



THE JOHN M. BELK SCHOLARSHIP

**Up to eight Belk Scholars are selected
in each first-year class.**

**The Belk Scholarship provides comprehensive
funding (tuition, fees, room, and board), plus two
special opportunity stipends of \$3,000 each.**

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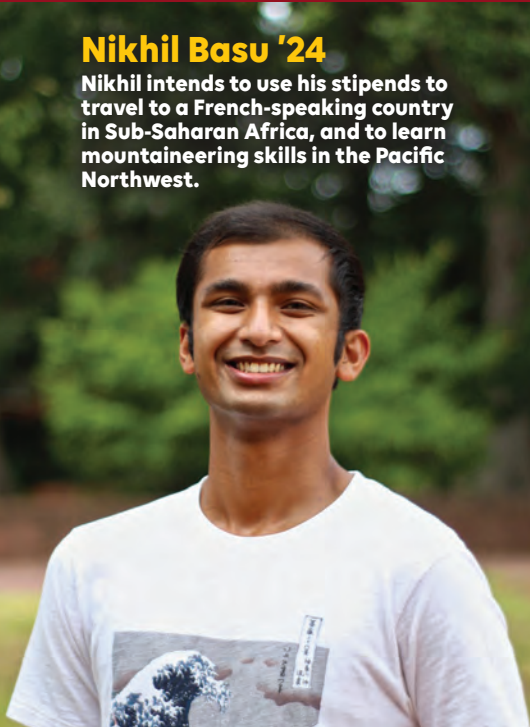


THE BELK EXPERIENCE

The John M. Belk Scholarship provides scholars with great flexibility in the on- and off-campus opportunities they choose to explore. Those experiences, paired with Davidson's academic programs, deepen the scholars' insight, maturity, and understanding of global issues. The Belk Scholarship provides each scholar with two \$3,000 special opportunity stipends to support intellectual, personal, and leadership development over the course of their college career.

Nikhil Basu '24

Nikhil intends to use his stipends to travel to a French-speaking country in Sub-Saharan Africa, and to learn mountaineering skills in the Pacific Northwest.



Caro Djakuduel '23

Caro used one of her stipends to study end-of-life care in Spain and immerse herself in Spanish language.



Josie Hovis '23

Josie used one of her stipends to conduct research on conceptions of race, belonging, and anti-Haitian sentiment in the Dominican Republic.



Audrey Meigs '23

Audrey used one of her stipends to study Chinese-American identity and the revitalization of Chinatown in San Francisco.



Alec Stimac '23

Alec used one of his stipends to pursue his creative interests, completing a masterclass in music production and recording.



To learn more
about the Belk
Experience, visit
davidson.edu/belk.

BELK SCHOLARS ARE:

STUDENTS WHO LEAD and bring their peers along with them. They are galvanizers, empowerers, and students who can't help but bring others into their work.

CHALLENGE SEEKERS who embrace a multi-dimensional lifestyle, pursue intellectual depth and academic achievement, and demonstrate meaningful accomplishment in their activities. They demonstrate tireless ability to overcome obstacles and apply lessons learned.

INTELLECTUAL EXPLORERS who exude an eagerness to learn in every facet of life. They generate and engage with original ideas while seeking to deepen their own understanding, as well as that of others.

SERVANT LEADERS who maintain an extraordinary strength of character, including confidence, humility, and a tremendous regard for collaboration. They are vigorous and strong in mind and spirit.

CHANGE AGENTS who act as catalysts for community improvement and positive change.



NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Davidson invites your nomination of outstanding students with extraordinary potential to compete for the John M. Belk Scholarship. A successful candidate will demonstrate academic achievement, deep intellectual curiosity, plus commitment and ability to impact both their local and global communities.

Who may nominate for the Belk Scholarship?

- ◆ School counselors, principals/heads of school, college access program leadership.
- ◆ The Davidson Admission Committee may also nominate based on the strength of a student's application for admission.

Important Dates and Deadlines


- ◆ December 1: Nomination deadline (submit nomination form at www.davidson.edu/belk).
- ◆ December 15: Application deadline for all Belk nominees (application for admission, recommendations, and all required supporting documents). www.davidson.edu/apply. PLEASE NOTE: Application by this deadline does not necessarily imply a commitment to Early Decision.
- ◆ Mid-February: Semi-finalist notification and interviews.
- ◆ Early March: Finalist notification.
- ◆ March: Belk Finalist Events, including interviews and activities designed to provide a fuller sense of the Davidson community.
- ◆ By April 1: Belk Scholarship outcomes announced.

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THE DAVIDSON OPPORTUNITY: COLLABORATION, HONOR, AND EXCELLENCE



Students at Davidson College develop the qualities needed in the world today: leadership, integrity, curiosity, empathy, and courage—qualities informed by experiential learning and shaped by relationships with people who challenge but always care, and who embrace difference while building community. Davidson is a highly ranked liberal arts college in Davidson, N.C., that inspires lives of consequence.

BELK SCHOLARS HAVE TRAVELED TO:

Argentina	Denmark	Indonesia	Netherlands	Spain
Austria	Dominican Republic	Ireland	New Zealand	Switzerland
Australia	Ecuador	Israel	Nicaragua	Syria
Bangladesh	Egypt	Italy	Norway	Taiwan
Bolivia	England	Japan	Pakistan	Tajikistan
Bosnia & Herzegovina	France	Jordan	Palestine	Tanzania
Brazil	Germany	Kenya	Panama	Thailand
Cambodia	Ghana	Laos	Peru	Turkey
Chile	Greece	Lebanon	Portugal	United Arab Emirates
China	Guatemala	Madagascar	Russia	Vietnam
Colombia	Haiti	Mexico	Scotland	Yemen
Costa Rica	Hungary	Morocco	SEA-Tahiti-to-Hawaii	Zambia
Croatia	Iceland	Mwandi	South Africa	
Czech Republic	India	Nepal	South Korea	

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JOHN MONTGOMERY BELK '43

LEADERSHIP AND VISION

John M. Belk, Davidson Class of 1943, continued a family tradition that began with the earliest Belk family graduates in 1847. At Davidson, he earned a record of leadership and accomplishment that foreshadowed his extraordinary career and commitment to service. After serving in WWII and the Korean War and spending time as an officer of the United Nations Civil Assistance Commission, John Belk returned to the family business in 1952, leading it to become one of the nation's largest and most profitable retailers. John Belk dedicated himself to his community and, as mayor of Charlotte for four terms (1969 to 1977), he positioned the city to become the nation's second largest banking center and one of the country's fastest growing cities. In 2000, John Belk made a historic gift to endow the John M. Belk flagship scholarship program at Davidson.

As President and Board Chair of the John M. Belk Endowment, MC Belk Pilon continues her late father's legacy of leadership and vision. She and her team are committed to increasing access to and completion of post-secondary education in order to give all the chance at long-term, family-sustaining careers. MC also serves the community on boards that champion education access, including myFutureNC, Inc; The Belk Foundation; College Advising Corps; Good Friends, Greater Enrichment; the Fletcher School; and Charlotte Country Day School. In 2016, MC was awarded the Roanoke College Medal, the highest honor accorded a graduate; and in 2020, received the I.E. Ready Award, the highest honor bestowed by the State Board of Community Colleges.





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