Scholars carry Dean Jean's values around the world

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Building new lives for African refugees, teaching some of India's poorest children and making upgrades to a Tanzanian hospital? this summer, three Tulane honors students literally set out to change the world.

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The first Jean Danielson Memorial Scholars, (from left) Michelle Fauber, Tory Kane and Angela Czesak, have fellowships allowing them to travel the world, serve others and expand their studies. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Angela Czesak, Michelle Fauber and Tory Kane have been chosen as the inaugural <u>Jean Danielson Memorial Scholars</u>. They received fellowships to travel the world, serve others and expand their studies.

Fauber, a senior, interned with a nonprofit in Washington, D.C., managing the resettlement of refugees into America, an experience she describes as "setting up a

life for someone." She says her work has formed the basis for a career working with refugees around the world.

"I realized how important it is to be educated first, and then to translate that knowledge into actually doing something," Fauber says.

Kane, a junior, spent a month as the fifth-grade teacher at Shanti Bhavan Children's Project in rural India, where the country's poorest children are prepared for college. She is planning a career in education and says her time in India has proven invaluable.

"It was really valuable to see such a unique and sustainable education model in another country," Kane says.

Czesak, a junior in biomedical engineering, volunteered in Tanzania and wrote a <u>blog</u> about her experiences. While there, she repaired valuable medical equipment in local hospitals and received intensive language training in Swahili. She, too, plans to use her experience as she pursues a career in the developing world.

"I have loved my experiences in Africa so far," Csezak says. "It's a place I know I can really help out in. Why not do it where it's needed most?"

The scholarships were established through an outpouring of gifts in memory of Danielson, the legendary honors program dean who delighted in pushing students to their limits. Danielson was an associate professor of political science and director of the <u>Tulane University Honors Program</u>. She died on July 5, 2010.

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