2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Finalists

Catherine Duarte

Catherine Duarte was born in New Bedford, MA, to Foreign Service Officer Virgulino Duarte and teacher Candida Duarte. Catherine is a Sociology major, in the Pre-Medical Program with a French minor and plans to pursue a medical career in the international and domestic realms. Originally selected as a Freshman Representative for the Cape Verdean Student Association, she is currently Co-President. This past summer she volunteered in the Emergency Department at Tufts Medical Center, and also as a teaching assistant at E.S.C.O.L.A., an English speaking school in Luanda, Angola.

Djerica Lamousnery

Djerica Lamousnery is a junior in the Connell School of Nursing. She is currently enrolled in two clinical rotations at the Brigham and Women’s hospital where she works on a postpartum unit and the Massachusetts General Hospital where she works on a medical surgical unit. She is currently studying abroad in Cape Town, South Africa, where she will be for five months. She plans to travel around the country and learn about the rich history. She would also like to get involved in service work at health clinics in Cape Town to incorporate her interest in healthcare and nursing. Prior to leaving for South Africa, she completed a research project with her professor in the Connell School that focused on dating violence and resources on college campuses nationwide.

Sarah Onori

Sarah Onori is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in Sociology and Communications, with a concentration in Pre-Law. Sarah is originally from a first generation Nigerian family, but was born in Lawrence, KS, and was raised in Cary, NC. This academic year Sarah has interned at Nixon Peabody, LLC, a global law firm for ten hours per week. Additionally, she is the treasurer for the African Student Organization where she handles the budget and finances. Last semester, Sarah tutored three 10th grade students from MATCH Charter High School on Fridays and Saturdays. Currently, Sarah is studying in Parma, Italy. While there, she plans to conduct a research project on the connection of food to Italian families’ social structure.

Timothy Shu

Timothy Shu is a second-generation Chinese American. He is a Biology major in the College of Arts and Sciences, with a music minor. He hopes to pursue a dental career, and will be applying to dental schools at the end of this, his junior year. He chose to minor in music because he enjoys playing guitar and singing, taking music classes allows a change of pace from his science courses. His current activities consist of being a youth and worship leader at River of Life Church in Boston, MA, a worship leader at the Asian Christian Fellowship on campus, a mentor in the Shaw Leadership Program, a member of the Elections Committee of the Undergraduate Government of Boston College and a member of the Mendel Society.
Breana Ware

Breana Ware is a junior from Atlanta, GA. The youngest child of David and Sharon Ware, she was the only child who decided to study outside of the Southeast. She is an English major and Creative Writing concentrator in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is a Resident Assistant and is active in several organizations on campus including, but not limited to, Females Incorporating Sisterhood Through Step (F.I.S.T.S.), the Multicultural Christian Fellowship, and the Mock Trial Association. Despite studying in Boston, Breana remains a Southern girl at heart, and misses SEC football and Southern food, as well as her parents, church, and extended family, which includes nearly seventy cousins. Breana continues to strive for academic excellence and hopes to attend law school after graduation.

Carissa Wright

Carissa Wright is currently a junior enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is pursuing a major in Communications, focusing on Public Relations and Broadcast Journalism. In addition to focusing on academics, Carissa is a participant in the Shaw Leadership Program, A Resident Assistant in the sophomore area for Vanderslice and 90 St. Thomas More Halls, co-captain of Females Incorporated Through Sisterhood (F.I.S.T.S.), member of the 48 Hours Council, and a volunteer for the Huntington’s Disease Society of America’s annual Hoop-A-Thon fundraiser. This summer, Carisssa will be traveling to South Africa for two weeks of service and immersion through a program sponsored by the Lynch School of Education.