

Hello to the USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling Community,

Today the Trampoline and Tumbling Scholarship Committee proudly announces the recipients of the 2012-2013 athletic/academic collegiate scholarships. Please give your best wishes and congratulations when you see these athletes at the upcoming national meets. They are all very deserving and all are individuals that we in the USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling family can be very proud of.

This is a special year in that this marks the 10th year that money has been granted to our athletes to support their academic progress while they strive to become the very best they can be within our sport. A \$3000.00 grant was donated and then awarded in 2003 to Kim Poling who won the first Jeff T. Hennessy Award. Since that humble but proud beginning, over \$350,000.00 has been raised with \$250,000.00 awarded to our athletes and a designated fund established within the USA Gymnastics Foundation for the balance.

These ten years have seen great changes in our sport with our athletes persistently improving their stature in the international community. The message that the Scholarship Committee would like to impress upon all is that real effort is being made to impact our athletes in the most positive ways possible. The message to the athletes is to work hard both on the equipment and in the classroom. We want our committee efforts to encourage athletes to strive to make a positive impact on those around them and to continue to "pay this support forward" by being of service to others well into their futures. The message to parents is to believe... believe that there is a possibility of collegiate support in this sport and believe that the support given to our athletes both celebrates and demands performance in academics and athletics. The message to coaches is to know that their efforts to train body AND mind do make a difference and that that difference may impact many others over the years well beyond the time their athletes have moved on from their competitive careers.

As we look to the next 10 years and commit to even more growth I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have made this all work.

Thanks are owed to the people of Camp Wakeshma, Three Rivers, MI for their support of our sport and our fund raising camp. It may seem self-serving, but 10 years of thanks are in line for Beth Drew. Without her tireless effort and unconditional support the Scholarship Camp simply does not get off the ground each and every year. Thanks are owed to each and every member (and their parents!) of T&T whose meet, clinic and national entry fees help support this effort.

Volunteer committee members of the past including Megan Gearhart and Peggy Rayson are owed thanks for helping establish this program. Current committee members Chauncey Haydon, Jill Milroy and Keith Douglas worked very hard to bring fairness and honesty to this process.

Lastly, I would like to thank Ann Sims and Susan Jacobson. Without the support of our Program Directors none of this would be even thinkable. They too have volunteered

their time well outside of their actual job description and have committed themselves to the importance of this program.

To the winners of the past and present... congratulations. Continue to make us proud in your competitions, your classrooms and your communities.

Sincerely Yours,

Dr. George R. Drew

Chair, USA Gymnastics Scholarship Committee
Director, USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling Scholarship Camp

The \$5,000 Jeff T. Hennessey Scholarship was established to afford deserving athletes the opportunity to pursue academic and athletic excellence. This scholarship honoring Coach Hennessey's career and commitment to the sport of trampoline and tumbling is awarded yearly to the qualified applicant that best exhibits the attributes of athletic achievement, sportsmanship and scholarship.

The \$5,000 Tyson Smith Scholarship is named for the son of Carole Smith and the late Craig Smith, and beloved brother of Brooke Smith. Tyson was an outstanding all around athlete and competed in the sport of trampoline and tumbling representing Naples Progressive Gymnastics, Florida and as a national team member for the United States. Tyson was killed in February 2003 in a tragic traffic accident. Tyson's many athletic accomplishments include being the first athlete from Florida to represent the USA in international competition. In Tyson's career he won seven national titles, three international titles and was an AAU All-American three times. This scholarship award is presented to the USAG Trampoline & Tumbling athlete who has shown him or herself to exhibit the talent, diversity and sportsmanship that defined Tyson's life.

The \$5,000 Jordan Bonne Memorial Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of USA Gymnastics Trampoline athlete Jordan Bonne. Jordan was an exceptional young man whose family and teammates were privileged to have known his spirit, enthusiasm, sportsmanship and faith. Our entire sporting community felt the loss of Jordan, but his young life served as an inspiration to his family, team and church. The recipient of this scholarship is the athlete whose career and performance best exhibits Jordan's love for our sport and his sense of fairness, academic excellence and spiritual faith.

The \$5,000 George Nissen Memorial Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of trampoline inventor George Nissen. George's contribution to the sport of gymnastics touches every athlete that has competed in the sport. He was a true inspiration to those around him and dedicated his life to the advancement of the sport of trampoline as well as the human spirit. The recipient of this scholarship is presented to a trampoline competitor that continues to strive to reach new heights in the sport while pursuing academic excellence and inspiring others.

The USA Gymnastics Trampoline and Tumbling Scholarships recognize that college-age athletes are essential to our international competitive standing. The scholarship fund was established 10 years ago in order to give these athletes every opportunity to meet the demands of higher education while still training and competing for the program.

2012 Scholarship Recipients

Dakota Earnest	Jeff T. Hennessey	\$5,000
Steven Gluckstein	George Nissen	\$2,500
Neil Gulati	George Nissen	\$2,500
Kristin Day	Jordan Bonne	\$2,500
Karly Judkins	Jordan Bonne	\$2,500
Jackson Tyson	Tyson Smith	\$2,500
Austin White	Tyson Smith	\$2,500
Erin Jauch	USA Gymnastics T&T	\$2,500
Jeffrey Gluckstein	USA Gymnastics T&T	\$1,500
Alicia Powder	USA Gymnastics T&T	\$1,500
Alex Renkert	USA Gymnastics T&T	\$1,500
Drew Collins	USA Gymnastics T&T	\$1,500
Kristle Lowell	USA Gymnastics T&T	\$1,500
Alaina Williams	USA Gymnastics T&T	\$1,000
Kalon Ludvigson	USA Gymnastics T&T	\$1,000
Shelby Gill	USA Gymnastics T&T	\$1,000