She has been the assistant concertmistress of her high school’s string orchestra, editor of the newspaper, president of the French club, member of the flag line, competitive swimmer, peer tutor, and volunteer at her church’s Sunday school. She also enjoys a good Chipotle burrito. “Everything I do holds a special place in my life,” says Kristen Saad, inaugural recipient of the Milton A. and Roslyn Z. Wolf Scholarship at Case Western Reserve University. “I see everything that happens to me as motivation.” Students like Kristen who are considered for this prestigious merit scholarship have emerged with incredible promise from challenging early-life experiences that have directly impacted their need for such support. Saad’s dedication and hard work have served her well. A native of Brecksville, Ohio, she entered Case Western Reserve’s class of 2012 this fall, with the goal of eventually attending medical school. With the support of the Milton A. and Roslyn Z. Wolf Scholarship, she’ll receive full tuition, room, board, fees, books, as well as support for educational summer experiences throughout her four undergraduate years at the university.

The scholarship honors the public service and community and philanthropic leadership of Milton Albert Wolf (JCT ’54, GRBS ’73, CWR ’80, GRS ’93) and Roslyn Zehman Wolf (WRC ’77, MGT ’81) who died in 2005 and 2001, respectively. The leadership qualities they exemplified are reflected in the selection criteria for all Wolf Scholars, which emphasize character and demonstrated potential to make a difference in the world through leadership. The endowment was funded with an original commitment of $3.4 million that established a fund in the family’s name. In June 2007, family members requested that the name and purpose of the fund be designated to provide support for comprehensive scholarships. “We are honored to be able to offer the Milton A. and Roslyn Z. Wolf Scholarship, which celebrates the legacy of two accomplished alumni and their life together and provides a tremendous tool for recruiting the next generation of leaders,” notes President Barbara R. Snyder. So far, the scholarship is doing just that. Saad’s future is bright, and she is already planning to share her success. “This award has given me inspiration. I one day hope to fund a scholarship for motivated students whose dreams exceed their means,” she says.

“Leadership by Example. (pictured above, the late Roslyn and Milton Wolf) Milton Wolf was a highly decorated U.S. ambassador to Austria (1977-1980), governor of the United Nations Association of the United States of America, and a trustee of Case Western Reserve University (1981-1999) and many other organizations. Roslyn Wolf served as a trustee-at-large on the Jewish Community Federation Board and on the boards of Cleveland State University, the Great Lakes Science Center and Museum, and the Mt. Sinai Medical Center.

A Value Worth the Investment. A Case Western Reserve degree is an investment in the future. Students who choose to pursue their undergraduate degrees at Case Western Reserve are only beginning to learn the value of their education as students, professionals, and alumni. The university believes so strongly in the power and value of its degree that it contributes to that investment through institutional gift aid. For the 93 percent of the undergraduate population who receive financial aid, the university currently provides an average package of $33,900, including an average gift aid award of $23,972. In addition, the university currently awards an average of $16,848 in non-need award to help recruit more than 900 exceptionally talented students each year. “As an institution we have an obligation to help continue these commitments to our students,” says Randall C. Deike, Ph.D., vice president of enrollment at Case Western Reserve, “but we also need the help of partners like the Wolf family to be competitive in attracting the most academically accomplished students and to keep our educational experience affordable for all of our talented students.”