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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 2018-19 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 of Northwestern University president, Michele Bresler.

**Silma Suba** received a B.S. in journalism and a Certificate in Integrated Marketing Communications in 2016 from Northwestern in Qatar, where she was editor-in-chief of the *Daily Q*. She is fluent in four languages and is as adept at digital platforms and social media as she is in traditional print media. Silma has won prizes for poetry and journalism, most notably, the Best Journalistic Writing award for a story about a portable school for Afghan refugees, published while she was in a journalism residency at the Pulitzer Center in Washington, D.C. Silma has traveled a long road from Bangladesh to Qatar to Evanston, where she will begin studies for her Masters in Journalism at Medill this fall.

**Bailey Kuhn** will receive a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering from McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science in June and her M.S. in Mechanical Engineering in December 2018. She is president of the Biomedical Engineering Society and volunteers with a club that runs afterschool programs to introduce STEM topics in Spanish in Evanston-area schools. She was nominated for the Cooperative Engineering Education (Co-op) program Student of the Year, was a member of a team that designed a self-lift system, and won first place in the 2017 McCormick Autonomous Robot Design competition. Even after finished her senior design

course, Bailey has continued working to complete a prototype for an infant positioning device that will aid in a particular medical test. She also somehow finds time to be a Northwestern cheerleader!

**Alexzandra Wallace** graduated with a B.S. in 2009 and is currently in a two-year Masters Program in Learning and Organizational Change in the School of Education and Social Policy. She recognized the early importance of access to quality education and has devoted her career to developing experiential learning opportunities for K-12 students who attend the University of Chicago's Charter and Laboratory schools. Most notably, she created the Internship for Civic Engagement through a partnership with the University of Chicago's Office of Civic Engagement. This program emphasizes leadership development for students in the context of community-based learning. Her goal is to "empower students to think critically, problem solve, and become agents of change."

**Mira Wang** will receive a B.S. in journalism and global health and a certificate in integrated marketing communication in June, and will be a member of the first cohort of students selected to pursue a Master's degree in Northwestern's Accelerated Public Health Program. She wants to apply her journalism skills to address global problems related to "medicine, politics, economics, and sociocultural" forces and how these forces impact an individual's health. Mira has particular interest in mental health. She has been an editor of *North by Northwestern* magazine and has served as an intern at the Midwest Asian Health Association.

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 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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