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**Eight Northwestern Students Granted 2021-2022 STEM Scholarships  
By The Alumnae of Northwestern University**

EVANSTON, Ill. --- The Alumnae of Northwestern University has selected eight students to receive 2021-2022 Alumnae STEM scholarships, which are awarded to students who excel in a STEM major (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Criteria for selection include academic excellence, honors achieved, and financial need. The intent of this scholarship is to free students from work commitments so they may more vigorously pursue their chosen area of study and other university endeavors.

Jane Dampts and Carol Willis, co-chairs of The Alumnae’s STEM Selection Committee, notes: “Our members are proud to support these talented and hard-working students pursuing STEM careers in diverse fields, allowing them to continue their studies, do research, and actively participate in campus life. It was challenging for our committee to select eight recipients from an unusually large field this year of 68 highly qualified and deserving applicants.”

**Recipients of STEM scholarships are:**

**Kelly Bates, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences (WCAS ’22)**, from Orange, Calif., is majoring in neuroscience. Her goal is to attend medical school and become a pediatrician. She joined the Adolescent Development and Preventive Treatment Lab at Northwestern, which focuses on early signs of psychosis in children and teens. She has been on Northwestern Dean’s List every Quarter. In high school, Kelly was a Science Laureate, the highest achievement for students in all AP science courses.

**July Chen (WCAS ’22)**, from Westmont, Ill., is majoring in biological science and psychology. His goal is to achieve an MD/PhD in medical science. July is a member of the Molecular Biosciences Lab at Northwestern and received a Baker Grant for Undergraduate Research. In high school, he medaled in the Illinois State Science Olympiad Tournament, received an award in writing from the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement, was a National Merit Commended Scholar, and first chair of his school’s wind ensemble.

**Ingrid Cheung, McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science (McC '22)**, from Cleveland, Ohio, is a double major in biomedical engineering and Asian languages and culture. One of her goals is to conduct research in South Korea in the biomaterials area after receiving her PhD. Ingrid is a Questbridge National College Math Scholar and has participated in the Summer Excel Program for incoming first-year scholars in the field of engineering. She also studied the Korean language at the Ewha Womans University in Seoul with the Undergraduate Language Grant and a grant from the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship for study abroad.

**Daniel Lee (WCAS '22)**, from Grand Rapids, Mich., is majoring in both biological sciences and neuroscience. He hopes to become a physician and researcher finding cures for untreatable diseases, as a “beacon of hope” for patients and their families. Daniel is a JG Nolan Scholar, has received honors in the McCormick School of Engineering, and has consistently been on Northwestern’s Dean’s List.

**Hajra Malik (McC '24)**, from Huntington Station, NY, is majoring in material science and engineering. She lived in the ancient city of Lahore, Pakistan, and became interested in preservation of art and artifacts. Her goal is to gain knowledge in the techniques that study, modify and preserve materials that make up a city’s art and archeology. Hajra is a Harvard Mittal Institute’s Seeds for Change grant recipient. She is also a Murphy scholar and received honors from McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science.

**David Meza (McC '23)**, from Doral, Fla., has double majors in industrial engineering and economics. He hopes to use his education to work in the business arena. He has family living in Venezuela who lack sufficient medicine, food and other basics; he would like to help his many relatives there. Some of David’s many academic and athletic honors include the Hispanic Heritage Youth Award, National AP Scholar, and Top Scorer in the American Association of Physics Teachers’ Physics Bowl.

**Milina Miulli (WCAS '24)**, from Park Ridge, Ill., is majoring in neuroscience and global health studies, with a minor in Italian. She has been on the Dean’s List every quarter at Northwestern and plays the flute in both the Marching Band and Concert Band. She is an undergraduate research assistant at Northwestern’s Rad Lab and secretary of the Catholic Student Association. In high school Milina won the Arion Award for Woodwinds, was a member of a select orchestra (the Midwest Young Artists Conservatory School), and received the Central Suburban League Scholar award for running both varsity cross country and track and field. Her future plans include attending medical school and becoming a pediatric neurologist.

**Irena Petryk, WCAS '24)**, is from Morton Grove, Ill., studying economics and international studies. She works as a volunteer at Expanding Lives, a nonprofit that promotes women’s education in West Africa. Irena hopes to create an economic solution that bridges educational and economic inequities for girls. She has been on Northwestern’s Dean’s List every quarter, was honored with a math/science award from the Society of Women Engineers, and achieved the DAR Good Citizen Award for her work at Expanding Lives. She is also a National Merit Scholar and an AP Scholar with Distinction.

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, showcasing the University’s academic resources through its Continuing Education program, open to the community. Founded in 1916, the group celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> year of its continuing education programming in 2019. Since its beginning, the Alumnae has given more than \$9.5 million to the University in the form of grants, fellowships, scholarships, and an endowed professorship, as well as funding special University projects and summer internships. For more information, visit The Alumnae website ([www.nualumnae.org](http://www.nualumnae.org)).