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### **Eight Northwestern Students Granted 2022-2023 STEM Scholarships By The Alumnae of Northwestern University**

EVANSTON, Ill. --- The Alumnae of Northwestern University has selected eight students to receive 2022-2023 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.

Carol Willis, president, and chair 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, highly competitive 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 48 highly qualified and deserving applicants."

#### **Recipients of STEM scholarships are:**

**Victoria Chung, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences (WCAS)**, from Lawrenceville, GA, is majoring in biological sciences, with a minor in creative writing. She has a love of journalism and passion for biology and the study of life. Her ultimate goal is to attend medical school and become a pediatrician. In high school, Vicky was an AP Scholar and a National Merit Finalist. She also earned the Korean American Student Foundation Scholarship. At Northwestern she attained Dean's List status and was awarded the Summer Undergraduate Research Assistant award. On campus, she contributes to the Northwestern News Network and does interviews for a podcast.

**Emilya Ershtein, (WCAS)**, from Atlanta, GA, is pursuing a double major in economics and mathematical methods in social science. Her interest in social issues has led her to plan on entering a PhD program with the goal of pursuing a career as a social scientist. In high school, Emilya received a Lockheed Martin STEM scholarship. At Northwestern, she received the Northwestern Mathematics Award for Excellence. She is also recipient of the Golden Citizen Fellowship, having lived in India during her 2019-2020 gap year.

**Miriam Hansen-Erraziqi (WCAS)**, from Lenexa, KS, is majoring in environmental sciences; her focus in the field is on wildlife conservation and indigenous land rights. Her goal is to become involved in international environmental law and policy. In addition to being on the Dean's List, Miriam also serves as a research assistant to Dr. Katherine Hoffman in the field of anthropology. Miriam has a cochlear implant that helps her with communications, but mostly she lipreads and learns from visual context.

**Hassan Mohammad (WCAS)**, from Skokie, Ill., is on a pre-med track to study the influence that the brain and the mind have on each other. His interest in neuropsychology has led him to research the symptoms and causes of psychosis, movement disorders and depression. Hassan was the valedictorian of his high school class. At Northwestern, he received the Department Excellence Award for Undergraduate Studies and was selected as a Singer Family Scholar.

**Mariya Nemesh (WCAS)**, from Brookfield, Ill., is studying neuroscience and communication. Her plans are to complete a 4-year program in physical therapy. Currently, she is doing an independent project in Dr. Eva Redei's lab at the Feinberg School of Medicine. Her focus is on stress-induced decline in learning and memory. In high school she was awarded Research Scholar of the Year. At Northwestern, she has been named an Arch Scholar, and also serves as the vice president of events in the Northwestern Women's Network organization.

**Katelyn Nguyen, McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science (McC)**, is from Hoffman Estates, Ill., majoring in biomedical engineering. Her goal is to make healthcare affordable and accessible to everyone by improving the price and effectiveness of medical and bioelectronic devices. At Northwestern, Katelyn has been recognized by McCormick for her academic performance in both her freshman and sophomore years. She was also awarded a research fellowship at the Rogers Lab last summer, which led to a work-study job during the academic year. Katelyn is the proud owner of a black belt in karate, after a decade of training.

**Lili Pope (WCAS)**, from Belfast, Maine, is a biological science and global health major with a minor in psychology. She serves as a lab aide at the Chemistry of Life Processes Institute and is a research assistant in Renee Engeln's Body and Media lab, becoming its manager next fall. Her interest lies in the intersection of physical health and mental health. Her goal is to receive a master's degree in public health and then to earn a medical degree. She plays the cello and serves as a summer camp counselor.

**Jeongyoon Yeo (WCAS)**, from Fullerton, Calif., is majoring in mathematics and biological sciences. She plans on pursuing an MD/PhD program to prepare her for a career as a physician/scientist. Her goal is to become a surgical oncologist. In addition, she would like to do genetic research. Jeongyoon received the U.S. House of Representatives Certificate of Congressional Recognition as a STEM scholar in high school. She is also a recipient of the Gold Medal President's Volunteer Service Award.

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)).