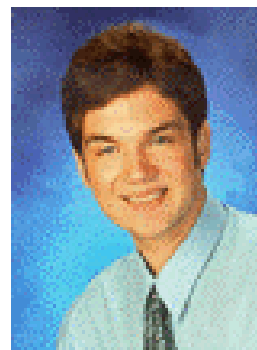


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Bryan Blessing is the winner of the Lester Axdahl Scholarship Award for the school year 2002-2003. This is Bryan's second scholarship award.

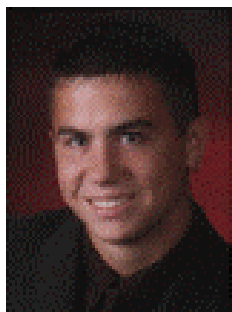
Bryan has been a member of the Staple Area Men's Chorus, Upper Midwest District and they are very proud they nominated Bryan for the scholarship.

Recording my own works has always been a joy for me and now that I am able to do this on a more regular basis, I hope to use my talents in voice and guitar to record works and teach others in the studio setting.



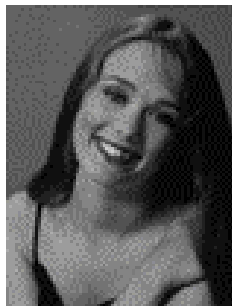
Bryan is entering his senior year at St. John's University where he studies vocal music education and composition. He teaches voice and guitar to six lucky students. This summer he worked at the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library and found time to search through their microfilm for music from various European libraries

This summer Bryan volunteered at *AmericaFest* held at St. John's University with the World Festival of Singing for Boys and Men. Bryan has also been privileged to have had the opportunity to participate on the world stage through tours with the University Chamber Choir (central Europe and Texas), St. John's Boy's Choir (Mexico), and St. John's University Men's Chorus performances with the Minnesota Orchestra and at the Minnesota State Music Teachers' Convention.



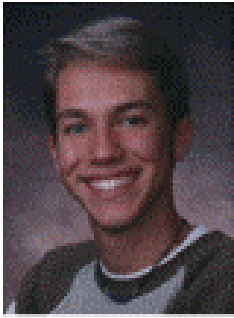
As for the future, I plan on devoting my time to developing as a vocal musician. My first hope is to make a career out of singing and performing. In addition, I am considering a Music Education curriculum as a minor to stay involved with music

David Buren



After I finish my Bachelor's degree I would like to continue at U. of T. and do a Masters of Performance focusing on art song.

Leah Gordon



I plan on majoring in vocal music performance or vocal music education from St. John's University. With this degree I will either become a music teacher or a choir clinician/composer.

T. Matthew Reichart



In the future, I want to become a high school or college vocal music teacher. I am looking forward to having my own classroom and sharing my love of singing with others.

Christina Rice



I aspire to rise to the position of Director of Music and Liturgy in a parish, where I would not only have ministerial responsibilities, but would be charged with the leadership and teaching of several choral ensembles, including children, young adults, and adults. I plan on composing music for worship. My dream for music is that my ministry will continue to transform and bring new meaning to people's lives.

Tim Westerhaus

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