

# WINNICK FAMILY *Foundation*

## **Winnick Family Foundation Recognizes 2009-2010 Winnick Scholars at Syracuse University**

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**LOS ANGELES CA – January 7, 2010** – Ten undergraduate students at Syracuse University have been awarded Winnick Family Scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year. The ten students, chosen by the University, will be recognized at the annual Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon.

The ten Winnick Scholars for 2009-2010 are:

- Sharisa Bufford (Major: Television, Radio and Film)
- Joseph Fear (Major: Electrical Engineering)
- Nicholas Kineke (Major: Architecture)
- Emily Krauss (Major: Psychology)
- Loralise LoDolce (Majors: English & Textual Studies; English Education)
- Thuc Mai (Major: Physics)
- Taryn McGann (Major: Architecture)
- Rachel Pavlas (Majors: Recording & Allied Entertainment Industries)
- Lyuba Polinkovsky (Majors: Biology, International Relations)
- Sarah Trad (Major: Film)

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Karen Binkoff Winnick is a graduate of Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts. She's the author of nine children's picture books, including *Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers*. She also serves as President of the Los Angeles Zoo Commission.

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“It’s inspirational to learn about these ten exceptional students and enable them to pursue their academic aspirations at a wonderful university like SU,” says Mrs. Winnick.

Gary Winnick, a native of Roslyn, New York, founded Global Crossing, which laid the first underwater fiber optic network around the world and joint-ventured with Microsoft and Softbank Corporation to build a high-capacity telecommunications network in Asia. Mr. Winnick has raised over \$100 billion in capital for American industry.

Global philanthropists, Karen and Gary Winnick have made contributions and established endowments throughout the world to universities, libraries, hospitals, and museums and have generously funded programs in literacy, medical research, animal welfare and the arts.

## **About the Winnick Family Foundation**

The Winnick Family Foundation encourages project-specific programs but also selectively supports capital campaigns and unrestricted gifts to grantee organizations. There is a preference for projects in Los Angeles and New York – or those having an international component.

Foundation naming grants include:

- Winnick Family Clinical Research Institute at Cedars Sinai Hospital
- Winnick House and Arnold S. Winnick Student Center at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University
- Winnick International Conference Center at the Simon Wiesenthal Center / Jerusalem
- Winnick Children’s Zoo in Los Angeles
- Winnick Faculty Scholar at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University
- Winnick Hall at the Skirball Cultural Center
- Arnold & Blanche Winnick Popular Library and Karen Winnick Children’s Gallery at the Los Angeles Central Library
- Winnick Hillel House at Syracuse University
- Winnick Board Room at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City
- Winnick Winners Mentoring Program for the Los Angeles Unified School District
- Winnick Fellows at UCLA School of Medicine
- Winnick Gallery at Yeshiva University Museum, Center for Jewish History

Karen and Gary Winnick and the Foundation have endowed university and high school literacy and scholarship programs at Brown University, at Mrs. Winnick’s alma mater Syracuse University, and at Gary Winnick’s alma mater, Long Island University.

They have also funded the transformation of the on-campus C.W. Post mansion administrative center – renamed Winnick House – as well as the main cafeteria which is now named in honor of Mr. Winnick’s late father.

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In California, the Foundation has supported educational programs at the California Science Center, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, KOREH L.A., the Los Angeles Zoo, L.A.'s Best Afterschool Program, the Wonder of Reading, the Fulfillment Fund and Noah's Ark at the Skirball Center.

Among the many other Foundation grantees are the Special Olympics, The Center for Jewish History, Children's Scholarship Fund, Partnership for Better Schools, Teach for America, The Gettysburg Foundation, The National Parks Foundation, Best Friends Animal Society, The Los Angeles Police Foundation, Shoah Foundation, and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University.

The Foundation also supports charities operating outside the United States, including the International Medical Corps, Flora and Fauna, World Wildlife Fund, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, the Israel Museum, the Israel Philharmonic, the Jerusalem Zoo, Heifer International and the Bloomfield Science Museum at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. For more information on the Foundation and its work, visit <http://www.winnickfamilyfoundation.com> on the Web.

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