

F&M Scholar Helps Campus Go Green

Driven by the desire to promote awareness of environmental issues, Shawn Jenkins, a senior at Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania, has spearheaded efforts to educate others on how to improve the environment and quality of living in the global community.

scholar highlight

Shawn Jenkins
 Franklin & Marshall Posse 2

In the fall of 2007, Shawn implemented initiatives for developing sustainable living on campus by co-founding the Sustainability Theme House. Leading by example, Shawn and other residents of the eco-friendly home reduced energy consumption in the house.

“Over the past two years we have been tracking our consumption habits,” says



Shawn Jenkins in the Sustainability House.

Shawn. “In comparison to the house before it became the Sustainability House, we have reduced our electricity consumption by 59 percent and water consumption by

78 percent.” The Sustainability House also promotes a campuswide recycling program and offers information on how to minimize environmental impacts on the campus at large.

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Shawn has also obtained incredible hands-on summer internship experience to further develop his environmental interests. His ventures range from accompanying the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation commissioner on site visits throughout the city, to leading a nature preserve restoration project in Lancaster,

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Dedicated Education Advocate Supports Posse

Jane Dawson Shang has enjoyed a distinguished career in finance that has spanned several continents and included work with companies such as Bankers Trust, Lehman Brothers and Drexel Burnham Lambert. An active and dedicated volunteer, she is deeply committed to education and youth causes in the United States and around the world.

board member highlight

Jane Dawson Shang
 Posse New York Advisory Board

Jane became involved with Posse in 2004 upon returning to the United States after 15 years living and working abroad in Tokyo, Hong Kong and London. Posse Chair Emeritus Michael Ainslie, a good friend of Jane and her husband Paul, invited them to the Posse Gala—an experience Jane recalls as truly inspirational.

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mission,” she says. “It’s about identifying students of real promise in terms of their level of leadership, their potential to achieve, and their human qualities and values. Posse is need and color blind; I feel that’s very significant.”

Jane was raised in upstate New York

and New Hampshire—in predominantly small suburban communities. After receiving her undergraduate degree in economics and art history from Smith College and embarking on a career in banking, she was awarded a Rotary International Graduate Fellowship to study the Japanese financial markets at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. Her experience as a Rotary fellow helped shape Jane’s global perspective.

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“This experience changed how I viewed the world,” she says. “I grasped the significance of reaching out of my comfort zone and saw the amazing success and benefits that could come from operating in a different culture. The Posse experience

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Awards Ceremony Celebrates 123 New York Scholars

On January 6 and 7, Posse New York held Awards Ceremonies at The McGraw-Hill Companies' midtown Manhattan auditorium to welcome 123 new Scholars to the Posse family. Nearly 400 people were in attendance at both ceremonies to celebrate the accomplishments of these young leaders.

Last September, at the start of Posse's unique recruitment method—the Dynamic Assessment Process—Posse New York received close to 3,000 Scholar nominations from local high schools and community-based organizations. By the end of the recruitment season in December, 123 Scholars were awarded an impressive \$17.2 million in full-tuition leadership scholarships from Posse New York's partner institutions.

Posse was overjoyed to have The Nielsen Company, a longtime supporter of Posse's Career Program, sponsor the Awards Ceremonies for the second year in a row. Nielsen's director of public affairs, Crystal Barnes, spoke at the first Awards Ceremony, advising the incoming Scholars



The newest Posse New York Scholars cheer in celebration as they are welcomed into the Posse family.

to persist in achieving their academic and career goals.

Senior administrators and faculty from Posse New York's 12 college and university partners were also in attendance, including Lawrence University President Jill Beck, who highlighted the importance of having a liberal arts education in today's society. Current Scholars on campus and Alumni also offered their hugs and applause in support of the new Scholars' success.

As a closure to the ceremonies, proud parents, teachers, guidance counselors and members of the Posse New York community shared their remarks with Scholars. The father of one Scholar fondly recounted when his daughter first discovered she had received the Posse Scholarship. "I knew she won the scholarship when I heard screaming over the phone," he said. "I was so happy and proud." *

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Pennsylvania, with the Lancaster County Conservancy.

Shawn hopes to attend graduate school in a few years. "I am not sure where life will take me after graduation, but I am confident that my experiences in college and as a Posse Scholar have prepared me to succeed in environmental education and government." *

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is not so different. I encourage Posse Scholars to reach for and embrace all the opportunities that are available to them and yet, cherish where you're from because that makes you special and helps you bring something unique to whatever table you choose to sit at."

In addition to her committed work with Posse, Jane is also involved with the

Chinese Language School of Connecticut; Smith College's Advancement Committee; the Silk Road Project, a culture and arts education program founded by Yo-Yo Ma; and other local community organizations, including her children's schools.

Jane and her husband Paul live in Greenwich, Connecticut, with their two children Matthew and Margot.*

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