



# CollegeNET.com Student News

Information, ideas and resources for the CollegeNET.com community

*"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."*  
- John Dewey (1859-1952 AD)

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## Congratulations to Tournament 3.0 Winners!

CollegeNET is pleased to announce the top three finishers in Tournament 3.0:

- Sarah Dugan (sharad)  
**Grand Prize: \$25,000**
- Sandesh Simkhada (Mission2Win)  
**2nd Prize: \$7,000**
- Michelle Dulmes (Compositora Espanola)  
**3rd Prize: \$3,000**

In case you missed it, the winners were announced live via Google Hangout on February 6. Catch the replay [here](#).

## CollegeNET Earns Accolades

For the second year in a row, CollegeNET has won the About.com award for [Best Scholarship for Adult Students!](#) And *The Bottom Line* from University of California Santa Barbara listed CollegeNET as a [top five scholarship website](#).

## Jim Wolfston Issues Challenge on Gun Violence

CollegeNET's CEO Jim Wolfston entered the gun debate, creating a special challenge forum to get students to share their opinions on guns and gun violence in the United States. Be sure to [watch](#) Jim's video, part of the "I Demand a Plan" campaign, and read the community's response.

## Invite Your Friends to Participate

CollegeNET.com is on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Google+](#).



## Tris Bassingthwaight: ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

*Tris (TenkenNoKaiten) attends University of Hawai'i at Manoa. He has won a total of \$23,883 since July 30, 2009, placing him fourth in terms of all-time winnings.*

### CollegeNET.com: How did you find out about CollegeNET.com?

Tris Bassingthwaight: I entirely forget how I found this site. It was a long time ago and has been so imbued into my life that its moment of discovery is lost to the folds of time. I'm sure it must have been during an online scholarship search, after I was thoroughly disappointed by Cappex, Fastweb, and other sub-par scholarship sites. I never saw a dime from anything but CollegeNET.



### CN: And you've seen quite a few dimes from CollegeNET!

TB: I've been a server for the last five years or so. I would average \$80-150 a night, but call my average annual salary something like \$15,000. So you can see that CNET has given me well in excess of a year's worth of work.

### CN: How are you using your winnings?

TB: All scholarships go immediately to tuition costs. Without the site, I would have never managed to study in Bangkok or Copenhagen, so the site has quite literally opened up the world for my education.

### CN: Any advice for others on CollegeNET?

TB: CNET is like learning a foreign language—you can't just practice a bit and expect to become fluent. "Speaking" it has to become part of your life, an everyday thing. If scholarships like this were easy, no one would have a problem going to school. Discuss with verve, passion, intelligence, and have fun!

## Topics Introduced on [www.CollegeNET.com](#)

**Religion:** *"Will the new Pope modernize the Catholic Church? Maybe it is time that we have a pope who will not completely change the church but modernize it to fit the lifestyles people actually live."* — Pandagirl

**Gender Roles:** *"For men: how have gender roles, stereotypes, and expectations for men affected your lives? Have you ever felt shamed for doing something 'un-masculine'? What does masculinity mean to you?"* — FranklyDarko