



# 2008 Members Scholarship winners

Alliant recently selected five members to receive \$2,000 each in this year's scholarship program. They were among over a hundred applicants evaluated on academic performance, community involvement, goals and what Alliant membership means to them.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS:



**Neha Awati of Hoffman Estates, IL**, is a freshman at Northwestern University, majoring in psychology and economics. A pianist and tutor of math and reading, she was active on her high school's newspaper, yearbook and student council. She plans to become a psychiatrist.

*"Volunteering at a homeless shelter, I met a resident who had studied at the London School of Economics. His undiagnosed schizophrenia had cost him his relationships, career and lifestyle. I recognized how mental disorders could be just as devastating to someone as physical diseases. In the future, I wish to alleviate the damage inflicted by these disorders."*



**Matthew Brady of Los Olivos, CA**, is a freshman, pre-med major at the University of California, Davis. In high school, he was a soccer coach/player, president of the FFA and 4-H clubs, and worked as an intern for a chiropractor.

*"I know exactly what I plan to accomplish – to become a medical doctor. I plan to enroll in the ROTC program and become an officer in the National Guard. After attending school, and while continuing to serve in the military, I plan to open a medical practice and to raise a family."*



**Natasha Iyer of San Jose, CA**, is a freshman at UCLA, majoring in molecular biology, immunology and molecular sciences. A national merit finalist, she was captain of her high school's forensic team and sang in the chamber choir.

*"My love for science and debate has drawn me towards law within the health sector, which needs technical knowledge as well as argumentative skill. Both can save lives and require creative approaches. In this way, my interests reflect my overarching goal to improve the human condition."*



**Kyle Lipinski of Western Springs, IL**, is a senior at Beloit College in Beloit, WI, majoring in public health and women gender studies. She serves as a dormitory resident assistant and manager of a library she founded, which features independently published magazines. She also interned this summer at a health clinic that serves native Americans.

*"To be honest I want to help save the world ... to ensure everyone worldwide has access to healthcare. I want to work in the inner city of Chicago... to help people get access to healthcare treatment they need, while advising them on preventive strategies to keep healthy."*



**Rachel Weinstein of Mercer Island, WA**, is a freshman at Brandeis University, in Waltham, MA, majoring in biology and psychology. In high school, she was valedictorian for Judaic studies and both president and head of outreach for the Seattle chapter of Friendship Circle, an organization that prepares teenagers to tutor and then pairs them with special needs children.

*"The way I see it, community is everything. Whether it's dinners with my tight-knit family, volunteering to teach children weekly in my synagogue or keeping in touch with a network of friends across the globe... I hope one day to balance my career with a family and to make each community I am part of – in the workplace, at home or in the world – flourish."*