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MACAULAY HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT CHRISTINA VICIDOMINI WINS JONAS SALK SCHOLARSHIP



New York, NY – (May 13, 2014) Congratulations to Christina Vicidomini '13, Macaulay Honors College at The College of Staten Island, who earned a prestigious Jonas Salk Scholarship last month. Vicidomini earned one of only eight coveted awards presented to CUNY students annually. The award will provide an \$8,000 to apply toward medical school tuition.

The Salk program was created in 1955 to honor Dr. Jonas E. Salk, the 1934 graduate of City College who discovered the polio vaccine. Highly selective, the Salk Scholarship identifies students entering the fields of medicine and the biological sciences who are most likely to make an impact on medicine and research.

Vicidomini majored in Psychology at CSI with a particular interest in the study of the nervous system. She served as a research assistant on a project investigating behaviorally relevant changes in brain development following prenatal hypothyroidism in rats. She spent time at both CSI and the New York State Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities to complete this project.

“Ultimately, my strong work ethic comes from my self-sufficiency and determination to achieve a goal. As the first person in my family to further my education after high school, I have learned to become very independent in my studies, and also about the true definition of hard work,” said Vicidomini. “In doing so, I have developed crucial traits of commitment and stamina that I will carry over into my training, and ultimately my career.”

"Christina's passion for research and unfailing work ethic led her to become an exemplary Macaulay Scholar," says Lisa French, Macaulay's Associate Director and Advisor at CSI. "She is a source of inspiration for many of her classmates."

About Macaulay Honors College

Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York offers exceptional students a uniquely personalized education with access to the vast resources of the nation's largest urban university and New York City itself. Selected for their top high school records and leadership potential, Macaulay students receive a full-tuition scholarship, a laptop and technology support, and an Opportunities Fund to pursue global learning and service opportunities. Macaulay students enroll in one of eight CUNY senior colleges (Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, John Jay, Lehman, Queens and Staten Island). For more information, see macaulay.cuny.edu