

MATTHEW J. QUINN AWARDS 2014 RECIPIENTS

The Matthew J. Quinn awards honor the founding executive director of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, Dr. Matthew J. Quinn. The Matthew J. Quinn Prize is a \$10,000 award given annually to one or more current Jack Kent Cooke Scholars or alumni in the Foundation's higher education programs, and the Matthew J. Quinn Youth Leadership Award is an up to \$5,000 prize given annually to one or more current Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars. Both are awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement during the prior two years.

MATTHEW J. QUINN PRIZE

Mathew Loftus, a graduate of the University of Maryland's School of Medicine, became a Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholar in 2004 and a Graduate Scholar in 2007. Matthew is being honored for his work in a struggling neighborhood in West Baltimore, Maryland. Matthew established Healing Connections, a community-based mental health resource hub that holistically engages members of the community with mental health needs who have no access to care and develops local leaders to champion mental health issues.

Shrochis Karki is a 2009 Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholar pursuing a Ph.D. in International Development at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. Shrochis is being honored for his work as the founder and leader of the Samaanta Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides comprehensive educational fellowships to meritorious needy students from rural communities in Nepal. The ten students supported in the organization's first two years have achieved excellent results in national and international arenas.

MATTHEW J. QUINN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sarah Wood, a former Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholar and graduate of the Madeira School in McLean, Virginia, is a 2014 College Scholar at New York University. She spent her senior year studying abroad in Morocco through the Center for Language & Culture as part of the prestigious National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) Scholarship Program, granted by the U.S. Department of State. Sarah is being recognized for organizing Morocco's first and only Girl Scout troop at a marginalized women's center in order to provide information to and create a support network for young girls who live in a society that sometimes subjugates them.