

2011 Bright Futures Scholarship Winners



Melody L. is in her 2nd year Associate's program at Minneapolis Community and Technical College where she is majoring in African American Studies. Melody immigrated to the United States from Togo, a small country in West Africa. A wife and mother of 4, Melody emanates her passion for teaching in all aspects of her life. Along with obtaining her CDA, Melody assists in an Adult Basic Literacy evening program, where she introduces literacy skills to non-English speaking elderly.



Jennifer R. completed her Associate's degree at Pikes Peak Community College and is now attending Regis University where she is studying to get her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. A native of Mexico, Jennifer moved to the United States just four years ago, not knowing the language or culture, determined to further pursue her passion for teaching. Jennifer has excelled in every challenge thrown to her, revealing perseverance that is visible to anyone that has the opportunity to work with Jennifer.

Awarded the Bright Futures scholarship for the Master's Program is Amy B. While working on her Bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Studies/ECE at Colorado State University, Amy traveled to Waipahu, Hawaii for a semester of student teaching. While challenging herself with different cultural experiences, Amy developed a fascination working with children who were receiving special education services. Amy's passion for developing and strengthening young children encouraged her to continue her education. Currently, Amy is attending the University of Northern Colorado, concentrating on Early Childhood Special Education. Maintaining a 4.0 GPA and volunteering as the Court Appointed Special Advocate, where she speaks to the court on behalf of children in abuse and neglect cases, Amy's strong desire and passion for the early childhood education field make her most deserving of this award.

