

## Massasoit Student Yin Wang is One of 73 Students in America to Receive the Prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Award

The second consecutive year that a Massasoit Community College student has been the recipient of this award

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BROCKTON -The Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship makes it possible for the nation's top community college students to complete their bachelor's degrees by transferring to a four-year college or university. One of the most generous and competitive programs of its kind - the Foundation provides up to \$30,000 for up to three years to deserving students selected annually, making it the largest private scholarship for two-year and community college transfer students in the country. This is a highly selective scholarship; this year the Foundation received 769 nominations from 377 community colleges in 45 states and the District of Columbia. Massasoit Community College student Yin Wang of Randolph is one of the final 73 selected.

Yin is originally from Burma, now known as Myanmar, in South East Asia. Yin's parents immigrated to the United States, followed by her sister, and finally a decade later Yin was able to join them. Following in her sister's footsteps, Yin enrolled at Massasoit as an English as Second Language (ESL) student due to not speaking any English. She immersed herself in her studies, learning the language, working full-time in a restaurant and part-time as a personal care attendant on the weekends to achieve her goals. "Yin Wang has embraced the opportunities available at Massasoit Community College; she is a hard-worker and represents the best of the best. She has overcome language and cultural barriers and is an energetic, intelligent, high-achieving student who deserves the chance to pursue her academic dreams," states Dr. Charles Wall, President of Massasoit Community College.

Last summer, Dean Fran McCutcheon, Professors Melanie Trecek-King and Gilles Bolduc encouraged Yin to apply for an internship at Massachusetts General Hospital. She did so well that that the hospital offered her a part-time job in their infectious disease lab where she still works. "I was not surprised to learn Yin was selected for this prestigious award," said Gilles Bolduc, professor of Biology at Massasoit Community College. "From our first introduction, it was evident she is an exceptional student and human being. The combination of Yin's academic ability, resiliency and desire to engage in meaningful work that will positively impact her community will ultimately affect success in all her future endeavors."

Yin will graduate from Massasoit Community College on May 31, 2013 with an associate degree in Liberal Arts Transfer-Science and a Biotechnology Certificate. Yin will attend Wellesley College in the fall to study Biochemistry.

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