December 23, 2009

Dear Albert:

Despite the challenging economic times, your class funds are still supporting students with financial need. And perhaps because of the current economy, this support is more essential than ever. It is my pleasure to share with you the news that fourteen students have been named the Class of 1938 Scholars and two students have been named the Class of 1938 Beta Theta Pi Scholars for the current academic year. At the same time, I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your support of undergraduate scholarship aid at MIT and to update you on the endowments supported by your class.

This year an astounding ninety percent of undergraduates will require some form of financial aid in order to attend MIT, and fifty-nine percent will be awarded a need-based MIT scholarship that does not have to be repaid. As undergraduate scholarships are one of the Institute’s most pressing needs and among President Susan Hockfield’s top priorities, we appreciate the ongoing support provided by the Class of 1938. You are helping MIT maintain one of its core objectives -- the opportunity to offer a world-class education to students who have genuinely earned it, regardless of their financial need.

You should have recently received the annual scholarship reports for these funds for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, showing the most recent book and market values. This letter is meant to complement those reports by demonstrating the impact your generosity continues to have at the Institute today. The following pages give you a more in-depth look at the students supported by your scholarships, and I know you will agree that MIT students are as bright, enthusiastic and multi-faceted as they were when you were an undergraduate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me. On behalf of the Alumni Association and MIT, I thank the members of the class who contributed to these funds as well as the class officers who made these endowments a fund-raising priority.

Sincerely,

Beth McGonagle
Associate Director, Annual Fund Leadership Programs

Enclosures
Robert A. Boyd, Senior
Mechanical Engineering
Long Beach, California

Robert continues as a Class of 1938 Scholar. He performs his research with the Smart Cities group in the Media Lab, working on their City Car prototype. He is a part of Beta Theta Pi and has held the positions of President, Rush Chair, and House Manager. He has been a recording artist since 2005. He is interested in music composition. Both of his parents have worked in the telecommunications industry for over 20 years. Robert has been an active member of Habitat for Humanity since 2006. After graduation, he hopes to work in the field of either design or sustainability as a mechanical engineer.

Brian J. Chmielowiec, Sophomore
Chemical Engineering
Cheektowaga, New York

Brian continues as a Class of 1938 Scholar. Last summer, he had an internship at Science Kit. At MIT, he has a UROP with Professor Sadoway working on a supervalent ion battery. His hobbies include golf, fishing, soccer, and music. He participates in MIT’s City Days program. He plans to work in the alternative energy field to help eliminate America's and the world's dependence on fossil fuels.

David Choi, Freshman
Undecided
East Lansing, Michigan

David has been named a Class of 1938 Scholar. He spent the summer of 2009 in Korea. In high school, he participated in Varsity Cross Country and Track and Field. He was a Michigan Music Teachers Association Sr. Division Finalist (top 15 in state) in piano. His hobby is railroad modeling. He plans to major in Mathematics or Economics and hopes to have a career in academia as a professor.

Linda D. Delafuente, Freshman
Undecided
Austin, Texas

Linda has been named a Class of 1938 Scholar. In high school, she was the President of National French Honor Society, an officer of Mu Alpha Theta, and a member of the National Honor Society, University Interscholastic League Math, and participated in the National Guild Auditions for piano. She enjoys reading and learning about many varied subjects that capture her interests, including the humanities.
She has studied French and Spanish for several years and plans to continue, along with the history of piano. She plans to major in applied mathematics or engineering.

Yuting Deng, Senior
Biology
Madison, Wisconsin

Yuting is a fourth-year recipient of the Class of 1938 Scholarship. She spent the summer of 2009 in Boston working on a UROP on brain slice electrophysiology. She is a member of MIT-EMS, Kappa Alpha Theta, and does research at the Mriganka Sur Lab in Brain and Cognitive Sciences. Yuting volunteers at Massachusetts General Hospital. She is considering attending medical school after graduation.

Aaron N. Flores, Sophomore
Mechanical Engineering
Edinburg, Texas

Aaron continues as a Class of 1938 Scholar. He spent the summer of 2009 doing independent learning and weight training, mainly learning nutrition information and literature. As a member of the MIT Crew team, he was the fastest freshman lightweight on the team, according to the indoor rowing competition Crash-Bs. He hopes to have a career in controls, instrumentation, and robotics pathways, building machinery to further develop humanity.

Jennifer Fong, Freshman
Undecided
Fresh Meadows, New York

Jennifer has been named a Class of 1938 Scholar. She is the secretary of the Cooking Club. She participates in the School Musical, Indoor Track Team, and Cross Country Team. She enjoys singing, swimming, watching movies, cooking, and learning Chinese. She is a part of the John Liu Youth Action Team. She is considering majoring in biology, business, or management and hopes to have a career in either business or medicine.

Colleen M. Gallagher, Senior
Brain and Cognitive Sciences
Beach Park, Illinois

Colleen continues as a Class of 1938 Scholar. She spent the summer of 2009 at home volunteering (vacation bible school, etc.), beginning to study for MCAT, training (marathon and half-marathon), racing, and spending time with family. She is the Treasurer of Imobilare, Associate Advisor for FASAP, and is a member of a dance troupe. She enjoys volunteer work (schools, library, hospitals), especially working with children. She also likes anything to do with the arts, including fashion, theatre, music. She hopes to pursue a career in health care (including attending medical school after graduation) and/or seek a public health degree.
Livia A. Ilie, Sophomore  
Mathematics  
Bucharest, Romania

Livia continues as a Class of 1938 Scholar. She spent the summer of 2009 working on UROP. At MIT, she is a research assistant in the Sloan School. She is writing a computer program for Course 9 (Brain and Cognitive Sciences). She hopes to have a career optimizing algorithms.

Cory A. Kays, Junior  
Aeronautics & Astronautics  
Richmond, Kentucky

Cory continues as a Class of 1938 Scholar. During the summer of 2009, he had an internship at Raytheon. At MIT, he works at Lindgren Library. He is the Vice President of Phi Kappa Theta. After graduation, he hopes to go to graduate school and pursue a career in engineering.

Elliott M. Perez, Senior  
Mechanical Engineering  
Laredo, Texas

Elliott continues as a Class of 1938 Scholar. During the summer of 2009, he worked at BP and learned about the operation of the oil industry. He is the Director of Academic Affairs at Delta Tau Delta, where he makes sure that the fraternity maintains good relations with the Administration and that his brothers perform academically to the best of their abilities. He enjoys exercising and reading. As a potential employee of the energy industry, he is interested in the construction of upstream systems such as oil rigs and wind turbines, as well as the manner in which these systems are operated based on government policy and demand. He volunteers for Boston Halloween Town and Relay for Life. He hopes to work in the energy industry and to develop changes in the organizational structure so that companies operate more efficiently.

Jonathan J. Smith, Junior  
Mathematics  
Sanford, Maine

Jonathan continues as a Class of 1938 Scholar. During the summer of 2009, he worked at a hedge fund in Chicago as a summer analyst. He is also an intern at MGH and works as a waiter at a Chinese restaurant. His research is on transaction utility at the Sloan School. He is a member of the varsity football team, Vice President of Intramural Sports, and Risk Manager for his fraternity. His hobbies include playing the guitar, volunteering, basketball, and debate. He is interested in the role of AI in neuroscience. After graduation, he hopes to go to medical school or pursue an MEng in Course 6.
Jared R. Turkewitz, Senior  
Physics  
Winchester, Massachusetts

Jared continues as a Class of 1938 Scholar. He participated in a UROP at Los Alamos Research during the summer of 2009. Jared has a UROP in Nuclear Physics. He is interested in chess, intramural sports, and board games. He is considering a career as high school teacher or as a physicist and plans to go to graduate school.

Elliot A. Uvero, Senior  
Mathematics  
Lake Zurich, Illinois

Elliot continues as a Class of 1938 Scholar. During the summer of 2009, he had an internship at an early stage start-up company. His hobbies include playing the piano, sustainability and academic competitions. He hopes to pursue a career in industrial research, engineering education, or finance.
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Tristan J. Delaney, Junior  
Materials Science & Engineering  
Ventura, California

Tristan continues as a Class of 1938 Beta Theta Pi Scholar. During the summer of 2009, he participated in a UROP with Professor Beach in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, running computer simulations of ferromagnetic nanostructures in order to study and characterize magnetic spin waves within the nanostructures. He enjoys playing hacky-sack and academia. He will most likely pursue a career in computational physics or materials science.

Gregory G. Vargas, Senior  
Electrical Engineering & Computer Science  
Watsonville, California

Gregory continues as a Class of 1938 Beta Theta Pi Scholar. He has a UROP with the Haystack group in CSAIL. He is involved in Max Van Kleck's ongoing list-it project, studying notes-to-self and personal information management. He has been both Community Service Chair and Vice President for Beta Theta Pi. He is very interested in studying all things about the internet. He would like to study the US educational system. After graduation, he will likely become a self-employed activist in either Boston or San Francisco.