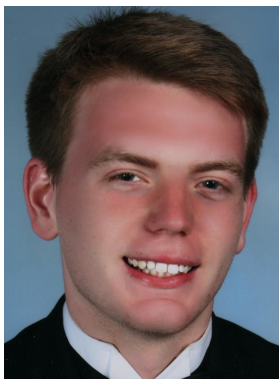
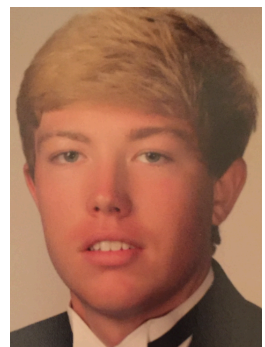
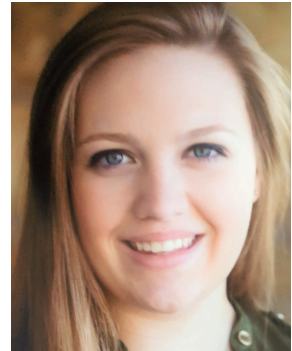


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Karina Eide Memorial Scholars 2017



*Karina Eide Memorial
College Scholarship*





Major: Elementary Education
Career Interest: Special Education

Public School Volunteer
VP Hiking Club
Assistant Sales Manager
Packing & Shipping Worker

BRYNN
Benedictine
College

"You are smart, you are special, you have so many abilities, and you matter so much to someone. There are so many people who struggle just like you and have to look at what you are good at and not what you are bad at. We are made for something so much greater than getting all A's in school, and I'm not saying you need to stop trying cause you will never get A's because you can, you are capable of anything, you just have different abilities that don't show so much is reading, writing, or in your grades. Give your all, that's all anyone ever asks of you because you have the ability to do so."



Major: Business Management
Career Interest: Project Management

Richland Village Sundries
Pier One Imports
Abigail's Closet
BPO International

EMILY

University of
Alabama at
Birmingham

"To the young children, I urge them to try. I waited a lot of time being afraid to try because I might fail. I tell them that it is a challenging but rewarding part of life to be dyslexic. If they put their minds to it, it will amaze them..."



Major: Elementary Education
Career Interest: 2nd Grade Teacher

Blairstown Dairy
Nanny
Community Assistant
Trinity Organization at Bloomsburg

ERIN

Bloomsburg University

"My advice for younger people with dyslexia is that it gets better. I know that right now it is really frustrating and you probably want to give up at times. Don't. Keep fighting and using your resources. Tutors and audiobooks are very helpful. You just have to find ways you learn best. You need to remember that you are not stupid. Dyslexia has nothing to do with your intelligence, it is all about how our brains are wired. There is a phenomenal TED talk that explains how a person with a dyslexic brain works. You should look for the positives in your dyslexia. You are not defined by your dyslexia."



Major: Nursing

Career Interest: Nurse Practitioner

Certified Nursing Assistant

Caregiver to Children with Head Injury or
Mental Illness

Siouxland Aquatics Lifeguard

YMCA Camp Counselor

4H

GRACE

Viterbo University

"My advice to students with dyslexia, especially the ones that are struggling, is that to work hard in school. Even though dyslexia may set us back in school, it teaches us how to be hard workers, how to advocate for ourselves, the meaning of a job well done, how to think "outside the box," and how to see the world differently than everyone else. Next time you are struggling or wondering why it had to be you, remember to keep working hard because one day it will pay off. "



JOSE
Texas State
University

Major: Construction Science Management
Career Interest: Contractor, MBA

Sunbelt First Team Cross Country
Franchise Business Owner - RGV Candy
Machines

"My advice to young people with dyslexia is to stay informed and know what kinds of resources and accommodations are available to you. In addition, find what is working and embrace your personal learning style. Most importantly, aim high despite what teachers and professionals say. I was told that my academic and employment goals were unrealistic and that an associate's degree was the highest education I could receive due to my dyslexia. Because I did not allow preconceived standards to limit my dreams, I am a few years away from graduating with a degree in construction science management. Success can be achieved by anyone who works hard and never gives up."



Major: Exercise Science
Career Interest: Physical Therapy

Western Illinois Recreation Center
Illinois Department of Human Resources
Scheels All Sports
Lincoln Land Community College - Lab
Technician
Dance and Flip Studio

KATARINA
Western Illinois
University

"I want children to know that they are not alone in their struggles. Everyone is fighting some sort of battle. The battle does not define you, it only helps you to improve your strengths and opportunities for success.... I have devoted a great deal of time planning my career and I feel that I could make a difference in the lives of many children."



Major: Marine Biology

Career Interest: Marine Biologist

Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium Intern

Organizer Food Drive Soup Kitchen

Varsity Softball

HOSA Club - Health Occupations Students of America

KAYLA

Coastal Carolina
Community College

"I wish I had someone tell me that I was going to be ok, that I could still do everything my classmates were doing. Children with dyslexia don't need to be looked at differently. One thing I would tell younger people with dyslexia would be you don't have a disability you have a gift. Yes we learn differently but there are so many bright and amazing people that have this same disability. I also remind myself that they think that Albert Einstein had dyslexia and that is why he had to have someone write his notes down. I would also tell them to never give up, yes school might be hard but it is worth it in the end to say that you did it and that you were able to achieve your long time goal. Never give up it only lets the critics win."



Major: Engineering

Career Interest: Aerospace Engineering

FIRST Team Mentor

Robots-4U

MATTHEW

Tulsa Community
College

"For young kids learning to deal with dyslexia, I want to tell them that reading is not the only gateway to knowledge. Despite living in a world crafted around literacy there are many paths to the understanding what one needs to reach your goals and dreams. Do not try to hide the fact that you have dyslexia but be brave enough to ask for what you need to be able to do your best. I want kids to know that life with dyslexia gets easier the older you get as you find your way to get things done."



MEAGHAN
Trinity College

Major: Neuroscience

Career Interest: Medical School

Therapy Intern in South Africa

Research Asst. Neuroscience Department

Speech Language Development Center

"My advice for younger people with dyslexia is to always remind yourself that you are not dumb, you simply process information differently. This may sound harsh but it was exactly what I needed to hear when I was in third grade and one of my classmates saw the red pen corrections all over my spelling test making the remark, "wow I thought you were smart." It was demoralizing to hear as a nine-year-old. Luckily, that same year my teacher took a special interest in me and suggested I get tested. The report came back: dyslexia. Now one little word didn't change anything but it gave me the power to try again. It was an obstacle that could be overcome, not a limitation to be feared. "



Major: Neuropsychology

Career Interest: Pediatric Neuropsychology

Give Kids the World Volunteer

Assistant Teacher

Varsity Track

Summer School Counselor

OLIVIA

Spartanburg Methodist
College

"I would tell younger people with dyslexia to work hard and that they can accomplish their dreams if they work hard enough for them. Don't let anyone tell them they are not capable."



Major: Civil Engineering
Career interest: Civil Engineering

Instructor, Oregon Museum of Science
& Industry
Captain Oregon State Steel Bridge
Team
Fundraiser Chair American Society of
Civil Engineers
Student Teacher, Portland Youth Jazz

OSCAR
Oregon State University

"The journey has been rigorous and hard. However, it taught me to believe in myself, to never give up, and to always diligently pursue my full potential, academically and in everyday life. This had deeply embedded a personal goal inside of me to support those with dyslexia and ADD and make them realize they too can succeed."



Major: Public Relations

Minor: Communications / Computer Science

Career Interest: Sports / Entertainment Management

Communication Liaison UA Dean of Students

Ryatt Aerial Production Company - Drones

Landscape Crew

Haitian Food Relief

RISE Community Service

Beat Auburn, Beat Hunger

RHETT

University of
Alabama

"What seemed like a downfall for me, I have now realized is a gift. Dyslexia has taught me determination and survivor skills that help me when things seem difficult or next to impossible. I also learned that time management was critical; no waiting until the last minute to grasp skills, complete readings, or be prepared for a test if I expected to excel in life...

What advice would I give younger dyslexics? The same advice I give my dyslexic sister: self-advocate...no one is in your head; ask questions; accept that you have to study more than others; pray for God's guidance.."



RYAN

Embry-Riddle
Aeronautical
University

Major: Aeronautical Engineering
Career Interest: Aeronautical Engineering

Information Systems Laboratory Intern
Guidance Engineer Hummingbird
Make 48 Project Engineer
Humanoid Robotics Lead Engineer
Real World Design Challenge Engineer

"If I were to give advice to young people with dyslexia, I would be honest with them and say that school will not be easy, and you may not always like school because of your dyslexia. Don't be afraid to ask for help from your teachers. If you can find something that you really love to do, like engineering or art, focus on it. You may not realize it yet, but dyslexia is actually a super power. Use your ability to see the big picture to become really good at what you love. "



TAYLOR
Washington
University
St. Louis

**Major: Computer Science and
Psychology**
Career Interest: Neuroscience Research

Emerging Leaders
James McKelvey Undergraduate Research
Award
National Center for Women &
Information Technology Aspirations
Award
Yearbook Editor

"My advice is don't be embarrassed that you have dyslexia. Everybody has his or her weakness. Some people can't read well, others aren't good at playing instruments. Just focus on your strengths and what you like to do. If you do that you will be a much happier person. Also my advice is to wait because things will get better. One day you are struggling hardcore and then before you know it, it is not so bad. I mean dyslexia never goes away but you learn to work around it. And then only some days are really bad. As time passes, you are reminded less and less you have dyslexia. As well, it is so important to surround yourself with people that support you and know what you are going through. Because there are going to be some days where you want to quit, but having a great support system helps you get through those bad days. "



Major: Human Development Family Science
Career Interest: Social Work

Honduras Missions - 5 summers
Best Buddies
Williamson County Recreation Center
A-Game Sportsplex
Franklin Fieldhouse
Agaci

WHITNEY

Samford University

"I would encourage them to never give up, dream as big as they can, and use as many outside resources as possible. I would explain that good comes to those who put in the extra hours and hard work. Every long night that they might spend rereading material, double-checking grammatical errors in papers, and practicing memorization or comprehension skills will be worth the feeling that comes with receiving a good grade.

I would emphasize that they are just as capable as anyone else in this world, sharing some of the many intelligent and successful people that also have dyslexia: Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, and Woodrow Wilson, just to name a few. Whether it is tutors, counselors, or librarians, there are many outside resources to ease the troubles that sometimes come with certain tasks they are given. No matter how many obstacles they face, I want each child with dyslexia to know that the world is filled with individuals who are on their side and believe in them, myself included."



Major: Dairy Science

Career Interest: Business Owner

Dairy Farms

Slabach Contracting

Co-Owner Landscaping Business

WILLIAM

Virginia Tech

"My advice for young people with dyslexia is this: Keep your head up. You are not stupid, and there is nothing wrong with you. You just have more trouble with your school work than many people, but if you work hard and find the help that is out there you can be successful as well. Use resources like Word instead of handwriting whenever possible, and listen to audio books which have been much more effective and enjoyable for me than reading them. Also very helpful are resources and accommodations for student with disabilities especially in college.

The Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office at Virginia Tech has been a lifesaver for me. Once you have been diagnosed officially, the SSD will give you a set of accommodations for your classes that will make your life much easier. It was well worth the effort of going through another evaluation in order to get those accommodations."