When my grandfather asked his twenty-something year old housekeeper to move in with him after the passing of my grandmother and the diagnosis of Parkinson’s disease, I finally realized the extent of his dependence and alienation. Trips to Illinois with my dad on the weekends acting as a caregiver were among my first experiences that I have had in the Geriatric field. Since then, I have had a variety of paid and unpaid opportunities, beginning with a volunteer position playing BINGO once a week in the skilled nursing facility at Friendship Village. As a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, I delivered food to economically disadvantaged older adults in my community. I studied abroad in Ireland for two weeks, meeting many older adults while visiting a memory technology library, various day centers, Men’s Sheds, assisted living homes, a volunteer-run telephone reassurance program, and a smart house designed for older adults. New Friends, my place of employment for almost three years as an undergraduate, is an assisted living home committed to providing vibrant care to older adults living with early to advanced stages of dementia. I also volunteered as the official event photographer, advocated and fundraised for research, and walked for the Walk to End Alzheimer’s annual events. Currently, I am employed by the University of Michigan as a research assistant serving older adults, and am fulfilling an internship with the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Michigan Chapter, in addition to the MSW program. I have a concentration in Interpersonal Practice, and am focusing on Aging in Families and Society. As a student expected to graduate in December 2016, I am a member of the Geriatric Scholarship Program and am involved in Sigma Phi Omega, a national academic honor and professional society in gerontology. The past opportunities to receive exposure and education about older adults and dementia have been a crucial asset to my experience in the Geriatric field. In order to reach my goal of becoming a Social Worker dedicated to serving older adults and their families, it is essential that I receive the Bernice Gadon scholarship or the Debra Crane Scholarship award to ensure that my education is not jeopardized by financial means. The scholarship program will allow me to focus my studies in geriatrics and provide me with more opportunities challenging courses and valuable field work.