generosity and commitment to his scholarship recipients and academic excellence in business at RIT. I will forever be grateful.

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Scholar Year: 2007- 2008
High School: Dansville High School
Major: Marketing

Scholar Recipients by Year

Paul Nebbia

2007- 2008
Livonia High School
International Business

Casey Keikebelt Wing

2007- 2008
Dansville High School
Marketing

Jonathan Federico

2008- 2009
Dansville High School
International Business

Tyler Russell

2008- 2009
Livonia High School
Management

Lindsey Parker

2009- 2010
Livonia High School
International Business

Matthias Schuster

2009- 2010
Dansville High School
Management

Robert Schuster

2010- 2011
Livonia High School
Management

Nicholas DeBerardinis

2010- 2011
Dansville High School
Finance

Daniel Potter

2011- 2012
Dansville High School
Management

Rebecca Stockslader

2011-2012
Livonia High School
Accounting

Zachary White

2012- 2013
Dansville School
New Media Marketing

Megan Rauber

2013- 2014
Dansville High School
Management Information Systems

Meghan Sessler

2013- 2014
Livonia High School

Jeffrey Kosakowski

2013-2014
Dansville High School
Management

Thomas Gott, MBA

2013-2014
Livonia High School
Management

Scott McLaughlin

2014- 2015
Livonia High School
Marketing

Scholar Recipients by Year

Hannah Hawkins

2014- 2015
Livonia High School
New Media Marketing

Sarah Kuhn

2015-2016
Dansville High School
Management Information Systems

Bryan Gascon

2015- 2016
Livonia High School
Management Information Systems

Jessica Coombs

2015- 2016
Dansville High School
New Media Marketing

Kathleen Ferguson

2016- 2017
Dansville High School
International Business

Connor Wilkins

2016- 2017
Livonia High School
Management Information Systems

Henry Lemen

2017- 2018
Avon High School
Management

Alexis Townsend

2017- 2018
Livonia High School
Management Information Systems

Chandler Simpson

2018- 2019
Livonia High School
Management

Mary Kate Brushafer

2018- 2019
Lima Christian School
Marketing

Garrett Didas

2018- 2019
York High School
Finance

Mitchell Hitchcock

2019- 2020
Livonia High School
Business Exploration

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