



TFRW Scholarships Recipients

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It is a pleasure to announce three outstanding Republican Women are recipients of the 2009 TFRW Scholarship. They are Annie Sadler Bradbury, Houston; Rachel Moreno, Fort Worth; and Michelle R. Shaffer, Boerne. Thank you to the many Republican Women Clubs who donated to the TFRW Scholarship during the past two years for making these scholarships possible. Each scholarship is \$2,000.00.

Annie Sadler Bradbury

Annie Sadler Bradbury is from Conroe, Texas and attended Vanderbilt University, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 2004. After graduation, Annie moved to Washington, D.C. to work on Capital Hill for the Committee on Ways and Means. During her experience in Washington, as well as her college experience as a member of the Vanderbilt Young Republicans, her deep convictions in conservative principles and political philosophies were further developed.

Upon returning home to Texas in 2006, Annie joined Amegy Bank as a Banking Officer supporting medical clients, including many of the hospitals in the Texas Medical Center. She is involved in many community and civic organizations in Houston, and hopes to eventually run for local public office.

Annie returned to graduate school in August 2009 to pursue a Masters in Business Administration from Rice University. With an MBA, she plans to intertwine her passion for people and healthcare, banking experience, and the knowledge learned during business school to become a successful manager within a hospital setting or other nonprofit healthcare facility.

Annie's Thank You to TFRW: I am honored to have been chosen as a Texas Federation of Republican Women scholarship recipient. Thank you so much for your generosity, which has made pursuing my MBA more financially feasible. I plan to use my graduate degree to further conservative principles in my career and my community. Thank you again!

Rachel Moreno

Rachel Moreno is a native of Fort Worth and is currently a sophomore at Texas Christian University. She plans on graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Professional Writing with a minor in Studio Art focused in Photography. She is an Assistant Track Coach at Bethesda Christian School. In high school, she received the Bethesda Christian School Female Ambassador Athlete Award as the most encouraging female athlete of the 07-08 school year.

Rachel served in various leadership positions in High School, and received honors in sports, music, academics, and character. She served as Senior Class Chaplain, and Concert Band Head Librarian.

She is proud to be a Horned Frog and happy to say that she will soon be apart of TCU's Cross Country team. Rachel is not sure what her future holds but she desires to be a trusted voice in both the journalism world and on the mission field.

Rachel's Thank You to TFRW: Rachel Moreno, first and foremost, would like to thank her mom, Kaye Moreno, because she passed on her talent and love for both writing and photography. Without this love she would not have been able to experience life in the same capacity. She would also like to thank the Fort Worth Republic Women for being so accepting and welcoming her as a new member and cannot wait to continue standing by these women. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the scholarships that help young Republicans continue higher education and to the leadership that felt I was deserving of such a high honor.

Michelle R. Shaffer

Michelle Shaffer is currently a Senior at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She is scheduled to graduate in December of 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education with a dual certification in Early Education. Upon the completion of her degree program, Michelle plans to teach in a Special Education setting that will allow her students to thrive in their academic studies and learn life skills. She also plans to continue her studies with a graduate program in the Deaf/Oral Education at the UT Health and Science Center based in San Antonio's growing Medical Center.

Outside of her studies, Michelle is heavily involved in the now global "Tunes 4 the Troops" program which provides a taste of home via CDs, DVDs and books on CD to members of the armed forces deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Michelle is a member of the Kendall County Republican Club and has served on the San Antonio Northside School District Planning Committee. She previously served in three different board positions in the Dr. Joe Ward Elementary School PTA over three years.

Michelle is a member of the Pi Theta Kappa and the Golden Key honor societies as a full time student maintaining a 4.0 GPA with UTSA. She is supported by her husband Kevin of 14 years, also a retired member of the United States Air Force and current Program Manager with L-3 Communications and her daughter, Siera Ryan- an amazing 8th grader at Boerne (BER-NIE) Middle School North.

Michelle's Thank You to TFRW: Dear ladies, I am so honored to be one of the recipients of the TFRW Scholarship. Thanks to your incredible support of women in college, I will be the first daughter from my family to complete a college degree. The time spent in school has truly made me realize the value of a college education. I am looking forward to working in the Special Education field - the practicums start in the Spring semester! You ladies will be kept close to my heart, as you are the reason I will be able to continue and compete my degree.