

PLATO

2015-2016 PLATO Fund Scholarship Recipients



In 2015-2016 the PLATO Fund is also supporting an **Odyssey Project** student. Since 2003, the Odyssey Project (www.odyssey.wisc.edu) has helped adults begin the journey out of poverty through free access to an intensive two-semester college level course in the humanities

led by UW-Madison Professor Emily Auerbach at the Goodman south Madison Public Library. More than 200 students have completed the Odyssey Project, with more than half continuing their education, working toward college degrees.

Yanli Zhu is a single mother (of a precocious five-year-old son) and an immigrant to the United States who recently returned to school to follow her dream of resuming her career in education. In China, she was a language teacher and an administrator with a passion for education that has continued unabated. Raising a son, and having transformed herself from non-English-speaking newcomer into successful graduate school student, her pursuit of a PhD is “simply” the most recent challenge she has embraced in her drive to lead the richest, most-rewarding life possible.



Billie Kelsey's life has been great although not without great struggle. She continues to process a difficult childhood and has been working towards a degree for 34 years. In that time she has raised a kind, generous and handsome young man who is also currently a Badger. While a student, she has volunteered with WORT community radio and with elementary-age children in the community. She also runs her own house cleaning business which serves mostly elderly clients. Her son is proud of her and she continues to be amazed at and proud of him. Billie looks forward to graduating with a BA in sociology and the next stage of her life.



Sean Kean's college career had difficult beginnings as family problems forced him to leave school and work full time. It took him several years in the workforce to realize he wanted to continue his education. He returned to college much more determined than when he left. He graduated

Madison College with honors and is now pursuing a BA in anthropology at UW-Madison.



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Your education has helped you in life, and now you can help the lives of others by donating to the PLATO Fund. The PLATO Fund has been established to help provide financial assistance to returning adult students at UW-Madison. Your tax-deductible donation to the PLATO Fund supports scholarships to deserving students as they pursue degrees at the UW. Help make a college degree possible for an individual who, because of financial circumstance, might be denied the gift of education. See the reverse side for information about the 2015-2016 recipients of the PLATO Fund scholarships.

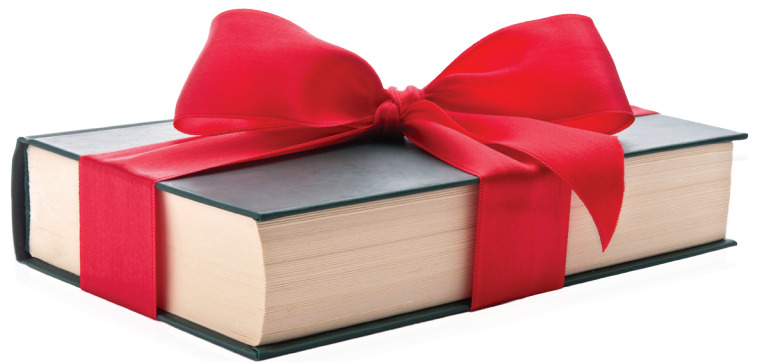
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