The 2011-2012 scholarship award cycle has seen more student applicants via the online eligibility matching system than in previous years. 170 students applied for College scholarships. This online system streamlines the eligibility process for students by providing students with a list of scholarships for which they are eligible, based upon information they provide.

The COE Scholarship Committee has been guided by the concept of a meaningful award, that is, one that will make a difference in a student’s ability to continue their studies.

For this award cycle, funds were used from the general scholarship fund to top off endowed awards to ensure that all awardees would receive an award that would cover the cost of a three-credit course, the cost of a semester, or the cost of an academic year.

The committee topped off 17 different scholarships for students totaling over $10,000. This resulted in a minimum award of $1,000 for each scholarship recipient. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and Dean Howell this was made possible. Given slowing economic factors that impact available funds, this was particularly noteworthy.

The recipient of the Castetter Endowed Fellowship for 2011-2012 is Valerie Sartor, a doctoral student in LLSS. This fellowship is awarded to a doctoral student of “the highest caliber who has displayed exceptional academic qualifications.” This prestigious award was designed to recruit and support doctoral candidates “who have the demonstrated capacity to make a significant impact not only in New Mexico and the southwest, but nationally and internationally.”

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Thank you for your help!

The upcoming award cycle (2012-2013) will be open to students in early November. This year, the entire scholarship application process from eligibility screening to submitting all application documents will be online.

Please continue to encourage students to use our online site and to apply for scholarship monies.

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