THE JOHN M. BELK SCHOLARSHIP

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 $10,000 in special opportunity stipends.

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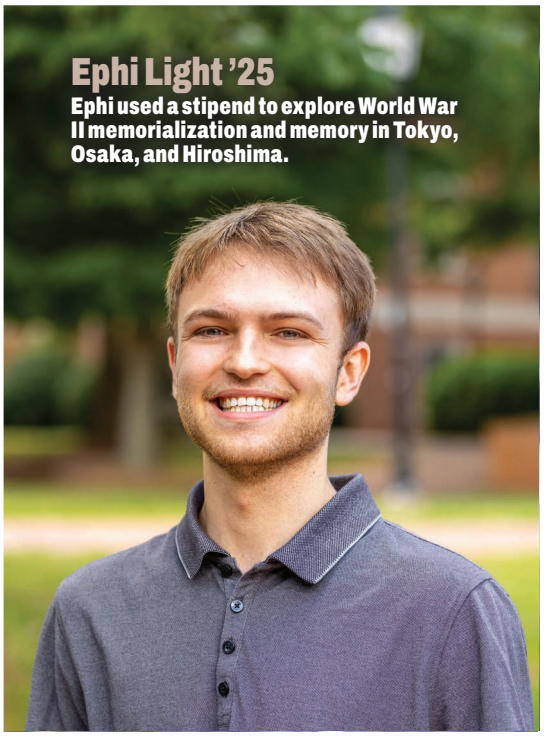


The Belk **Experience**

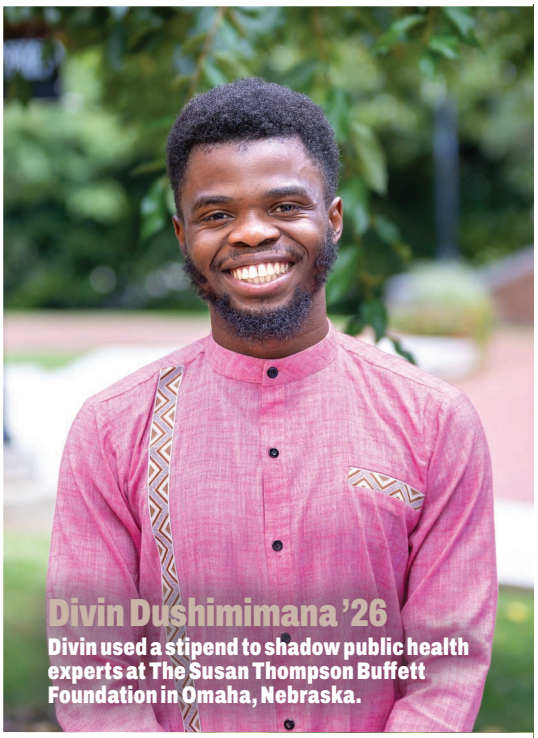
The John M. Belk Scholarship provides scholars with great flexibility in the on- and off-campus opportunities they choose to explore. Those experiences, paired with Davidson's academic programs, deepen the scholars' insight, maturity, and understanding of global issues. The Belk Scholarship provides each scholar with $10,000 in special opportunity stipends to support intellectual, personal, and leadership development over the course of their college career.



Malia Davis '27
Malia used a stipend to fund an internship at Bellevue Project Healthcare as she explores her career interests.



Ephi Light '25
Ephi used a stipend to explore World War II memorialization and memory in Tokyo, Osaka, and Hiroshima.



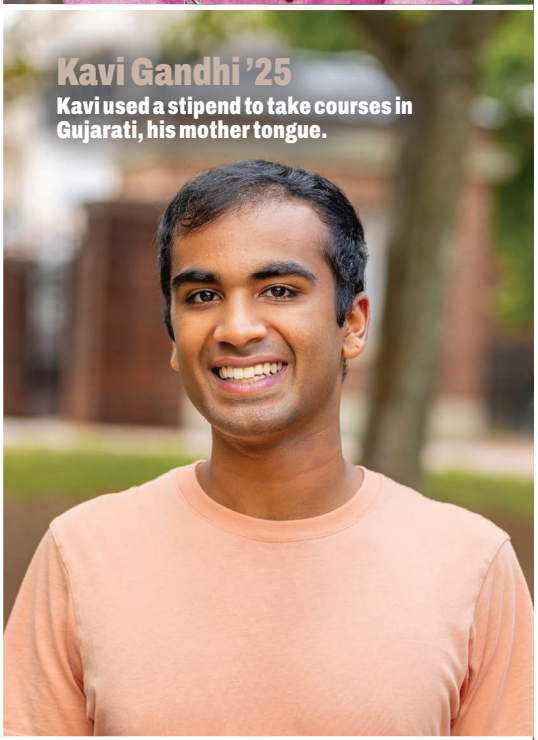
Divin Dushimimana '26
Divin used a stipend to shadow public health experts at The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation in Omaha, Nebraska.



Rui Rui Bleifuss '26
Rui Rui used a stipend during her internship for Amplify MN: A Disability Justice Collective in St. Paul, Minnesota.



Mishti Mookherjee '27
Mishti used a stipend to participate in Davidson in Washington, a program that provides real-world government internship experience while obtaining course credit.



Kavi Gandhi '25
Kavi used a stipend to take courses in Gujarati, his mother tongue.

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

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**).
- **November 15**: Application deadline for all Belk Nominees (application for admission, recommendations, and all required supporting documents). Read more at **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



BELK SCHOLARS **HAVE TRAVELED TO:**

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

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.

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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 has participated on several boards that champion education access and success for all children, including Good Friends, Greater Enrichment, the Fletcher School and The Charlotte Country Day School Board of Trustees. She is currently Chair of The John M. Belk Scholarship Advisory Board at Davidson College and active on the boards of myFutureNC, Inc., The Belk Foundation, HopeStar Foundation and The Belk Center Advisory Board. MC was the winner of the 2020 I.E. Ready Award, the highest honor bestowed by the State Board of Community Colleges. She was also awarded the 2016 Roanoke College Medal, the highest honor for an alumnus to receive and the 2015 Central Piedmont Community College Distinguished Service Award.

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