



Therese Hallengren, Coty Hallengren, class of 2011, and Les Hallengren, of Rock Valley, Iowa, attend the annual Scholarship Banquet in November.

A Promising Future

Thanks to Help From One of Augustana's Endowed Scholarships, Senior Nursing Major Coty Hallengren Will Soon Begin a Career in Helping Others.

Every parent wants the best for their child. From the first cry, to the first day of school, to graduation and beyond, parents never stop praying – they wish for good health, happiness and love.

And, they hope for a sound and stable future – an education, a fulfilling career, a safe home.

In today's world, providing for a child's education requires extensive financial support and, in most cases, long-term planning. It's why today's families consider scholarships and grants more valuable than ever.

"Every little bit helps," said Therese Hallengren, a postal worker from Rock Valley, Iowa. Hallengren's daughter, Coty, a nursing major, will graduate this spring with a bachelor of arts degree.

"It's such a good feeling to know that [because of her scholarship] there's that much less she has to borrow."

Hallengren is one of 1,185 Augustana students who are recipients of the College's 491 annual and endowed scholarships, financial gifts awarded to students based on, primarily, academic merit and financial need.

And, while there's no doubt students benefit from these gifts, donors argue that they benefit as well – by being able to make a difference in someone's life.

The John T. Vucurevich Scholarship, which is providing financial



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assistance to 13 students during the 2010-2011 academic year, including Hallengren, is one example.

"It's very satisfying to ... know the family is still making a difference in people's lives and contributing to a stronger South Dakota," said Tom Vucurevich, son of the late John T. Vucurevich. "[This is a way] to help others who have the desire and motivation to succeed and make a better life for the community."

Vucurevich said it also feels good to know that his family's gift helps other families.

"My father had come from Serbia and his father (my grandfather) had always placed a high degree of importance on education. My father especially understood how hard it was to provide for the family needs but felt an education could never be taken away from someone. He realized that a family continues to grow by having an education."

As for Hallengren, she's looking forward to beginning her future. As a nurse, she hopes to concentrate in either women's treatments or pediatrics.