

Sarah J. Elsey has combined her two life passions —
service to others and photography.

While pursuing a BA in Photocommunications, Sarah participated in Campus Ministry's Alternative Spring Break programs in Appalachia and Juarez, Mexico, helping families facing education barriers and severe poverty. Her documentary photographs taken during both trips raised awareness about social justice issues.

Sarah studied abroad in China, using her photographs to chronicle the work ethic of the Chinese people, young and old. In addition, she served as a student leader for a Campus Ministry service week in Galveston, helping those affected by Hurricane Ike. She also provided strong leadership in Student Life by holding positions in three highly engaged organizations.

As executive coordinator for the Student Service Council, she led students in promoting social justice issues through educational service opportunities. She also served as vice president of the Environmental Club and as family relations chair for Circle K International, an organization dedicated to service and leadership.

Sarah is a recipient of the Dean's Scholarship, the Rotary Scholarship, the Schuler Award and three Osage tribal scholarships. She has been on the Dean's list every semester and is a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society. Her photos have appeared in the *St. Edward's University Magazine* and *Pangaea Global Connections Magazine*.

One of her advisors said: She "is a committed student, emerging leader and dedicated servant. Though she seldom seeks praise, this award honors her dedicated spirit and encourages others to follow in her footsteps."