

# 2010 Scholarship Recipients

For the first time in 18 years, both Shreveport Journalism Foundation scholarships have been awarded to students from the same school. In 1992, Allison George (Garland) and Katharyn Howe (Dodson) displayed both scholarship plaques at LSUS. Now, it's Louisiana Tech's turn.

## ***2010 KERRY GARLAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP***

**Kelly Belton** went to prison for her chosen career. No, not as an inmate, but to learn from the prisoners who produce the magazine at Angola State Penitentiary. This fearless 20-year-old Louisiana Tech junior from Simonton, Texas, found that "seemingly normal men provided insight into an often forgotten world."

"Journalism exists not only to bring news to people," she said in her scholarship application essay, "but also to see the world through different lenses. When I can bring another point of view to attention and enlighten someone on an aspect they may not know much about, I know I am doing my job."

A journalism major who boasts a perfect 4.0 GPA, Kelly says success in today's world "hinges on the ability to absorb information and apply it to your life. If I can provide information that may better someone's life or just bring a smile to his or her face, I have done a small but valuable service to mankind."

"I want to deliver accurate information to the people who need it most," she wrote, "to the prisoners who need legal advice, to the low-income families that cannot afford a newspaper subscription.... My hope is that my passion for keeping up with the world will eventually lead to positive change."

## ***2010 ORLAND DODSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP***

For **Robert Wilson Jr.**, the journalistic impulse first hit him in sixth grade. "For reasons I did not fully understand," he wrote in his scholarship application essay, "I wanted to become a part of the school's newspaper staff, even attempting to create an exhibition story."

That request was denied and Robert's next chance to feed the journalistic hunger didn't come until high school, where he learned the basic principles of journalism and helped spearhead the establishment of an opinion section in the high school newspaper.

The 20-year-old Louisiana Tech junior journalism major from Boyce carries a GPA of 3.5 overall and 3.9 in his major. Robert has discovered his real goals writing for *Tech Talk*. "I am a staunch believer in the concept of truth. Whether reporting a story or engaging in casual conversation, I try to find the base roots of events to understand why something has occurred.

"I view my career as a ... way to not only provide the facts of events but also, in my opinion columns, shed light on controversial issues and help spread awareness of alternate points of view."