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JMF Grants \$5,000 Scholarship to University of San Diego Student

The Jarrett Meeker Foundation is proud to announce that University of San Diego student Austin Griggs has been selected as the 2008 college scholarship recipient. Austin will receive \$5,000 towards his studies at USD.

Austin is a junior at USD, majoring in Biology with minors in both environmental studies and chemistry. Austin spent the fall 2008 semester studying wildlife management at the Center for Wildlife Management Studies in southern Kenya, conducting research focused on finding a way for the native Maasai people to be actively involved in wildlife conservation in a way that benefits wildlife and allows for economic growth among local people.

"My time in East Africa was the best experience of my life. It has given me a much broader view the world, helping me to understand how to best preserve it. I truly feel I made a difference," says Austin. "I hope to continue making a difference here in San Diego, and want to urge others my age to do the same. I have lofty ambitions, and my future career goals will hopefully help protect this planet."



USD student Austin Griggs spent a semester conducting research in Kenya.

In his free time, Austin enjoys surfing, running, and backpacking - almost anything that allows him to be outdoors.

About the Jarrett Meeker Foundation College Scholarship:

The purpose of the JMF college scholarship is to give financial support to upper-division undergraduate students majoring in the College of Sciences at a university in San Diego County. Students must plan to pursue a career that reflects dedication to wildlife and environmental conservation. An annual award of \$5000 is given to a student or students chosen by JMF. Initial funding of the scholarship was provided through the generosity of William T. and Norma M. Verbeck.