

# FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM

**We** enrich.

Foundation Scholars is a competitive program that selects 60 incoming freshman students a year.

The Foundation Scholars Program is designed to create a close-knit community of highly talented individuals who are looking for an opportunity to enrich their college experience with both social and academic interactions combined. During the program, students will elect to complete a study abroad experience or a service learning project.



“Being a member of the Foundation Scholars Program made SVSU my home. Not only did I have an advisor, Janna Kern, who truly cared and understood my individual needs, but I was also blessed with an instant community of friends who were serious students and interested in similar areas of study. Being from a small town, I never thought that I would travel, however, the Foundation Scholars Program made it possible for me to explore Australia and Mexico in my junior and senior years. I now share my experiences with other students and encourage them to build amazing international experiences for themselves. The FSP’s constant support and encouragement made it impossible to doubt myself or not be proud of my achievements.”

**Jenna (Zulauf) Findlay**  
University of Nevada Las Vegas  
Graduate Student  
Environmental Sociology

#### A special series of course offerings:

- Two specially designated Foundation Scholars courses to be taken during your first year (one course per semester).
- These designated courses are filled only with other students in the Foundation Scholars Program.

#### Priority registration:

- As a Foundation Scholar student you will enjoy priority registration.
- You will be able to meet with the academic advisor for the Foundation Scholars Program each semester in order to ensure proper course selection.

#### Extra-curricular activities:

- In late July/early August you will attend an off-campus retreat where you will meet all other incoming freshmen in the program and will become better prepared for life at SVSU.
- You will be able to attend special lectures and cultural events (admission fees will be paid for by the Foundation Scholars Program).
- You will have the opportunity to meet other upperclassmen in the Foundation Scholars Program during group dinners and other casual entertainment events.

#### Special program opportunities:

- A stipend up to \$1,500 to be applied toward one of the following:
  - A study abroad experience (full semester OR shorter duration trip)
  - A service learning project in a local community.

#### Live in a community of like-minded students:

- If you choose to live on campus, you may opt to reside in the Foundation Scholars floor of the Living Center.

#### Minimum qualifications:

- You must have a minimum 3.5 GPA and SAT composite score of 1160 or higher in order to be considered for this program.
- This program is competitive, and we accept only 60 students per year.

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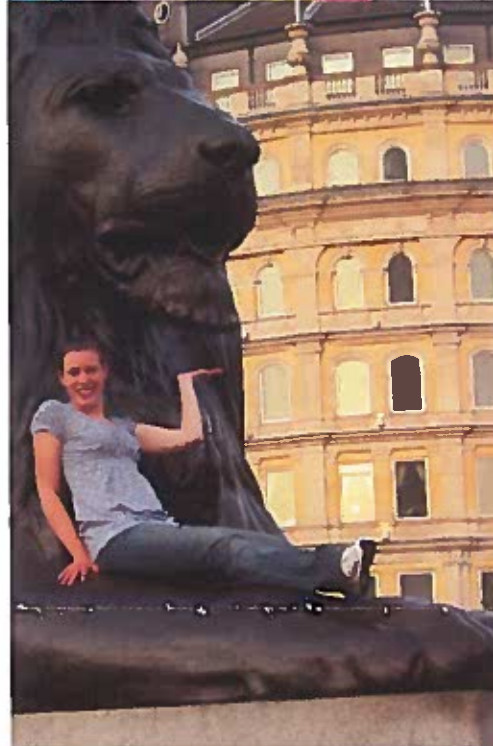
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**“With the help of the Foundation Scholars Program, I was able to spend a summer in the Dominican Republic, where I volunteered with a non-profit agency and taught English to orphans in an elementary classroom. This not only helped me to improve on my skills as an educator but allowed me to have an impact on a social issue that is important to me.”**

**Alexandria Umphrey**  
3rd Grade Teacher,  
Flint Community Schools



**“The Foundation Scholars Program has provided me with a multitude of opportunities over the years! One of the greatest opportunities I have enjoyed was the opportunity to study abroad in London in May of 2008. Not only did the Scholars Program offer me financial assistance, but it also gave me the chance to share my experience with others. Studying abroad was a wonderful experience that has changed my views on English culture, politics, and foreign relationships and is something that I would recommend to every student.”**

**Colleen Werle**  
Registered Nurse  
Covenant HealthCare

Our Programs of Distinction give hard-working, achievement-driven students a chance to explore new interests, engage in scholarly research, give back to the community, study abroad, work closely with top faculty and even live in special campus communities amongst peers who share the same priorities.

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