

Lewis & Clark



16th Dallahire Scholar
Rene Pacifique Amani



Rene Pacifique Amani, who goes by Amani, is our Dallahire scholar for the 2022-2023 academic year. He is the founder of and program coordinator for the nonprofit organization *One Help One Direction Ihumure*, which is committed to improving the lives of vulnerable children from hard places (homeless youth) in the Nyarugenge district, Rwezamenyo sector of Rwanda.

Amani is passionate about and has a long history of working with vulnerable children. He has always known this to be his calling and has worked with underprivileged children and youth through various organizations throughout his adult life. To anchor his passion, he sought out training and participated in the Rwanda peace education program organized by AEGIS trust Rwanda whose mission is to bring positive change to the local community. From this support came One Help One Direction Ihumure.

One Help One Direction Ihumure's vision is to create a peaceful world free of vulnerable children. One of Amani's most successful programs, "Smile Sunday," provides a safe place for children to heal and work with counselors as well as connect to their community and develop life skills through activity based learning.

The program helps reintegrate children into the community, pays school tuition, and increases participants' sense of agency. Amani is committed to understanding the root causes of problems in his community and is constantly evolving the organization to better address them.

Amani is studying with Academic English Studies so that he has the English skills to expand his work to a national, and perhaps one day an international, level.



Julissa Duran
3rd Graham Scholar
2022-23

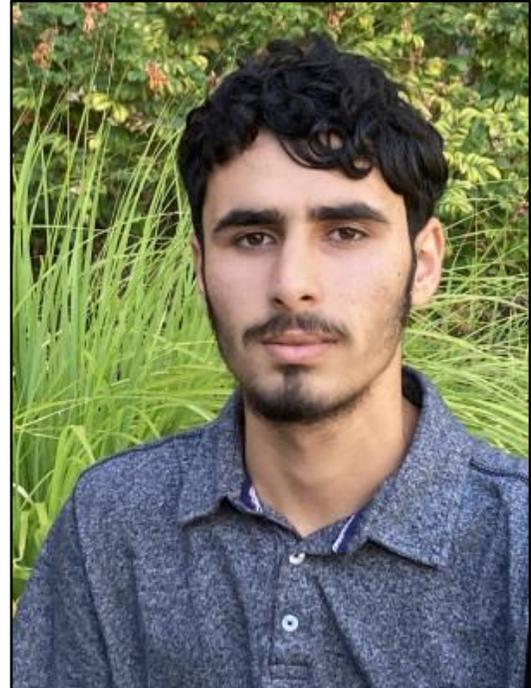


Julissa is a dedicated student and has successfully navigated several challenges in pursuit of her education. She moved to the United States from El Salvador in 2019 and attended Roosevelt High School where she thrived academically in an entirely new culture, language, and way of learning online.

Julissa stood out from her peers due to her strong communication, student skills, high grades, and success in Advanced Placement and college level courses.

Julissa joined Academic English Studies to bridge and prepare herself for college and professional success in the United States. After her studies at Lewis & Clark she plans to study medicine. Helping and showing respect to people is what motivates Julissa; she is also inspired to help support her family and from witnessing relatives suffer from various health issues. Her goal is to support and work with people from a variety of communities who are navigating the difficult journey of healing.

Nabi Gharib Dost,
1st Graham Scholar from Afghanistan
2022-23



Thanks to the generous support of the Office of the President of Lewis & Clark, an additional Michael Graham Scholarship was awarded for 2022-2023. ***Nabi (Na-Bee') Gharib Dost*** is the recipient of the Michael Graham Scholarship for an Afghan Refugee. Nabi emigrated from Afghanistan to Beaverton, Oregon with his family in 2018 and is a recent graduate of Beaverton High School.

When he first arrived in the United States, he did not know any English. Nabi's high school teacher and counselor both remark on his tenacity to accept challenges and apply himself to excel in learning English and in succeeding academically.

He has made amazing progress since arriving in Oregon, advancing in his English level to successfully graduate from high school this past June. He is interested in pursuing a degree in computer science and is interested in a career in web design. He is using this year in Academic English Studies as a gap year to better prepare himself for future college studies Nabi has lived in the U.S. with his family for over four years.

Welcome Reception, September 25, 2022



Amani and Julissa share their thoughts on studying at Lewis & Clark College in the Academic English Studies program at a welcoming reception on Sunday, September 25, 2022 attended by numerous supporters of the Dallaire and Graham scholarships.

*Dallaire-Graham Scholarship Committee
2022-2023*

Katharine Lawrence and Laura Shier are co-chairing the continuing working group that supports both the Dallaire and Graham scholarships. This group includes current and retired faculty and staff as well as current undergraduate Brenna Ketchum.

*Sharing some wonderful news from
Kelvine Muhire on becoming a U.S. Citizen*



We add our congratulations to Kelvine!

She works at Nashville International Center for Empowerment. Take a look at what Kelvine and her colleagues at N.I.C.E. are doing!

We encourage you to make a gift at this time.

**The Dallaire Scholarship is now endowed!
Thank you so much for your support.**

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