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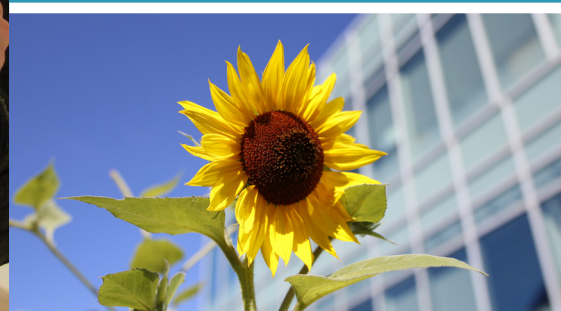




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## » Scholarships That Make a Difference



### Tijani Marou '18

**Hometown:** Washington, DC

**Major:** Mechanical Engineering

**Favorite Activity:** Sailing on Lake Champlain

When I first came to Burlington to visit and check out UVM when I was in high school, I knew that this place could be my home. From the lake to the campus to the mountains, I knew it was where I wanted to be.

But, I also knew that paying for college was going to be difficult for me and my family.

Thanks to amazing donors who took the time to give back and support students like me, I was able to come to UVM and graduate without having to worry about finances.

Because of donors like you, I was able to spend my summers giving back to the community by teaching sailing to people of all ages and all. Most importantly, your support ensured that my semesters were focused on my studies, and getting the most out of my UVM experience.

By the end of my time in school, I had developed really close relationships with a lot of my professors, and that's one of things I value the most. They weren't just my professors, but mentors—who could give me guidance even after class was done.

Last May, I graduated with a major in engineering, and shortly after got a job at a firm just outside of Burlington. Now, I live and work in this beautiful place, and none of it would have been possible without the support of donors like you.

Thank you.

Watch Tijani's video online!

[go.uvm.edu/tijanivideo](https://go.uvm.edu/tijanivideo)

## » Fundraising Internships that Inspire New Careers



### Eleanor Kharasch '21

**Hometown:** Newton, MA

**Major:** Animal and Veterinary Sciences

**Favorite Class:** Bootcamp in Alpaca Husbandry

For many students, it is untenable to spend a summer working without pay, and that means we often miss out on career growth and learning opportunities that are available to us.

Thanks to donors like you, I was able to accept an internship over the summer at the New England Wildlife Center because I received funding from the Career Center.

My internship at the New England Wildlife Center helped me both acquire new skills towards my career goals, and gave me a broader understanding of veterinary medicine. The internship also helped me personally, teaching me more about how what a professional setting feels like. I even made friends who go to UVM as well!

Although I was nervous at first, I did meet the goals that I had set for myself by the end of the internship. I walked into the New England Wildlife Center expecting to be watching staff do a lot. Instead, a tech was teaching me how to calculate dosages, and guiding me through vaccinating and administering fluids to a goose within the first few hours of me walking in!

I was frantically trying to keep up with the other interns who made everything look so easy for the first few days. **There wasn't a day where I didn't learn something new.**

I truly believe that this has been the most valuable learning experience I've had with animals, given not only the hands on experience, but because of the time spent by the staff teaching us important skills to properly care for wildlife.

Thank you for making it possible for me to learn so much, and spend a summer caring for these animals.

## » Donors like You Help Create Well-Rounded Students



### Aimee Johnston '18

**Hometown:** Brattleboro, VT

**Major:** Chemistry and Chinese

**Favorite Class:** Inorganic Chemistry

One of the great things about studying at a University like UVM are the opportunities to be involved and exposed to many different fields of learning. The flexibility of what courses you could take, and what courses were available was one of the reasons UVM appealed to me as a place to study. Planning my path through college was quite the challenge, as I tackled the seemingly mountainous task of completing a B.A. in Chinese and a B.S. in Chemistry in just 4 years.

I honestly can say that if it wasn't for the help and encouragement of professors from both the Chemistry and Chinese departments, I probably would not have been able to accomplish all the things I did. It means a lot to me that they were available and willing to help me with planning my way through both degrees requirements, Honors College requirements and studying abroad.

**But it's not just the support of my professors, but also the support of donors like you that makes my story possible.**

I was a student who studied a 'hard' science and a non-classical language. It is so important to fund not only the sciences, but also the arts. Now that I'm out in the world, I'm finding myself using skills that I learned in studying Chemistry and Chinese, but also skills that I learned in my work-study in the theater, and working with the Music and Dance Department.

Being involved in both sciences and the arts has broadened my view of the world and I think helped me to become a well-rounded person. So thank you for supporting UVM and helping students to grow, learn, and take advantage of all the university has to offer.