Eugene Kinasewich Fund

Update Fall 2012



Prior to his passing in 2005, Gene Kinasewich wondered how he could create an educational opportunity for a group of young hockey players.

Spring 2012 – Five Kinasewich Fund recipients graduated from college.

Fall 2012 – The Kinasewich Fund helps support the education of ten students in



- As of June 2012, The Kinasewich Fund has helped seventeen students complete their secondary school education. Twelve of those students have graduated from college.
- Kinasewich Fund recipients are currently productively employed in banking, finance, engineering, financial analysis, sales, and woodworking. They reside in four different countries.
- Viktoriya Mykolenko is the first student to join the Kinasewich Fund Board.

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The Eugene Kinasewich Fund, Inc. 2012 College Graduates



Pavel Kozhokin, Norwich University 2012

It has been a fun journey. Four years at Norwich University flew by incredibly fast. Over these years, I met many new friends, received a great education, and had a priceless experience with the hockey program. Winning a national championship with the hockey team my sophomore year was an unforgettable feeling. My hard work was recognized at the end of my senior year when I received a "Student-Athlete of the Year" award. Norwich prepared me for the next step: I got an engineering job at Phelps Engineering, a small civil engineering firm in Middlebury, Vermont. All of this would never be possible without support from the Gene Kinasewich Fund, and I am very grateful for what it has done for me.

Igor Yegorychev University of New England 2012

Today, I am 23, and I understand that you have not only helped me, but you have also changed my life by doing what others would never have done for me. You have put in so much time and effort in order for me to become what I am today. When I came to the US at the age of 14 and was told that I had a chance to attend prep school I had no idea of what to expect. My parents always wanted me to get a good education. When they heard about the school opportunity they were very happy. Sometimes I think that they were even happier then I. When I had my first tour at a prep school I was pleased and surprised by the atmosphere

and environment of the school. Thanks to The Gene Kinasewich Fund my journey started. I have attended Brewster Academy for three years and the University of New England for four years. At UNE I majored in Business Administration. I can strongly say that it was worth it. I am not saying that it was easy. I had my ups and downs. When I first came to the US my English was very limited, but today it has improved a lot and I have become fluent. I really enjoyed playing ice hockey in the US. I made a lot of friends and met good people with whom I still keep in touch. I met a totally different culture and I have gained needed experience to become a successful individual.





Viktoriya Mykolenko, Brown 2012

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Gene's Fund,

When I first laced my skates twelve years ago I could never have imagined attending Brown University. I feel privileged to have been able to accomplish many successes and overcome even more challenges over the last seven years. During my time at Brown I have focused on exploring and widening my horizons beyond the classroom. From my endeavors at Brown I was able to reach out and create terrific friendships.

My experiences would not have been possible without Gene's fund. The Kinasewich Fund has changed many young lives and brought terrific accomplishments for me to be proud of. I can say that sport was my foundation and served as a stepping stone for me to get an education. The contribution of all the donors, board members, host families and friends who proudly continue to support the fund's mission is monumental. I look back and remember Gene's eyes



filled with passion and determination for us to follow and repeat his voyage. Gene was motivated to change my life and his dreams have been materialized because being a part of this fund has changed my life forever.

I think Gene would be very proud. I hope that one day I get to have the chance to make a difference in someone's life just like Gene and his followers have done for me.

Now I am on a slightly different path than I had planned for my professional life. I have started an internship with an investment management company. I feel fortunate and honored to represent Gene's fund as its graduate and my goal is to continue the mission set in place to bring up younger generations where education inspires change. I believe the fund gives beyond education; it provides with invaluable life skills and unveils hope for a meaningful life.

Letters from students currently suppoerted by the Eugene Kinasewich Fund



Oleg Koval, Grant MacEwan 2013

My name is Oleg Koval. After one year of attending high school in Kentucky, I transferred to Vermont Academy where I spent 2 more years finishing my secondary education. At this point I was accepted into the Design Studies program at Grant MacEwan University in Edmonton Alberta. After the initial two years of mandatory courses, I was entered into the illustration diploma program. After my second year of this program I was hired on as a full time graphic designer at Elite Promotional Design. My responsibilities included logo design, image manipulation and solving clients' visual and identity needs. During this last year at school I accepted a part time job at The Pottery

Barn with the title of Design Studio Specialist. This means that I provide consultations for clients with interior design needs. After my upcoming graduation I plan to continue my work with The Pottery Barn and obtain my Canadian citizenship.

Oxana Tkachenko, Colby Sawyer 2015

I was very nervous before coming to Colby Sawyer as a freshman. My first semester, I decided to take as many courses as possible in order to have exposure to many different areas. I hoped to determine what area I wanted to major in. Some of the courses I took did not intrigue me as much as the Introduction to Business course. I found this course to be very fascinating and it was easy for me to grasp the concepts. My second semester, I decided to take Business Management. This would help me learn more about studying business and whether it was for me. After taking that course, I knew that I wanted to major in Business. I am not sure exactly what aspect of Business I am going to focus on, Management, Marketing or Finances, but I am sure after taking more courses I will know better. In the spring, I started playing tennis. Once I had gotten used to my course load and learned how to manage my time, I decided to play and became a member of the tennis team. I made some great friends and was able to travel to other colleges for matches. Overall, my freshmen year went well and I am very much looking forward to my next three years at Colby Sawyer College.

Students being supported by the Eugene Kinasewich Fund, Inc. for the 2012/2013 academic year.

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In order to accept a scholarship a Kinasewich Fund student needs as much as \$10,000 annually from the fund to pay for room, board, books, transportation, and other living expenses.

THEREFORE, EVERY DOLLAR DONATED TO THE FUND CAN LEVERAGE AS MANY AS FOUR DOLLARS IN SCHOLARSHIP AID.