

Just over 20 years ago, a young man from Chicago, named Christopher Keeley, came to Ireland on a holiday and visited Trinity College Dublin. Like many who walk through the shadows of Front Arch for the first time into the light and expanse of Parliament Square, he was struck by the beauty of the place and felt he might one day like to return as a student of this historic university.

Sadly, some time afterwards, Christopher died, but even in their devastating loss his family decided they wanted to do some special things to honour his memory.

One of those things was to establish The Christopher L. Keeley Memorial Scholarship Fund to provide students with talent and ability, but restricted means, with the opportunity to study and fulfil their potential in Trinity College Dublin.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Trinity Access Programme (TAP) is Trinity's flagship initiative aimed at opening up access to university for low income students and helping them overcome the barriers they face to fulfilling their educational goals. TAP has been the beneficiary of the

Christopher L. Keeley Memorial Scholarship Fund since 2002 and from that time there have been seven Keeley scholars who have entered the University through TAP, studying mainly in the areas of Business, Economics, Law and the Social Sciences. Two of the Keeley Scholars, David Nolan and Anthony Gaskin, are now graduates and pursuing successful careers in equity trading and in law respectively.

Following a visit by John and Barbara Keeley to Trinity in June of this year while attending The Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference, the Keeley Family Foundation is increasing its commitment to ten students in 2013. This is a wonderful boost for TAP and ensures a wider 'ripple effect' on the families, schools, and communities of these talented students for the long-term.

The Ireland Funds, Trinity Access Programme and Trinity College Dublin are immensely grateful to the Keeley family for their generous commitment and for their imaginative philanthropy which is making such a difference to so many lives.



Kathleen O'Toole-Brennan, Programmes Manager of TAP with Barbara & John Keeley

The Christopher L. Keeley Memorial Scholarship at Trinity College Dublin

Eoin Hendrick, Agata Kolodynska, Kathleen O'Toole-Brennan, Barbara & John Keeley, Anthony Gaskin



HELPING STUDENTS REACH THEIR POTENTIAL FOR OVER A DECADE

John Keeley

"When we lost Christopher so unexpectedly, we found the most important thing was to do some positive and uplifting things in his memory. One of them was the Christopher Keeley Scholarship at Trinity College Dublin. I think Christopher would be pleased that so many talented students are gaining life-changing opportunities from our endeavors."

Anthony Gaskin (Keeley Graduate, Law):

"The Christopher Keeley Scholarship had an enormous influence on me and my family. It allowed me to really focus on my studies so that I could achieve academically and take up career opportunities that might not have come my way otherwise."

Agata Kolodynska

(Keeley Student, Economics & Social Studies):

"The Keeley Scholarship has positively changed my life and enabled me to experience College to the fullest. I'd like to say a huge thank you to the Keeley family for your trust in my ability and I hope one day I will be able to help others just as you have helped me."

KEELEY SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

David Nolan, Business Studies, Graduated 2006

Anthony Gaskin, Law Student, Graduated November 2010

Xiaoyu (Joey) Sun, Economics and Social Studies

Eoin Hendrick, Business Studies and German

Joseph Harkins, Business Economics and Social Studies (BESS)

Agata Kolodynska, Economics and Social Studies

Robert Price, Economics and Social Studies