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**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT WHO OVERCAME PERSONAL ADVERSITY
NOW STRIVES TO HELP OTHERS**

ROSEVILLE, MN – Alissa Roy has been awarded the nonprofit National American University Foundation’s Bill Tschetter Paralegal Studies Academic Excellence Scholarship for the spring 2018 academic term.



Alissa is pursuing her Bachelor’s degree in Paralegal Studies at NAU’s Roseville, Minnesota campus. She was selected from among all applicants by an independent selection committee.

“I want to help those that feel that no understands them or sees the wrong that is being done,” says Alissa, who is very clear about her career vision, one criteria for the Tschetter scholarship.

Alissa’s passion to help others and to pursue a career in the field of law began with her own adversities. Her parents’ divorce when she was just eleven years old led to years of financial hardship for her and her mother. They struggled with limited food, transportation, disconnected electricity and eviction.

“We lost all of our personal belongings when we were illegally evicted by our landlord,” said Alissa. “Through my own personal struggles, I have seen the unethical acts and it drew me into an interest in the field of law. I began to develop a passion to help those that do not have the finances or the strength to represent themselves in the courtroom.”

The paralegal studies scholarship honors R. William “Bill” Tschetter. Bill, who practiced law in Rapid City from 1976-1995, founded the NAU Paralegal Studies Program in 1988, and served as its director until his retirement in 1995. He was regarded as a man of vision who cared deeply about providing students a quality education, recognizing the important role that paralegal professionals play in the overall legal system.

The Bill Tschetter Paralegal Studies Academic Excellence Scholarship is made possible by generous contributions from the Julius & Simpson law firm in Rapid City and Bill’s family and friends.

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