**Introduction**: After contacting the 2013-2014 World Fellowship recipients, the five women you are about to see were kind enough to allow me to share in their own words a glimpse into their lives and experiences as World Fellowship recipients. These five young women truly represent the faces and voices of World Fellowship!

Munasir Kamal – Bangladesh – University of Nevada-Reno – Masters in Literature

1. Coming to the US was a shock for me… I had not been prepared for recurring depression and insomnia as a result of homesickness. During these times, cards from DKG members -- people who had never met me but hoped the best for me -- made me happy again. I felt and feel extremely fortunate and loved.
2. Everybody I met was very caring, always asking if I needed anything. I must mention Mrs. Kathy Rothchild who has been my guardian in the US. Mrs. Rothchild has treated me like family. When I told Mrs. Rothchild about the free day care center my family runs in Dhaka for the children of working mothers who can't afford day care, she and other DKG members from her chapter contributed books and crayons for the children.
3. I'm glad I came to the US because I've also had several wonderful experiences. Just as the US has certain misconceptions about my part of the world, I too had some misconceptions about the US before I came here. I had feared that people in the US may be aloof and cold. Through DKG,  I have met many many warm, loving and giving people and built relationships I'm sure will last a lifetime.

Kohila Mahadevan – Sri Lanka – University of Toronto – PhD in Biochemistry

1. I am really grateful for the DKG society for choosing me as a candidate. I am very happy to hear from DKG members around the world.

I was chosen as the PhD student speaker to give a talk during the biochemistry department research day.

1. I was also doing a poster presentation... (Being a World Fellowship recipient) Provided an opportunity for success and recognition!

Rubenia Borge – Nicaragua – University of Nebraska at Omaha – Masters in Management Information Systems

1. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you all for being my friends and supporters in this beautiful adventure that is leading me towards making my dreams come true. Women like me that have been looking for an opportunity their whole lives, doing their best, making compromises, and going the extra mile in order to fight the obstacles that some societies impose to women who want to make a difference and positively impact the lives of others.
2. My journey has neither being easy nor perfect, just as life is neither easy nor perfect, however it has been fulfilling and rewarding like everything in this life that is worthy. Winning a DKG World Fellowship was a turning point in my life because it made me feel that I wasn’t alone in this project… My DKG World Fellowship started a lifelong positive changed in my life by supporting me in my graduate studies and reaffirming my ideas that working hard and doing your best is always the right choice.
3. I want to invite you to continue supporting this amazing project because with your help you are making a difference in this world. You are empowering talented, hardworking, women who have dreams and are diligently looking for an opportunity to fully develop their talents and positively impact the lives of others with their hard work, and these women are located all over the world, they have the citizenship of a specific country, but they are citizens of the world.

Fatima Hashmi – Pakistan – Duke University – Masters in Environmental Management – I have recently returned to Lahore, Pakistan. I am currently employed as an Environmental Analyst at a consulting firm.

I had the opportunity to be chosen for two programs sponsored by the US Department of State in DC for Pakistani college students… a short summer course and a semester course in the University of Tennessee and Clarion University of Pennsylvania respectively … I was motivated to pursue graduate studies in the US.

I therefore applied for the Fulbright Masters scholarship and was lucky enough to be a recipient. It was the Fulbright Organization that connected with DKG…

I am eternally grateful for the support that I received not just financially but also through communicating and meeting with DKG members in North Carolina.

I felt I was not limited by anything as I often felt here in Pakistan. I had so many resources available (access to computer labs, libraries, office hours with professors working on ground breaking research), and attended university wide seminars delivered by experts and trail blazers in the field of environment, law, public policy and engineering.  This is something I could have never imagined here in Pakistan.

Through the World Fellowship program, I believe the DKG has planted seeds of compassion and generosity in the recipients, and more importantly, imparted the value of education for women in our societies.

Sonja Angelique Francis – Trinidad & Tobago – University of Alberta – PhD in Chemistry

1. (This shows Sonja) celebrating her accomplishments and looking to the future… …On a personal level, receiving this fellowship was validating for me.
2. There are many deserving women out there who work very hard but are already at a disadvantage for being from another country. Especially, with the state of funding in the Universities right now, a fellowship like the one DKG offers could be the difference between completing your program or leaving prematurely.
3. I must say that I truly appreciated the letters, emails, cards, post cards, and well wishes from DKG members across the World over the past year. I think that was one of the best aspects of receiving this fellowship. The personal messages really put a tangible face to the DKG organization and I really appreciated knowing someone out there who never even met me is rooting for me.

**Narrator:** As members of DKG and as citizens of the world, we are truly adding “color” to the lives of the women of the world through our World Fellowship Program!

**Last Slide** **– Narrator –** The 2014-2015 World Fellowship recipients will be announced this month. I encourage you and your chapters to contribute. Even if we have no recipients attending a university in Indiana, I encourage you to be a part of the personal touch that helped these 5 past recipients so much – send a card or an email using the information provided on the DKG website, maybe even make this an activity at a chapter meeting. Be a part of World Fellowship!