Meet Boettcher AND Daniels Scholar Brandon Thomas

Congratulations! How and when did you find out you earned BOTH the Boettcher and Daniels scholarships?
I got the Boettcher letter on my birthday. I just happened to walk by the mailbox and saw this huge envelope. I read, “Dear Brandon, Congratulations!,” and my mom just started screaming! I found out about the Daniels Scholarship four days later. I accepted the Boettcher pretty much right away.

Where are you planning to go to school and what do you want to study?
I want to study Anthropological Linguistics at University of Colorado at Boulder.

Tell us a little bit more about you. Do you have a big family?
I have 19 brothers and sisters and am the fifth born. I am the first in my family to go to college. To be honest, I just thought college wouldn't happen without the Boettcher Scholarship. I’m very excited about the opportunity to study something I love so much in an environment I love so much!

Any advice for students who may think college is out of reach like you once did?
I would say you just have to believe in yourself and go after all the opportunities that are available. The worst that can happen is you get a “no,” and the best that can happen is you get a “yes” and all your dreams come true! Use all the resources at your school that are available to you.

The Boettcher Scholarship is the most prestigious merit-based scholarship available to Colorado high school seniors. It covers full tuition, fees and books for students at approved Colorado four-year universities or colleges.

APS Students Earn Daniels Fund Scholarships

Thirteen Aurora Public Schools seniors recently learned that they are members of the 2014 Class of Daniels Scholars. The scholarship committee chose students based on an evaluation of their character, leadership and service to the community.

The scholarship covers all required tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies and a variety of other miscellaneous expenses.

Congratulations to the following 2013-14 Daniels Scholars:

**Aurora Central**
Dillon Elliott
Isaac Gwa
Vinph Pham

**Aurora West College Preparatory Academy**
Amber Corbett
Durga Niroula

**Gateway**
Brandon Thomas

**Hinkley**
Connie Appiah
Ethan Mills
Tiara Wilson

**Rangeview**
Do Park
Gabriel Pasillas
Lucas Nicodemus
Tianna Dorsey

Aurora West College Preparatory Academy seniors Amber Corbett and Durga Niroula are two recipients of the Daniels Scholarship.