

The 2017 PDSA Audi Gerstein College Scholarship Winners!

\$1,500 RECIPIENT

Sara Ciesielski Houston, TX



University of Houston
Houston Community College

"...being diagnosed with ITP has enabled me to realize my strengths as a person. I have recognized that I love interacting with people to help them feel happier and safer...No matter what my career path is, I know that I can and will offer others who are hurting such reassurance and comfort. I feel that by offering them this comfort I can help them transcend their pain a little by knowing others are there to love and support them. This kind of care for those who are hurting or discouraged by their circumstances can truly serve as the greater good for my life's pathway."

\$750 RECIPIENT

Samuel Rathmann Gladstone, MO

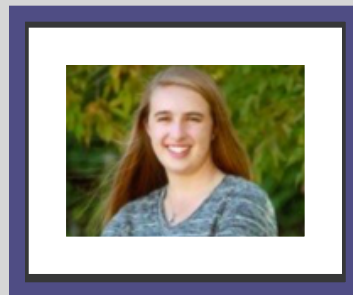
Truman State University

"Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura did not hinder happiness in my life; it allowed me to have a unique perspective on it...I want to spread the message that your condition is not written in stone as to what you can and can't do; only one thing can do that, you."



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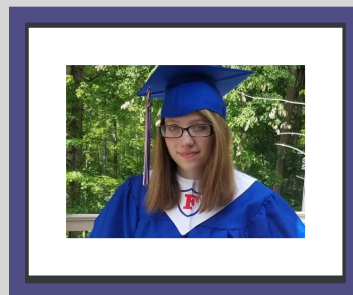
\$200 Book Award Recipients



Jennifer Necker White Rock, NM

Eckerd College

"Today, I gladly share my experience with other people to help them in their own journey...I do know that if ITP could not stop me in my goals, then nothing can. I will take anything life throws at me and I will throw it right back because ITP did not beat me and nothing else will either."



Kendra Cansdale Morganton, NC

Wingate University

"I now realize how important ITP has been in my life. Instead of looking at it negatively, I now use it to lead me to success."



Kim Caputo Monroe Township, NJ

Pace University

"I owe ITP a giant 'thank you' for making my life make sense. I thank ITP for lighting my match, pushing me to never settle for less than I deserve, and for making me an ambitious dreamer. Without ITP, I would not be the strong-willed 18-year-old college student I am. Without ITP, I would still be looking for my reason."