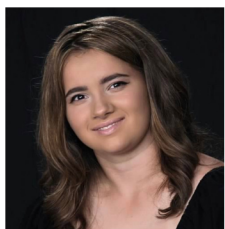


The 2024–25 Kenneth D. Daly Scholarship in Memory of Margaret E. Daly Awarded to Rebekah Larson and Saribel Yanez

This year, the Scholarship in memory of Margaret E. Daly has been awarded to two hard-working students from the School of Education: **Rebekah Larson**, who is studying Childhood Education with a concentration in Social Sciences, and **Saribel Yanez**, who is enrolled in the College’s Early Childhood and Childhood Education program.



After graduating from East Rockaway High School in **East Rockaway, NY**, **Rebekah** found an immediate connection to St. Thomas Aquinas College. She chose to attend the College after learning about the close knit community and personalized education experience: “I thrive in an environment where I can make connections with faculty and staff members. Coming to the College, I felt that I would be seen and heard, not just another number — I felt like a person.” Studying Childhood and Special Education, Rebekah looks forward to learning more in the classroom so she can apply those lessons with her own students in the future.



Saribel, a graduate of Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Education High School in **Queens, New York**, feels at home in the School of Education. Majoring in Early Childhood and Childhood Education with a minor in Spanish, Saribel notes how she found her fit at the College: “My experience at St. Thomas Aquinas College has been nothing but great, and I can truly say I have chosen such a wonderful school with amazing opportunities to continue my studies. I chose St. Thomas Aquinas College for the community and people — they have been so kind and helpful with any questions I have.”

At St. Thomas Aquinas College, we dare students to imagine all that they can achieve — in their career and beyond. Students learn by doing, discover their gifts, and ignite their passions. We are proud to present Rebekah and Saribel with this Scholarship to provide support along with the gift of education as they each begin their journey towards fulfilling careers.

President Daly established the Kenneth D. Daly Scholarship in memory of his mother, Margaret E. Daly, who passed away on September 4, 2019, after a wonderful life of giving and caring. We have raised **over \$700,000** — including President Daly’s match — and the funds raised will help make a difference in the lives of vulnerable students who deserve a high-quality educational experience.



In Loving Memory of Margaret E. Daly

Learn more about the Kenneth D. Daly Scholarship at stac.edu/KD-scholarship and discover how you can make a difference in the lives of students like Rebekah and Saribel.