



MARGARET SCHMITT '09

Recipient of The Burkitt Foundation Endowed Scholarship

When Margaret Schmitt's daughter graduated from the University of Georgia after only three years of attendance, Margaret was inspired to go to New College and finish her undergraduate degree. She is now a senior Human Services major.

When she's not in class, Margaret works full time for the Teachers Retirement System of Texas, in addition to serving on the group's Diversity Council. At St. Edward's, Margaret serves as treasurer for the Human Services Student Organization. "I really enjoy the challenge of managing my time, becoming more organized and interacting with other people. The Human Services students at New College are wonderful, and we support each other. What I love about St. Edward's is the emphasis on critical thinking. I was longing for clarity and a way to see myself differently, and my experience at St. Edward's is helping me to accomplish that goal."

Without scholarships, Margaret would not be able to complete her education. "Receiving this scholarship was truly a lifeline. I needed to supplement my loans for tuition with a smaller loan for books and living expenses, but I could not find the help I needed. I was very concerned, worried and running out of ideas. I was delighted — speechless, really — when I opened the e-mail that notified me I had received this scholarship! You have made me feel truly humbled and blessed, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

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