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the desire to promote the welfare of others, usually manifested by the generous donation of money to institutions of learning, good causes, hospitals, and other socially useful purposes.

All You Need Is . . .

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Earle Nightingale once said, "All you need is the plan, the road map, and the courage to press on to your destination." He may have left out one thing – the right passengers to make it an interesting ride! It's true that putting the right plan in place, designing the perfect road map to navigate your way there, and having the courage to forge ahead are all key elements to a successful journey, but if **Scott Martin '15** knows one thing, it's that you cannot do it alone. Not only can the right passengers on any journey through life make it more enjoyable, but they can also help with the road blocks and unmarked forks that can throw any journey off course.

Scott's higher education journey began when he joined the Class of 2015. He became a residence hall Community Assistant (CA) in his sophomore year. CAs engage students into the University community and serve as mentors and a support network for their residents. Life was good until last December, when Scott hit a serious bump in the road; a very difficult family situation took him by surprise and meant that continuing his college education might have to come to an abrupt stop. But Scott found a second job in the Student Financial

Services office and applied for as many scholarships as possible. "At one point, an amount of just over \$2,000 was going to determine if I could stay or not," Scott said. "But with the help of the scholarship funding, I was able to continue at Franklin Pierce." Scott's natural ability to stay solution-oriented during times of turmoil steadied his course, and his willingness to ask for help when needed displayed an understanding of the importance of how a true community works.

In the fall, Scott will move to Lakeview to serve as a CA in an upperclassman wing. He is enrolled in the Business Plus Program, in which motivated students have the opportunity to complete an undergraduate business degree in three years, and a graduate degree one year later. In May 2015, Scott will complete his Bachelor's degree, followed by his M.B.A. in 2016.

Scott has learned how important it is not to let the road blocks dishearten him, how to examine each new route with optimism and courage, and how to remember that it is not just the final destination, but the journey and the people you meet along the way that matter. It is imperative that alumni of the University who have journeyed on the same road that current



students now travel consider supporting their alma mater philanthropically. Every dollar makes a difference and can mean that another student is able to remain until degree completion.

Scott understands how important it is to be able to navigate life when thrown off course. And with the help of those who supported scholarships last year, Scott's journey at Franklin Pierce is back on track.

