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SCRANTON--Two University of Scranton students, one an area resident, were among 400 students who received full-tuition scholarships to state-sponsored graduate or professional schools in a surprise announcement at the Fourth Annual Pennsylvania Conference on Graduate Opportunities for Black and Hispanic Students.

Marilyn Headley, a sophomore finance student from Winter Garden, and Susan Buchanan, a sophomore nursing student from Scranton, Pa., were scholarship recipients. They had attended the conference under the sponsorship of the University to learn more about the academic opportunities available to minority students. Both are members of the University's African-American Society.

Headley is the daughter of James A. and Monica V. Headley, 171 Windtree Way, Winter Garden.

"Everybody was absolutely thrilled," said Lee J. Williames, Ph.D., the University's assistant provost, who also attended the conference. "Anyone would find paying for graduate studies difficult; this will make a difference for each student and the pool of minority leadership in the state."

The conference, held in Philadelphia and attended by sophomore and junior students, was called together by Pennsylvania state Sen. Chaka Fattah, who is trying to help solve the national problem of low minority enrollment in graduate and professional schools.

"I felt it was important for our students to participate in the conference and get exposure to as many opportunities as possible," said Williames.

At the conference, national business and political leaders covered a wide array of topics such as how to obtain financial aid, how to prepare for entrance tests and what corporations are looking for in future employees.

The students may use the scholarships to attend any of the 13 state-supported schools, including Penn State University and the University of Pittsburgh.

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