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The Diana Martens Memorial Scholarship at Bethany College: A contribution that lives on



Shannon Davis, recipient of The Diana Martens Memorial Scholarship; Walter Martens, donor

The annual Winter Semester Awards Chapel on Wednesday, March 26th, 2014 was marked with smiles and applause from students at Bethany College as \$10,000 in scholarships were handed out to eleven students, ranging in value from \$500 to \$2000.

Shannon Davis, the recipient of the \$2000 Diana Martens Memorial Scholarship, given to a returning second or third year student who is enrolled in and demonstrates significant leadership in the area of Ministry Arts, said, "It's an incredible honor and a surprise. I'm hoping their contribution to me will work its way into being a contribution to others."

Walter Martens, an alumnus of Bethany College and the donor of Davis' award that was created in memory of his late wife, Diana, also attended the ceremony. It was the first award presented in her name after her death a year ago. When asked how he felt about watching a student receive the award, he said, "There are so many memories of our time here."

"Diana and I started dating here" he added, as he recounted the memories of them getting to know each other at the college, and then being involved in the choir and in children's ministry at their church in Main Centre, SK after they were married. His own experience at Bethany, he says, reinforced the importance of education to him. In their family, Bible College was a "given" because people who attended were more effective in ministry in the church."

Davis would agree. She says, "It's important to have a basis of knowledge, a foundation. If not, you can just be saying things that may sound good rather than being helpful." Davis, a student from Winnipeg, MB, will be entering her third year at the college in fall and working towards a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry. Her involvement in Ministry Arts includes leading worship in chapel, and being a member of Beck & Call, a 13-person choral group touring churches and schools in Alberta this spring.

Martens concluded by saying, "I'm happy that I can contribute to a student's education. In this way, our ministry can continue through another student."



2014 Award Recipients, with President Howie Wall, left. Front row, (l-r) – Dynel Weber, Joanna Schellenberg, Josie Penner, Cherie Bright, Shannon Davis. Back row, (l-r) – Matthew Janzen, Bryan Vellacott, Joshua Kehler, Sidney Knull, Ben Thielmann, Austin Gagne.

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