

# 2006 STAC Fund Scholarship Recipients

The STAC Fund is pleased to present its 2006 scholarship winners. This year three Finance majors from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) were selected to receive scholarships. Scholarship recipients are selected by the College of Business Administration at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

## Maria Adamovich

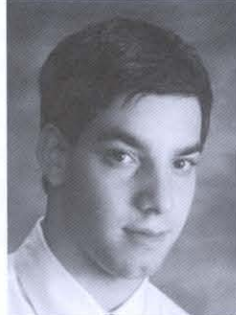


Maria Adamovich is a senior majoring in finance at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). She began her undergraduate studies in Russia five years ago prior to attending Triton Community College in River Grove, Illinois. Maria transferred to UIC in January 2006 to pursue her bachelor's degree.

Living in this country without the support of her family, Maria has had to work full time and study simultaneously. However, having a busy and active life outside school has never interfered with her academic progress. She has earned straight A's at UIC (UIC GPA is 4.0 and cumulative GPA is 3.87).

Maria enjoys her finance courses and plans to pursue a career in investment banking. She will also pursue a minor in International Business. Maria is bilingual in Russian and English and is continuing her studies with the Spanish language. Maria enjoys reading, playing the piano and traveling in her free

## Aleksey Vladimirovich Dolinko



Aleksey was born in Belarus, Minsk, which was then a part of the Soviet Union. His family moved to the United States in 1994 where Aleksey graduated from Vernon Hills High School in 2004 and was accepted into the College of Business Administration at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) with a major in Finance.

Last semester, Aleksey decided to pursue a double major, Finance and Information Decision Sciences (IDS). After four semesters at UIC, he holds a 4.0 GPA, made the Dean's list and was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honorary Society, an honor achieved by only the top 5% of juniors at UIC. Aleksey views Finance as his primary major and IDS as a technical support to Finance. He enjoys working with investments and owns a portfolio with a one (1) year return on investment of 10%. "I believe that that's an accomplishment, considering it is my first portfolio and I was able to perform as well as the market (S&P 500)", said Aleksey. Upon graduating from UIC, Aleksey plans on attending a top business school to receive his Masters in Finance and will then pursue CFA certification.

## Jacob Hereford



Jacob Hereford was born in Dixon, IL in November 1980. Raised in Illinois, he graduated from Larkin High School and transitioned directly to the U. S. Marine Corps in 1998. On April 15, 2005 he completed his career in the Marine Corps and made the decision to begin his college education. The Marine Corps was quite an experience for him, and he attributes much of his success in college to the training he received while enlisted.

Today he is a finance/entrepreneurship major at the University of Illinois at Chicago. After completing his 1<sup>st</sup> semester earlier this year Jacob took on an internship with Educational Perspectives, a company that evaluates internationally obtained education experience. Jacob looks forward to continuing his education and using the skills obtained at UIC to create and sell small to midsize businesses. He also plans on starting a not-for-profit organization that would give inner-city children access to computer's and computer-skills training.