COLUMBUS, Ohio -- The careers of a dozen outstanding Ohio State University students recently had a boost due to a gift from the F.& R. Lazarus Co. of Columbus, a division of Federated Department Stores Inc.

Lazarus President Arthur W. Handshy presented the students with Lazarus scholarships and internships in a special ceremony at the university's Faculty Club on Tuesday evening (6/4).

The awards are the first in a series sponsored by Lazarus as part of a "partnership in education" program designed to emphasize the importance of the humanities in the business world. The company has committed $150,000 over three years to Ohio State's College of Humanities for programs to benefit students, particularly minorities and women, corporate executives and the community.

The awards covered three categories: Lazarus Scholars in the Humanities, Lazarus International Scholars and Lazarus Career Interns.

The program represents the company's far-sighted vision, according to Stephen Summerhill, acting assistant dean of the college and chairperson of the selection committee. "By funding these scholarships, Lazarus is saying that the humanities are

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good for business. The international scholarships are particularly exciting. Study abroad is not an elite activity; it's a fundamental one. Without the scholarships a couple of the students would not have been able to study in the countries of their chosen fields."

The three students who won Lazarus Scholarships in the Humanities will receive $2,000 for for their tuition and fees. Winners are:

Selika Duckworth, 3501 Redding Road, Columbus. A freshman, she is studying English, previously has won a National Merit Scholarship and is an Ohio State Minority Scholarship recipient. She is active in university drama and public speaking activities and with the Center Stage Theater of Columbus.

John Hinton, 1737 Grace Lane, Columbus. A junior, he carries a perfect 4.0 grade-point average and is an honors student with three majors: Arabic, linguistics and Indian studies. He supports an Indian child through an international foster parent program.

Amy Trogdon, a freshman from Perrysburg. She is studying German, a subject in which she developed an interest as a high school exchange student in Germany. She is active in the American Field Service and Ohio State's Concert Band.

The four Lazarus International Scholars will receive $2,000 each for tuition, fees and travel expenses. Winners are:

Jon Chappellear, a junior from Gahanna. An honors student with a double major in French and international studies, he has hosted a French exchange student in this country and plans to study in France at the University of Haute Bretagne in Brittany.

Charles Conway, a junior from Mt. Sterling. He is studying French and Spanish and has been accepted into the Toledo International Program in Toledo, Spain, this summer.

Michelle Lewis, a sophomore from Stow. She is pursuing a combined degree program in arts and sciences and in education, and intends to study in France at the University of Haute Bretagne in Brittany.

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Gretel Young, 4068 Glenmont Place, Columbus. A sophomore, she is studying English, psychology and Spanish and hopes to become a writer. She plans to attend the Toledo International Program in Toledo, Spain, next year.

Five junior-year students received Lazarus Career Internships of $1,000. These are scholarships for tuition and fees during the students' fourth year of college study combined with an opportunity to work as paid interns at a Lazarus store. Winners are:

Catherine Copich, 779 Dennison Ave., Columbus. She studies the history of art. Copich has previously worked for a brokerage firm and for Ohio Magazine and currently works for Lazarus in the china and silverware department.

Susan Hura of Youngstown. She carries a double major in French and linguistics. She is interested in the practical aspects of retailing and has worked for a Youngstown department store.

Glenn Knopf of Chagrin Falls. An English major, he has worked with thoroughbred horses and at Theatre Magic, a Columbus agency.

Kathryn Neus of Cincinnati. She studies English, business and journalism, and has had clerical and retailing experience.

Cynthia Sigler of Akron. An English major, Sigler works for the Worthington Public Library and is interested in Lazarus' marketing strategies.

Summerhill said the students were selected on the basis of their commitment to the humanities, letters of recommendation, high grade-point average, a written statement of purpose and financial need.

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Lazarus scholarship offsets cost for OSU's Ducksworth

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Selika M. Duckworth, an Ohio State University history student, received a Lazarus Scholarship three years ago. The $2,000 scholarship helped the Columbus woman offset college expenses for three academic quarters.

"I feel that if it were not for Lazarus it would have been impossible for me to be in school during those two years," said Duckworth. "Specifically, the scholarship enabled me to live in the dormitories on campus and reduced the hours I had to work each week from 25 hours to about 15," she said.

This quarter the 22-year-old is carrying 23 credit hours as well as working 20 to 30 hours each week as a security supervisor for the Night Owl Study Program at the Ohio Union on campus.

She is a recipient of a National Achievement Scholarship, a national scholarship for Black students supported locally by the Merry Makers Club. The graduating senior is a member of Ohio Staters Inc., a prestigious service group, and is co-chairing the "World's Largest Buck-I-Robics" scheduled for late May. She also is vice president of the Spirit Drama Society, a Black theater group.

Duckworth's next challenge is Ohio State's graduate school. She is an Ohio Regents Scholar and will be enrolled in the combined master's and Ph.D. program in history.

"I'm glad that Lazarus is encouraging students to pursue their studies and careers in the humanities. I know that they will continue to have a positive impact on other students' lives," she said.

Duckworth is one of more than 30 Ohio State students who have benefitted from Lazarus Scholarships in the Humanities over the past three years.

The F & R Lazarus Co. is continuing its support of Ohio State College of Humanities with its second major gift in three years. This year's gift consists of $105,000, bringing the company's total Ohio State University Campaign support to $225,000.

A portion of the new gift will fund additional scholarships for students majoring in the humanities, and the remainder will provide continuing support for programs in the Department of Black Studies and Center for Women's Studies. Beginning this autumn, five $2,500 scholarships will be awarded each year for three years.

"We at Ohio State feel a great deal of gratitude to Lazarus for its support of the College of Humanities," said G. Michael Riley, dean of the College. "This gift will bring the number of students that Lazarus is directly helping each year to 35. That is a lot of students for one company to assist and each one of those students has benefitted greatly by Lazarus's belief that study in humanities prepares one for leadership in the business world," he said.

Announcing the most recent gift in February, Lazarus chairman and CEO John D. Miller said, "Lazarus feels a keen responsibility to support education programs in markets where we operate stores. Supporting education is an active and important role businesses can assume in molding our leaders of tomorrow."

"There is no question that F & R Lazarus Co. is helping the students and the faculty in the College of Humanities," said Gerard Ervin, director of the Foreign Language Center. "I don't think any administrator goes through a week without encountering a student who has a special need. Lazarus, through its generous gifts to the college, is helping to fill those needs," he said.

Miller added, "It is an honor for Lazarus to be associated with such a fine institution and to have the opportunity to make an impact on students as they prepare for their chosen careers."