

# THE JOHN M. BELK SCHOLARSHIP

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**Davidson College's flagship award.**

**Eight Belk Scholars are selected in  
each first-year class.**

**The Belk Scholarship provides comprehensive  
funding (tuition, fees, food and housing),  
plus \$6,000 in special opportunity stipends.**

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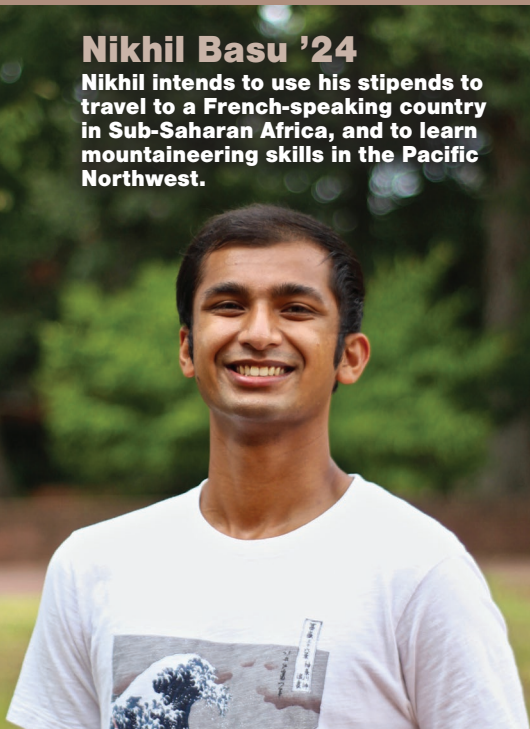


# The Belk Experience

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 \$6,000 in 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.

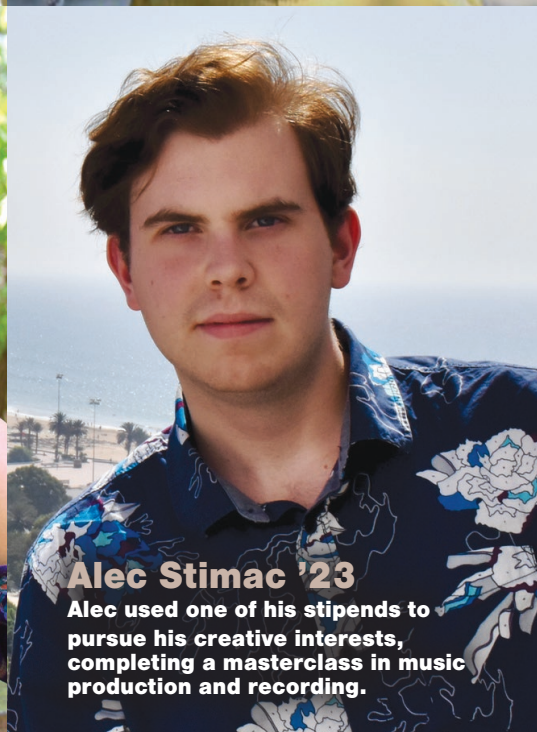
## Josie Hovis '23

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](https://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

### 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

- **November 1:** Nomination deadline (submit nomination form at [admission.davidson.edu/belknomination](https://admission.davidson.edu/belknomination)).
- **November 15:** Application deadline for all Belk nominees (application for admission, recommendations, and all required supporting documents; no supplements required).  
Read more at [www.davidson.edu/apply](https://www.davidson.edu/apply).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Application by this deadline does not necessarily imply a commitment to Early Decision.

- **Early February:** Semi-finalist notification and interviews.
- **Mid-February:** Finalist notification.
- **Mid-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 selective liberal arts college in Davidson, N.C., that inspires lives of consequence.

## BELK SCHOLARS **HAVE TRAVELED TO:**

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

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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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