

Stamps Scholars grow through enrichment opportunities

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Sophomore Alexandra "Allee" DeFelice is a Wilderness First Responder now, thanks to attending the Pre-Med Emergency and Wilderness Medicine Program in Colorado this summer as a Stamps Leadership Scholar. (Photo from Allee DeFelice)

Tulane University sophomore Alexandra "Allee" DeFelice learned to survive in the wilderness this summer. At the University of Colorado Pre-Med Emergency and Wilderness Medicine Program, she identified and treated altitude sickness, hypothermia and frostbite and used a bandanna to make a splint and tourniquet.

Sophomore Rebecca Whitney, a concert pianist, performed this summer with international master musicians first at the Brandywine International Piano Institute in Pennsylvania and then the Orfeo Music Festival in Italy.

Whitney says her experiences this summer fortified her future goals as a pianist.

“The festival offered me an opportunity to connect with highly talented musicians from across the globe.”

The support of the [Stamps Family Charitable Foundation](#) made the experiences possible for DeFelice and Whitney.

“I want to thank the Stamps Foundation from the bottom of my heart for giving me such a wonderful opportunity,” Whitney says.

Whitney and DeFelice are two of eight students in the inaugural class of Stamps Leadership Scholars at Tulane, who are entering their sophomore year. Jointly funded by the Stamps Foundation and Tulane, Stamps Scholars receive four-year, full-ride scholarships, in addition to enrichment funds.

Penny and Roe Stamps formed the Stamps Scholars program, and Tulane partnered with the organization in 2013.

The Stamps Scholars program is one of the United States' largest merit-based national scholarship programs. In the last selection cycle, about 600,000 students across the country were considered for awards, and about 180 enrolled as new Stamps Scholars this fall, bringing the total enrolled to almost 700.

In addition to the generous academic scholarship, Stamps Scholars benefit from meaningful growth opportunities outside of the classroom.

For DeFelice, now CPR-certified and a Wilderness First Responder, the experience in Colorado reinforced her hope to one day attend medical school and become an officer in the U.S. Air Force.

“It is my dream to be able to help people through medicine and be able to serve my country.”

High school students interested in being considered for this generous award should apply to Tulane by Nov. 15 and visit the [Admission Office website](#) for additional details.

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