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### **Four Northwestern Alumnae Granted Graduate Fellowships by The Alumnae of Northwestern University**

**EVANSTON, Ill.** --- The Alumnae of Northwestern University has selected four recipients to receive its 2019-20 Graduate Fellowships for graduate-level tuition. The fellowships are awarded to full-time students in terminal master's degree programs who show promise of achieving distinction in careers that will serve the public good. Criteria for selection include quality of scholarship, leadership, community service, professional experience, and financial need.

“Our organization is extremely proud to support these four outstanding Northwestern graduate students as they work to complete their terminal master's degrees,” says The Alumnae's Graduate Fellowship committee co-chair, Ruth Jennings.

**Jodi Salata**, widowed in 2009, with two young boys, started a support group for other widows, which led her to get a certificate as a Life Coach. To better pursue her passion to help others heal and grow, she later enrolled in Northwestern's School of Professional Studies and received a B.S. in psychology in 2018, graduating *cum laude*. This fall she will begin the Master's program in marriage and family therapy at the Family Institute to further her professional credentials as a therapist. Jodi hopes to be able to make a difference in people struggling with clinical depression.

**Juliet Freudman** will receive a B.S. in biomedical engineering in June and will pursue a M.S. in material science and engineering. Her interests are in diagnostics, biotechnology, and global health. She has had experience working on a healthcare technical study in South Africa, and working with doctors and engineers in a Motion Analysis laboratory in New York. In addition, Juliet was awarded the Simpson-Querrey Fellowship to work at the Center for Bio-Integrated Electronics, where she has been a co-author of two published articles. She is also the director of Camp Kesem at Northwestern, which organizes summer camp for 220 children whose lives are affected by a parent's cancer.

**Ibtesaam Moosa** received a B.S. in communication from Northwestern in Qatar in 2018 *summa cum laude*. This fall she is beginning Medill's integrated marketing communications program. Ibtesaam is interested in using her marketing, filmmaking, and analytical skills not to focus on commercial goals but to promote policies that encourage social good or well-being. A Muslim Indian, she is astute about "understanding the social and political positioning of media audiences." For film and research projects, she has interviewed Rohingya refugees in Malaysia and wrote an award-winning analysis of the Indian movie *2 States*.

**Julia Shenkman** will receive her B.A. in anthropology and global health studies in June and will pursue a M.S. in public health. She has received several grants and was one of five recipients of the Mellon Mayes Fellowship. Its director wrote that "she has never seen a scholar with more impressive leadership and academic potential." Julia studied global health in South Africa and created a research project on medical tourism in El Paso, Texas. Her goal is to gain the skills and knowledge to develop public health programs that effectively address community needs. She was also chief of staff for the NU Associated Student Government and is a research intern in Illinois senator Dick Durbin's office.

The Alumnae of Northwestern University is an all-volunteer organization of women that raises funds for a wide range of projects to benefit the University while sharing the University's academic resources with the community through its Continuing Education Program. Founded in 1916, The Alumnae has given more than \$8.5 million to the university in the form of grants, fellowships, scholarships, endowed professorships, funding for special university projects, and summer internships. For more information, visit The Alumnae website ([www.nualumnae.org](http://www.nualumnae.org)).

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