

Helping Women Follow Their Dreams

Oklahoma City University students Sha Ingram and Karina Salazar-Lopez have big dreams for the future. Currently in her second year at Meinders School of Business, Sha hopes to start a women's clothing business one day; while Karina, who will be a senior, plans to pursue a career in accounting. Both women are one step closer to achieving their goals thanks to a gift from former Oklahoma City businesswoman Dortha Dever, who established a scholarship fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

When Dortha created the scholarship in 2007, she had a very specific goal in mind – to help young women earn a business degree. A graduate of Oklahoma City University, Dortha believed her education was the catalyst for a long and successful banking career. After retiring as assistant vice president of American Fidelity, she felt it was time to give back, and a scholarship to help other women enter careers in business allowed her to do just that.

Initially, the Dortha Dever Business Scholarship awarded \$1,000 annually to one student. But Dortha's commitment to the scholarship continued, and after her death in 2015, a gift from her trust increased the awards to provide four students with \$5,000 annually. Dortha would be pleased to know that her generosity will continue to help young women like Sha and Karina follow their dreams for years to come.



Dortha Dever,
scholarship donor

Sha Ingram and Karina Salazar-Lopez are two of four annual recipients of the Dortha Dever Business Scholarship.

