

2015-2016: Natalie Kamitsuka

UNC-Asheville senior Natalie Kamitsuka was the recipient of the inaugural Astronomy Club of Asheville-Carolyn Keefe Scholarship.

Natalie, a physics major minoring in both astronomy and mathematics, was awarded the scholarship for her academic achievement as well as her contributions to UNC-Asheville's Lookout Observatory, where she served as a docent and performed additional work over the summer to improve the observatory's operation. Lookout Observatory was built in partnership with the Astronomy Club of Asheville in 2014.

"I plan to continue my studies in physics and astronomy at the graduate level," said Kamitsuka, who graduated from UNC-Asheville in May, 2016, "and hopefully contribute to the ongoing research within the field."