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### **Eighteen Northwestern Students Granted Summer Internships by The Alumnae of Northwestern University**

EVANSTON, Ill. --- The Alumnae of Northwestern University has selected 18 students to receive grants to fund 2019 summer internships. The Summer Internship Grant Program (SIGP) provides undergraduate students a \$3,000 stipend for completing an unpaid summer internship, while simultaneously participating in a professional development program offered by Northwestern Career Advancement (NCA). The Alumnae has been a staunch supporter of the SIGP program since 2010.

NCA serves as the program administrator, with financial support coming from The Alumnae of Northwestern University, other generous alumni donors, and the President and Provost offices. SIGP applicant numbers have soared since the program's first year, when grants were awarded to 10 students out of 90 applicants. In 2019, more than 800 students applied for grants to support summer internships; almost 400 were awarded. The Alumnae's 18 recipients were selected from a pool of 58 high quality applications.

"By sponsoring these grants, our organization is pleased to provide financial support for 18 undergraduates who will have the unique experience of a summer internship," notes Cindy Pinkerton and Judy Sanger, chairs of The Alumnae's SIGP Fellowship Committee.

Recipients of the 2019 grants were:

**Samuel Asa**, from Chicago, Ill., is a sophomore in the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science (McC) studying materials science and engineering. His internship is with Nanograf Technologies, Chicago, Ill., where he will be working on a development team in battery technology.

**Elizabeth Blair**, from Portland, Mich., is a junior in the School of Education and Social Policy (SESP). Elizabeth is majoring in secondary education and minoring in linguistics. Her internship is with the James R. Jordan Foundation in Chicago, Ill.

**Hailey Cox-Montijo**, from Chicago, Ill., is a junior (SESP) studying human development and psychological services, as well as minoring in sociology and gender & sexuality Studies. She will be at

Loyola University in Chicago assisting with data collection and research with Psychology Professor Panela Fenning.

**Tucker DeGregory**, from Gulfport, Fla., is a junior in the School of Communication (C) majoring in theatre and minoring in dance. He will be a choreography apprentice at Dance Lab in New York City, where he will attend workshops, and create choreography for professional dancers, as well as develop a private industry showing.

**Melana Ellingson**, from Minneapolis, Minn., is a junior in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences (WCAS), majoring in psychology and minoring in Spanish and business institutions. Her internship is in Chicago with LaSalle Network as a training and development intern, where she will conduct and present research on training professionals in two independent projects.

**Quentin Erickson**, from Greenwood, Ind., is a freshman in the Bienen School of Music (BSM) studying trumpet performance. He will be at the Miami Music Festival in Florida performing in the trumpet section of the orchestra, as well as participating in private lessons, master classes, and receiving chamber coaching.

**Alisha Erozer**, from Bradenton, Fla., is a junior (C) studying theatre and economics. She has secured an internship with Arcade Americana, which is a multimedia performance company under Tonic Studio in New York City. She will be assisting with development work for two key projects.

**LaTasha Harris**, from Austin, Texas, is a junior in the Medill School of Journalism (J) and WCAS studying journalism and creative writing. She will be interning in the Federal Public Defender's Office in the District of Alaska, where she will prepare legal memos, transcribe interviews, review legal cases, and assist with other administrative work.

**Mari Hernandez**, from Okemos, Mich., is a sophomore (SESP) studying learning sciences and minoring in mathematics. Mari will be interning at The Academy Group in Chicago, where she will be providing support and analysis to the education nonprofit firm.

**Samantha Khalsa Mendenhall**, from LaCanada Flintridge, Calif., is a sophomore (WCAS) studying economics and political science. Her internship is with the U.S. State Department in Geneva, Switzerland, working with the Multilateral Economic and Political Affairs Division.

**Sarah Liu**, from Schaumburg, Ill., is a sophomore (WCAS) studying economics and legal studies. She will be interning with the Cook County State's Attorney Office in Rolling Meadows, Ill., where she will be assisting attorneys while in court.

**Medet Mayrov**, from Chicago, Ill., is a freshman (McC) studying computer science. His internship is with iCodice in Chicago, where he will be a junior developer intern working on developing different websites and applications for clients.

**Dayanara Padilla**, from Chicago, Ill., is a junior (SESP) and WCAS, studying human development and psychological services and psychology. She will be interning at Advocate Children's Hospital Pediatric Development Center, where she will have one-on-one sessions with children and use play-based therapy to come up with a developmental profile for each child.

**Eden Stargardt**, from Rockford, Mich., is a freshman (BSM) studying horn performance. She will be performing at the Brevard Music Center in North Carolina for a seven-week intensive orchestral program.

**Kamish Valiani**, from Karachi, Pakistan, is a sophomore (J) and WCAS studying journalism and political science, as well as minoring in integrated marketing communications. His internship is at Teamworks Media in Chicago, which is a small marketing agency. He will manage client's social media, organize strategy on long-term campaigns, and communicate client stories to consumers.

**Augusta Victoria Saraiva**, from Rio Grande, Brazil, is a sophomore (J) and WCAS studying journalism and international studies. She will be interning for the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, D.C., where she will be working closely with the Special Rapporteur from Freedom of Expression investigating the state of journalism in different American states.

**Simon Su**, from Crystal Lake, Ill., is a sophomore (SESP) majoring in social policy and minoring in Spanish. He is hoping to become a health policy intern at the American Public Health Association in Washington, DC.

**Lily Walker, from Brooklyn, N.Y.**, is a freshman (WCAS) studying creative writing. She will be interning at the Los Angeles Black Worker Center, where she will be working with participants of the program to facilitate different outreach events and attendance in workshops.

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 and showcases the University's academic resources with the community through its Continuing Education program. Founded in 1916, the group is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> year of its continuing education programming in 2019. Since its beginning, The Alumnae has given more than \$8.5 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)).

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