

The Second of Twelve 2016 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipients

My name is Anastasiya Camp and I am a freshman student at Concordia University Chicago. My father is involved in a lot—leadership training, teaching, etc. as a missionary in Russia and my mother is from St. Petersburg, Russia. I grew up studying first at a Russian Elementary Public school, then I transferred to the International Academy of St. Petersburg (IASP) where I completed my high school education. Ever since I was little, my parents made the effort to provide my brother, Karl, and me with opportunities such as sports, music, art and other hobbies. Since my second school, IASP, was very small, about 150 kids K-12th grade, I was able to take part in many clubs and extracurricular activities, such as Model UN (United Nations), Honors Choir, high school choir, band, theatre, debate team, girls basketball, volleyball, and similar activities. My brother Karl and I helped teach and translate at English language evangelism camps my dad helped organize with short term mission groups. My mom helped with food and logistics. My parents also started pro-life work through the Lutheran Church in Russia

As far as my accomplishments go, with the school's flexibility and eagerness I was provided with room for many accomplishments. My sophomore year I founded the first IASP girls basketball team that placed third out of five teams in the annual Moscow tournament between international schools in the region my senior year. My junior year I was awarded as the best debater in our debate team after our debate competition with a fellow international school in St. Petersburg, Anglo-American School of St. Petersburg (AASP). My senior year I was accepted into Honors Choir and we traveled to Budapest for our annual honors choir gathering with other Christian International schools in Europe. This same year I received the chair position in both the NovMUN conference (Novgorod Model United Nations) and SPIMUN (St. Petersburg Model United Nations).

Currently, I am participating in music ensembles as a requirement for my music scholarship and as an interest. I am signed up for Schola Cantorum, the church choir, Jazz Band, and the touring instrumental ensemble, the Wind Symphony, and this year the group is flying out to South Africa for the spring tour. Furthermore, I joined the Art Club, to get extra practice for my Art major, and I also signed up for the WCGR, the University's radio station. In the future, I am planning to continue to play music ensembles and hopefully the choir as well, depending on the schedule based on my second major, Biology. For both of my majors, I am planning on taking summer courses and apply for internships, such as the Brookfield zoo or the forest preserve near my school.

As to my future plans I think God will actually do the planning, but for now I am thinking it would be interesting to finish school and possibly teach overseas at an international school, hopefully my alma mater, International School of St. Petersburg.

Thank you for all your support financially and spiritually. I greatly appreciate the help in making my education affordable and provide the chance for me to grow spiritually and academically.

