Dean’s Scholars at the College of Biological Sciences

Learn, reflect and lead at CBS
Dean’s Scholars is a program designed to help CBS students build leadership skills and serve in active roles in their professions and communities after graduation. Dean’s Scholars students use the skills attained through this program to achieve personal goals, understand complex social issues and develop strategies to work with others to create change. Only 15 percent of first-year students are invited to participate in the Dean’s Scholars program.

What will I do as a Dean’s Scholar?

Take leadership courses.
Develop a leadership philosophy, explore careers, volunteer in the community and design a capstone project.

Participate in mentoring.
Join a small mentoring group with a Dean’s Scholars junior or senior to build community with peers and help with the transition to college.

Attend leadership seminars.
Understand how to apply what you learn in the program through seminars and workshops with University and community leaders.

Serve the Twin Cities community.
Volunteer in the community through service work.

Make friends!
Build connections with fellow students who want to develop their leadership skills and create positive change.

“Because of the Dean’s Scholars program, I am an active citizen in the community, mindful of myself and confident in my ability to make a difference.”
— Connor, Dean’s Scholars alumnus

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Build your leadership skills through:

**Self-awareness:** Explore your values, strengths and areas for growth.

**Citizenship:** Learn how to be an active, engaged member of your community.

**Creating change:** Identify and address community needs.

**Why do we want you to be a Dean’s Scholar?**
- You demonstrated a high level of academic achievement.
- You show strong potential to be a leader in college and in your future profession.
- You are engaged in your neighborhood and community.

**What are Dean’s Scholars alumni doing now?**
Dean’s Scholars pursue career paths ranging from medical school to research at biotechnology companies. Recent graduates are now in pharmacy, optometry, veterinary, medicine, MD/Ph.D. and master's degree programs, as well as working in research, education and industry positions. As a future graduate of CBS and the Dean’s Scholars program, the skills and knowledge you attain through this program will equip you to be a leader in your community and career.

Alexis Quade is a Dean’s Scholars alumna currently in medical school at the University of Minnesota Duluth. An aspiring physician, Alexis not only used her CBS degree to prepare for medical school, but her time in Dean’s Scholars gave her knowledge and skills that were immediately applicable in the application process.

“Dean’s Scholars gave me the opportunity to learn about my strengths, values and cultural competency, all of which I discussed and used in my medical school applications and interviews.”

— Alexis Quade

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