

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to PDSA's 2021 College Scholarship Winners!

This year, PDSA received 26 college scholarship applications from individuals across the United States. We extend our thanks to this year's panel of judges, Debbie Couture, Lib Elder, and Jerry Jones, for all their hard work in selecting this year's winners from such a large pool of worthy applicants.

\$1,500 RECIPIENT

Kim DeVore, Mesa, AZ

A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Health Sciences



"While these diagnoses (CVID & ITP) may slow me down physically, I choose to persevere and open the door to the next chapter of my life. Life is different, but still sweet."

\$750 RECIPIENT

Maverick Durant, Clarksburg, MD

Montgomery College



"My ITP journey will be a private journey but my journey to pay it forward, making sure there will be safe blood available for a patient in need, is a journey I want to share..."

\$250 BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS



Kaitlyn Jauregui, North Bergen, New Jersey

Ramapo College of New Jersey

"ITP has allowed me to become more confident in who I am as a person. I have become more comfortable in bringing awareness to my disorder when people ask questions..."



Lauren Shackelford, Greenville, NC

North Carolina State University

"Though having a platelet disorder has changed my life quite a bit, I think I have really reembraced the idea of blooming where I am planted. I feel ready to take on whatever else my blood, and life, decides to throw at me because I am stronger than I have ever been."



Gelsey Romo, Reno, NV

Louisiana State University

"Overall, ITP has made me a stronger person and I am just so grateful to still be here today...Although idiopathic thrombocytopenia is a serious illness, I don't let it define me. I will keep living my life and enjoying every moment of it because your life can change in the blink of an eye."

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