

Recipient of the **Johnstone Educational Foundation**



Meet our 2007 JEF Scholarship Recipient JONATHAN CRISOL

Jonathan Crisol moved to New York in August of 2005 from the Philippines. He attends St. John's University and is enrolled in the risk management and insurance program. He plans to graduate with honors in the spring of 2008. He comes from a family whose parents have been in the insurance industry for a combined 50 years.

Dear AIPAGIA Members,

I am truly honored to have been chosen as a recipient of the Johnstone Educational Foundation Scholarship for this calendar year of 2007. I am aware of the history that comes with this scholarship and I can only dream to make as much of an impact in the future as the Johnstone Brothers did in the prime of their careers. More than just alleviating the financial burden of pursuing a degree in Risk Management and Insurance, being awarded this scholarship means that I have exemplified the values and characteristics that both Jack and Bill have lived for. These are values that every student should strive for and to be given this opportunity is something that will stay with me forever.

On a more personal note, being offered this scholarship serves as the bridge that connects me, a new student in all aspects of the word, to the American world. It gives me that sense of belonging that tells me that I can stand tall and firm amidst watchful eyes of people who've been here all their lives. Being awarded this scholarship means that other people in the minority can take from my example that it is still possible to excel even if you're new or if you just came from another country. I am truly grateful for all the wonderful opportunities that have been presented to me by my school and my chosen industry.

I am forever indebted to everyone who has made this scholarship possible for me. To the sponsors who have affirmed their belief in the industry by providing financial support for aspiring students such as myself. And to the AIPAGIA, for opening doors and building bridges that connect us to the world beyond school. Rest assured, my hard work and effort does not end with the attainment of this scholarship. I look forward to bringing pride and joy to the Foundation through the continuous pursuit of my degree and an eventual successful career in the industry.

Grateful and Appreciative,

Jonathan Crisol
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