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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 2023 summer internships. The Summer Internship Grant Program (SIGP) provides undergraduate students a \$3,500 stipend for completing an unpaid summer internship, of which \$1500 is funded by The Alumnae, a staunch supporter of the SIGP program since 2010.

Northwestern Career Advancement (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 2023, about 680 students applied for grants to support summer internships and more than 350 were awarded. The Alumnae's 20 recipients were selected from a pool of 64 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 important for career-building in these uncertain times,” notes Margie Eskilson, chair of The Alumnae's SIGP Fellowship Committee.

Recipients of the 2023 Alumnae grants and their summer internship programs are:

Sopha Akinboro – Sophia is a rising junior in Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences studying Neuroscience and Global Health. This summer, Sophia is participating in the Children's Hospital of Orange County Mi4 Summer Internship Program. Sophia is participating in clinical rotations across specialities and working on a research project. Sophia is from Brea, California.

Kydie Al Moutaa – Kydie is a rising junior in Weinberg College of Arts & Science studying Neuroscience and Global Health. This summer, Kydie is conducting research for the Northwestern University Middle East and North African Studies Department. The research is on empowering Arab women, and is being conducted in Casablanca, Morocco. Kydie is from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Anna Alava – Anna is a rising junior in the School of Education & Social Policy (SESP) studying Social Policy and Neuroscience, with a minor in Asian American Studies. This summer, Anna is interning with the Illinois Office of Equity in Chicago working on various projects to advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility across Illinois. Anna is from Yardley, Pennsylvania.

Andre Avellar – Andre is a rising sophomore in Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences (WCAS) studying Biological Sciences. This summer, Andre is conducting research with the Department of Preventative Medicine at Feinberg School of Medicine. Andre is working on two projects - one on cancer prevention and another on vaccine confidence. Andre is from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Alison Clarke - Alison is a rising senior (WCAS) studying Psychology and History and pursuing an Integrated Marketing Communications Certificate. This summer, Alison is conducting research with The Family Institute at Northwestern University evaluating the effectiveness of group therapy for men convicted of domestic violence. Alison is also working on a research project in the School of Education & Social Policy. Alison is from Chicago, Illinois.

Rama Darayyad – Rama is a rising junior in the School of Communication (C) studying Human Communication Sciences. This summer, Rama is interning at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago conducting research and assisting with educational patient meetings. Rama is from Chicago, Illinois.

Renato de Souza Cardoso Leite Barros – Renato is a rising sophomore (WCAS) studying Economics. This summer, Renato is interning with the Brazilian Student Association (BRASA), a nonprofit organization, working on two scholarship programs for low-income and black Brazilian students. Renato is from Aracaju, Brazil.

Meghana Dheram – Meghana is a rising sophomore (SESP) studying Social Policy, Economics, and Data Science. This summer, Meghana is interning with Our National Conversation, as a Governance Policy Intern. Our National Conversation provides non-partisan news, opinions, and policy solutions on current issues. Meghana is from Chesterfield, New Jersey.

Jack Ding – Jack is a rising senior (WCAS) studying Political Science and Global Health. This summer, Jack is interning with the Cook County State Attorney’s Office. Jack is working in the criminal division of the Skokie Courthouse. Jack is from Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

Kimberly Espinosa – Kimberly is a rising sophomore in the Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications (J) studying Journalism. This summer, Kimberly is interning with the Koreatown Youth & Community Center and the Koreatown Storytelling Program, responsible for audio and video production, social media, and translating oral history narratives. Kimberly is from Los Angeles, California.

Addison Feldman – Addison is a rising sophomore (SESP) studying Social Policy and International Studies. This summer, Addison is working with Forging Opportunities for Refugees in America (FORA), a nonprofit organization in Chicago dedicated to helping refugee children, as a Restorative Justice Intern. Addison is from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.

Savannah Graziano – Savannah is a rising senior (WCAS) studying Psychology with minors in Environmental Policy & Culture and Legal Studies. This summer, Savannah is working with Northwestern University’s Center for Awareness, Response, and Education (CARE), a center dedicated to supporting students impacted by sexual violence or relationship violence. Savannah is also conducting research with the Culture, Brain, and Human Development Lab. Savannah is from Chicago, Illinois.

Zach Hommel – Zach is a rising junior in the Bienen School of Music (BSM) studying Trumpet Performance with a minor in Music Technology. This summer, Zach is interning with the Aspen Music Festival and School in Aspen, Colorado, participating in an 8-week orchestral program including performing major works with three orchestras. Zach is from Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York.

Amy Kim – Amy is a rising junior (WCAS) studying Political Science and History. This summer, Amy is interning with the Illinois Democratic County Chair’s Association in Springfield, Illinois. Amy is working across various departments and organizing the County Chair’s Brunch. Amy is from Brea, California.

Robin Kim – Robin is a rising senior (WCAS) studying Neuroscience with a minor in Legal Studies. This summer, Robin is interning with ALZMED Corp in Seoul, South Korea, working on an Alzheimer’s Disease project. Robin is from Huntley, Illinois.

Alessandra Liebmann – Alessandra is a rising senior (BSM) studying Horn Performance and Sociology. This summer, Alessandra is interning with the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, California, participating in chamber ensembles and the festival chamber orchestra. Alessandra is from Williamsville, New York.

Milina Miulli – Milina is a rising senior (WCAS) studying Neuroscience and Global Health with a minor in Music Cognition. This summer, Milina is conducting research for the Center for Autonomic Medicine in Pediatrics (CAMP) at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. Milina is from Park Ridge, Illinois.

Evelyn Park – Evelyn is a rising junior (WCAS) studying Neuroscience and Data Science. This summer, Evelyn is conducting research at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. The research is focused on patients receiving a duct probing procedure. Evelyn is from Franklin, Tennessee.

Courtney Sindelar - Courtney is a rising junior (WCAS) studying Cognitive Science and Linguistics with a minor in Communication Sciences & Disorders. This summer, Courtney is interning with Talk Therapy Services, a speech language clinic in Virginia, shadowing Speech Language Pathologists and working on administrative projects. Courtney is from Glen Allen, Virginia.

Sheena Tan – Sheena is a rising senior in Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences studying Psychology and Global Health with a minor in Asian American Studies. This summer, Sheena is conducting research at Northwestern University’s Social Cognition Lab. Sheena is from West Lafayette, Indiana.

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 \$9.5 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).

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