

Scholarships Awarded

Florence T. Griswold I



Manuela Lugo

Manuela Elizabeth Lugo from Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico was awarded the \$2,500 Scholarship.

She earned a Bachelor's Degree in 2008 from The Autonomous University of Ciudad Juarez, with a 3.9 GPA; the highest in her class, and was honored with the

"Outstanding Performance in the National Professional Test of Clinical Psychology" award. This provided the validation for her license as Psychologist in Mexico.

In August, 2012, Manuela began her studies in the Master Program of Guidance and Counseling at The University of Texas in El Paso, where she seeks to be a Licensed Professional Counselor.

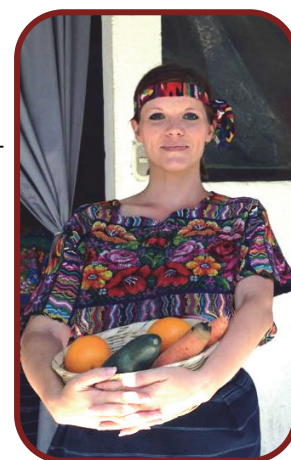
"I am currently working on projects with others to provide health services in high risk areas of Juarez, Chihuahua", she states, "where people face daily poverty and violence. I am very thankful to The Pan American Round Table for its support."

Florence Griswold II

Tammi Stout is the recipient of the \$2,000 Scholarship.

"I am a third-year PhD student at U.T. Austin where I study linguistics. My current research focuses on formal semantics and working on providing a formal analysis of Kaqchikel Maya. My research aims to go into the field and work on understudied languages that are not well represented in the academic literature. By working one-on-one with native Kaqchikel speakers, I'm able to learn more about the structure of the language as well as variation amongst the different dialects.

Though it has its challenges, doing fieldwork in Guatemala has been the most rewarding experience of my academic career, and I look forward to continuing my work there for many



Tammi Stout

Melba Dawson Scholarship



Maria Schrekinger

Maria E. Schrekinger won the **Melba Dawson** Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.

"I am originally from Quito, Ecuador. I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Biotechnology from Universidad San Francisco de Quito and then completed my Master's degree in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I successfully completed a one-year internship with Nestle at the Marysville Product Technology Center and worked for six months in the R&D area of Pronaca, a leading food

company in Ecuador. Presently, I am a second year PhD student in the Food Science and Technology program at Texas A&M University. My current research is focused on understanding the molecular aspects of food bioactive components in the reduction of human risk of chronic diseases. After completing my studies, my plan is to return to Ecuador and contribute with the establishment of a bridge between universities, industry and research institutions in the US and Ecuador. This will enable new opportunities for Ecuadorian students as well as a continued collaborative work between both countries".