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Golden Gate University School of Law has awarded the 2009 Michael A. Zamperini/W. Clay Burchell Scholarship to Matthew Barravecchia, a third-year law student graduating next month.

The Michael A. Zamperini/W. Clay Burchell Scholarship was established in 1993 through an endowment by Professor of Law Michael Zamperini and his partner, W. Clay Burchell, to recognize gay or lesbian law students in their final semester who have demonstrated outstanding overall achievement and who have excelled in the Law School's legal writing and research courses. Other members of the Law School also support the scholarship, which has grown from a single gift of \$15,000 to an endowment of more than \$70,000.

Candidates for the scholarship write an essay describing the experience of being a gay law student at Golden Gate University and how being gay or lesbian has affected their law school career. Barravecchia will receive the award at a campus reception on April 24 sponsored by the School of Law and the Golden Gate University Queer Law Student Association.

Barravecchia is enrolled in the Law School's Honors Lawyering Program, a rigorous curriculum that includes intensive summer study and apprenticeships. While attending law school he has interned for the San Francisco Public Defender's Office in multiple units, the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, and AIDS Legal Referral Panel. Through this work he has directly benefited the city and citizens of San Francisco. Following the July California bar exam, Barravecchia plans to return to the Felony Unit of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office.

While maintaining his full academic and professional workload, Barravecchia has also been actively involved in the GGU National Lawyers Guild and served as the co-chair for the Queer Law Student Association.

"I am humbled to be recognized as this year's Zamperini/Burchell Scholarship recipient," Barravecchia says. "In my future career I will strive to be a trailblazer for social justice to honor those LGBT who have come before, such as Prof. Zamperini and Clay Burchell, and GGU—the law school that gave me a chance to be more than I ever dreamed possible."

Those wishing to contribute to the Zamperini/Burchell Scholarship endowment may contact Lenore McDonald, director of annual giving and alumni services, at 415-442-7829 or lmcdonald@ggu.edu.

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Note to Editors: For more information about the Zamperini/Burchell Scholarship and a photo of 2009 recipient Matthew Barravecchia, contact Jill Goetz at 415-442-6636 or jgoetz@ggu.edu.