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Melania “M” Mazur Named 2025 Hites Scholar

RIVER GROVE, Ill.— Triton College student Melania “M” Mazur is one of 22 Phi Theta Kappa members selected as a 2025 Hites Scholar and will receive a \$7,500 scholarship for baccalaureate studies.

“When you put in the work, effort and perseverance, it’s never too late to do something great,” said Mazur, whose field of study at Triton is Communications. “I feel like this scholarship has validated all of my determination.”

“M is an exceptional leader who exemplifies integrity, patience, positivity and persistence,” said Johnny Urbina, Triton College’s Director of Student Services. “Her unwavering commitment to helping others succeed drives her own academic achievements, and she consistently leads by example.”

The Hites Transfer Scholarship is awarded to Phi Theta Kappa members preparing to transfer to a bachelor’s degree-granting college or university. Winners were selected from nearly 2,800 applicants nationwide for their outstanding academic achievement and rigor, leadership accomplishments, and engagement in college and community activities.

The Hites Transfer Scholarship is made possible by support from the Hites Family Foundation and the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation. This is the largest scholarship Phi Theta Kappa awards to its members.

The Hites Family Foundation was established by Robert Hites, an executive with Ralston-Purina in St. Louis, Missouri, who, upon his retirement, became an instructor at St. Louis Community College. His brother, Ray Hites, served as President of the Hites Family Foundation and as a Trustee for the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation until his death in 2015. Ray’s wife, Jackie, served as a Foundation Trustee until her death in 2019.

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