

# The Beata Vest Scholarship Fund



**The Beata Vest Scholarship Fund** was created in 2016 to honor the life of a bright young woman who was full of love, compassion, intelligence, humor and imagination. Beata was a world traveler and student of French and Arabic. She welcomed newcomers to Portland, spending time with families and students showing them around her city and helping them learn English.

The first Beata Vest Scholarship was awarded at the 2017 Portland Adult Education graduation for \$1,000 to an immigrant, refugee, or asylum-seeking student who showed perseverance and integrity in pursuing their college aspirations.

**Noor Aldulaimi** was the first recipient of the Beata Vest Scholarship in 2017. Noor has a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Science from the University of Baghdad and earned her High School Diploma from PAE. Because of the war and confrontation in Iraq, she left in 2014 looking for peace. Noor came to Maine as a refugee and struggled to integrate in America.

Attending Portland Adult Education was a turning point in her life by helping her become part of the community and make new friends. Noor's dreams were greater than just improving her English, she also dreams of getting a Master's Degree in Agriculture.



**Portland Adult Education** is the largest adult education program in Maine where students strive to improve their academic and workforce skills to strengthen their roles as citizens, taxpayers, and employees. PAE's educational programming encompasses 5 core areas: Basic Literacy and English as a Second Language, High School Completion, College Transitions, Enrichment courses, and Workforce Development. PAE served over 4,000 adults from Maine and more than 80 countries who attended academic and workforce development classes in the 2016-2017 school year.

To help more students like Noor pursue her dreams, please donate to the Beata Vest Scholarship Fund [through this link](#).

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