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Cuneo Foundation awards scholarships to SXU students

Chicago (August 26, 2015) Saint Xavier University (SXU) is delighted to announce the selection of Lauren Knepper '16 and Peter Para '18 as Cuneo Scholars for 2015 - 2016. Both students will receive a scholarship of \$25,000 for the academic year, generously funded by a grant from the Cuneo Foundation.

Knepper, a student in SXU's School of Nursing (SON), has appeared on the Dean's List for several semesters and serves as a peer tutor in nursing and for students taking prerequisite biology courses for the nursing program. She is also an active campus volunteer, serving as a student leader for SXU's Campus Ministry retreats and volunteering for the SXU Health Fair, PADS services to homeless individuals, and service projects for the elderly. Knepper is interested in the possibility of a career as a nursing instructor and is considering pursuing an advanced degree in nursing after graduation.

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Para is an accounting major in SXU's Graham School of Management (GSM). During his first year at SXU, he served on the GSM's student advisory committee. He is also a member of the Accounting Student Organization and he participates in many other campus events. With the support of SXU faculty, Para is currently exploring the development of an app to encourage more informed voting behaviors.

Knepper and Para were nominated for their scholarships by SXU President Christine Wiseman. President Wiseman noted how well they both matched the Cuneo Foundation's interest in supporting students with high academic potential, active involvement in co-curricular activities, financial need, a passion for service, and a desire to help create a more just society.

Photo:

Cuneo Scholars – (L to R): Lauren Knepper, SXU President Christine Wiseman and Peter Para

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[Gilbert, Arizona location](#) and offers the following: 43 undergraduate programs; 25 graduate program options in [arts and sciences](#), [business](#), [education](#) and [nursing](#); and a variety of program options in [continuing and adult education](#). Recognizing Saint Xavier's excellence in education, U.S. News and World Report has ranked SXU consistently among the Best Colleges in the Midwest.