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Twenty Northwestern Students Granted Summer Internships by The Alumnae of Northwestern University

EVANSTON, Ill. --- The Alumnae of Northwestern University has selected 20 students to receive grants to fund 2020 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 2020, more than 700 students applied for grants to support summer internships; more than 400 were awarded. The Alumnae's 20 recipients were selected from a pool of 66 high quality applications.

"By sponsoring these grants, our organization is pleased to provide financial support for undergraduates who will have the unique experience of a summer internship, especially noteworthy in these uncertain times," adds Cindy Pinkerton, chair of The Alumnae's SIGP Fellowship Committee.

Recipients of the 2020 grants were:

Karla Acosta, from Evanston, Ill., is a junior in the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science (McC) studying neuroscience. Her internship is with the Dr. Brat Neuropathy Lab on the Chicago campus conducting research with glioblastomas and tumor growth.

Samantha Aguilar, from Omaha, Neb., is a freshman in the Medill School of Journalism, Media, and Integrated Marketing Communications (J) with a double major in journalism and international studies and a minor in Chinese language. Her internship is with NOISE (North Omaha Information Support Everyone) as a reporter.

Urooj Amir, from Skokie, Ill., is a junior (McC) with a double major in chemical engineering and economics. She will be interning for STEAMBassadors as a mentor and education intern creating content and bonding with students, part of the Alternate School Network.

Kathleen Dewan, from New York City, N.Y., is a junior (McC) majoring in material science and engineering. She will be working with the Library of Congress with the Preservation Research and Testing Division.

Vanessa Garcia, from Chicago, Ill., is a junior in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences (WCAS), studying sociology and minoring in gender studies. She will be working with the Immigrant Volunteer Network as a marketing intern to encourage immigrant groups to sign up with the organization and raise awareness.

Labonita Ghose, from Milpitas, Calif., is a sophomore (WCAS) majoring in neuroscience. Her internship is in Chicago with the Feinberg School of Medicine (FSM) conducting research in oncology and hematology.

Peter Hartman, from Overland Park, Kan., is a junior (McC) double majoring in mechanical engineering and manufacturing and design engineering. He will be working in Kevin Lynch's lab at Northwestern to create fingertip force sensors for robotic/prosthetic hands.

Juliet Jacques, from Williamsport, Pa., is a sophomore (WCAS) majoring in English literature. Her internship is with Agent Publishing (Chicago, Ill.) where she will be editing articles and researching for the magazine and website.

Meredith Lohman, from Chicago, Ill., is a junior (WCAS) with a double major in biology and science in human culture, minoring in global health studies. She will be interning with the Planned Parenthood Generation Action, assisting in the Illinois office (Chicagoland area) and the Generation Action chapter at Northwestern.

Julia Lowenthal, from Rockville, Md., is a junior in the School of Education and Social Policy (SESP) studying social policy and global health studies. She will be interning for the Cook County State's Attorney Office within the Domestic Violence Court.

Mia Mamone, from Noble, Okla., is a junior (J) majoring in journalism and minoring in gender and sexuality studies. She will be interning with Northwestern's Office of Global Marketing and Communications as a newsroom intern writing press releases and articles.

Khadeejah Milhan, from Chicago, Ill., is a sophomore (WCAS) studying economics and sociology. She will be working for the Center for Political Accountability as a political spending intern.

Kelly Miller, from Arlington Heights, Ill., is a sophomore (WCAS) with a double major in political science and history, as well as a minor in philosophy. She will be interning with the Strategy for Access Foundation and assist with grant research, writing, and management to increase their funding.

Ryan Millman, from Vernon Hills, Ill., is a junior (SESP) studying human development and psychology and psychological services and psychology. His internship is with the School of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences (FSM) in the Pediatric Assessment Laboratory.

Maggie Olson, from Knoxville, Tenn., is a junior in the School of Communication (C) studying communication studies and minoring in environmental policy and culture. She will be interning at Illinois Green Alliance managing volunteers and directing marketing efforts for the Greenbuilt Home Tour virtual event.

Ruby Scanlon, from Los Angeles, Calif., is a sophomore (SESP) studying social policy, political science, journalism and international studies. She will be interning for the Bureau of Legislative Affairs at the Department of State.

Yonjoo Seo, from Bolingbrook, Ill., is a sophomore in the Bienen School of Music (BSM) and (J) studying string performance and journalism. She will be a research intern with Professor Rachel Mersey in Medill assisting with local media market research.

Sophia Simon, from Lansing, Mich., is a sophomore (C) studying communication studies and minoring in Spanish. She will be interning with One Love Global focusing on racial equity and community development as a communications intern.

Isabella Wu, from Madison, Wis., is a sophomore (BSM) double majoring in piano performance and communication studies, as well as minoring in music education. She will be a music intern with the First United Methodist Church (Evanston) and produce three polished tracks with the guidance of Andrew Huang's Music Production.

Emma Yu, from Brecksville, Ohio, is a freshman (WCAS) studying neuroscience. She will conduct research on atypical rhabdoid tumors as well as writing a literature review with Dr. Tomita at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

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 celebrated the 50th year of its continuing education programming in 2019. Since its beginning, The Alumnae has given more than \$9 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).

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