

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### MACAULAY HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS WIN PRESTIGIOUS, MERIT-BASED AWARDS

New York, NY-- (June 12, 2013). For the third consecutive year, Macaulay Honors College has claimed a prestigious Barry M. Goldwater Scholar among the 15 students to receive an array of highly competitive, merit-based awards -- from the Watson Fellowship and Fulbright Program to the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program. Together, the impressive distinctions conferred upon Macaulay's top students this year underscore their rigor, ambition and achievement in areas ranging from community leadership and academic research to science and medicine.

This is a banner year for our students," said University Dean Ann Kirschner. "Macaulay Honors College prepares some of the most intellectually curious and high-performing students in the country. Their industry and determination have earned an exceptionally high level of recognition this year. Deeply gratified that their work has received these honors, we applaud our exceptional young people.

**THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM** *Regarded as one the most prestigious awards programs in the world, it is the U.S. government's flagship international exchange program. The Fulbright has helped to nurture 43 Nobel laureates since its founding in 1946.*

**Ivana Mellers '12 (Hunter College)** Ivana graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA degree in Anthropology and a minor in Political Science. She studied abroad in Brazil and France. She interned at the American Museum of Natural History and volunteered as a tutor at Esperanza del Barrio. While studying, Ivana worked at BBC Worldwide America and since graduating has taken a position with Hunter College, where she works to improve retention and graduation rates. A talented violist, she has played with the Hunter Symphony and is a former competitive swimmer. Her 2014 Fulbright in Chile will focus on cultural heritage in Valparaiso.

**Jaimie Stettin '11 (Hunter College/CUNY BA)** Jaimie, who majored in Literature and Cinema and graduated summa cum laude, is currently living and teaching in South Korea. She studied abroad in China and Germany and

traveled extensively on her own. She interned for the World of Children Organization and Filmmaker Magazine and also helped co-found the first City University Film Festival in 2009. She has volunteered for the Caring Community and Housing Works Used Book Café. While in Paris for her Fulbright, she will perfect her French, improve her Korean and see as many films as she can. Jaimie is also a Jewish Foundation for Education of Women Scholar.

**Madeline Yap '13 (Queens College)** As a child, Madeline's dream was to become a teacher. This July, the 21-year-old will pursue her childhood dream when she leaves for South Korea to spend a year teaching English through the prestigious Fulbright Student Program. Fluent in English and Cantonese, she has studied Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and Korean. Thanks to funding from the Macaulay Honors College Opportunities Fund, she spent last spring at Yonsei University in Seoul. During her time in Korea, she became the manager of an international Tae Kwon Do club, having achieved pre-black belt status.

**BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION PROGRAM** *Exceptionally competitive, the 49-year-old program restricts universities to nominating just four undergraduates for consideration each year. Awardees must have the potential to make significant contributions to their fields.*

**Kristina Navrazhina '14 (Hunter College)** Kristina is biology major who plans to pursue graduate and medical studies after college. She conducted research at both Yale University and Mount Sinai and is now working at the Rockefeller University. When she is not examining cells and gathering data, she can be found ballroom dancing or crafting mentor programs for young women pursuing careers in science. As a Macaulay student, she has traveled to both Israel and Argentina, developing language skills for future medical work with diverse populations. Also a Goldsmith Scholar and Lisa Goldberg/Revson Scholar, Kristina hopes to pursue graduate research in the area of genetics and molecular biology.

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM** *This year alone, the Fellowship Program drew over 13,000 applications and granted 2,000 of the coveted national awards. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in science, technology, engineering and math who are pursuing research-based graduate degrees.*

**Jan Dominik Stepinski '13 (City College)** The City College Class of 2013 valedictorian, Jan will graduate with a BE degree in environmental engineering and minors in economics and mathematics. In the fall, he will join the Institute for Computational and Mathematical Engineering at Stanford University and work on radar remote sensing with Dr. Howard Zebker, professor of geophysics and electrical engineering.

**Philip Liu '12 (City College)** Philip is studying chemical engineering at University of Texas.

**Christopher J. Parisano '08 (Queens College)** Christopher is studying anthropology at the CUNY Graduate Center.

**Aleksey Ruditskiy '12 (City College)** Aleksey is studying materials science and engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology.

**PRINCETON IN LATIN AMERICA** *Princeton in Latin America provides full-year fellowships to young, public sector professionals in development work. Placements offer important field experience to recent college grads in Latin America.*

**Ayodele Oti '12 (City College)** Ayo will be a PiLA Fellow in Peru at Sacred Valley Health in 2013-14. She is a Goldsmith Scholar and a Lisa Goldberg/Revson Scholar.

**JONAS E. SALK SCHOLARSHIP** *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. A total of eight awards are given out annually.*

**Mizanur Ahmed '13 (Brooklyn College)** Mizanur received the scholarship to prepare him for a career in emergency medicine. This senior pre-med student is a double major in Chemistry and Anthropology and will be graduating summa cum laude. During the summer of 2010, he volunteered in both New York Methodist and Lutheran Hospitals. At Methodist, he provided patient care in the Cardiology and Neurology Departments and was a Clinical Observer in Lutheran's Emergency Department. As a volunteer with the Brooklyn College chapter of Global Medical Brigades, he participated in a medical mission to Panama in June 2012. In his freshman year he joined Dr. Christopher Roman's research group at SUNY Downstate, where he is presently participating in an immunology research project.

**Anna Groysman '13 (Brooklyn College/CUNY BA)** Anna's lengthy internship at Bellevue Hospital was a gritty training ground for one of the most outstanding young medical minds in the City University system. As a volunteer with the Brooklyn College Emergency Squad, she became a licensed EMT and served as a dispatcher—even training new members on the duties and responsibilities of an emergency dispatcher. Her medical ambitions reach back to her childhood in Moldova, She committed herself to medicine by the 11th grade, working with Dr. Christopher S. Lange's lab at SUNY Downstate. Anna, who keeps up her energy with yoga, swimming and running, is an avid Latin dancer.

**Emma Schatoff '13 (City College)** Emma, biology major, will enter the Weill Cornell/ Rockefeller/ Sloan-Kettering Tri-Institutional MD-PhD

Program. Since 2010, she has been a research assistant focusing on the A-Kinase Anchoring Protein (AKAP) gene, a candidate gene for autism spectrum disorders. She also found time, as a violinist, to be a member of the CCNY instrument ensemble since 2009 and has worked with the City College Academy for Professional Preparation since 2011.

**JEANNETTE K. WATSON FELLOWSHIP** *The Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship provides internships, mentoring, and enriched educational opportunities to promising New York City undergraduates with the goal of increasing their life choices and developing their capacity to make a difference in their own and others' lives. The centerpiece of the Fellowship is on-the-job learning.*

**Alison Wong '15 (Lehman College)** Alison has always been interested in environmental issues and climate change, and she interned at the Center For Environmental Research and Conservation at Columbia University last year. She is considering a career in environmental law or international policies and majoring in environmental studies and political science. She starts her first internship at New York Needs You this summer.

**CORO FELLOWS PROGRAM IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS** *The Coro Fellowship is an experiential leadership-training program that prepares diverse, talented and committed individuals for effective and ethical leadership in the public affairs arena.*

**Kyle Athayde '13 (Hunter College)** Kyle will graduate in English Literature with minors in Public Policy and Political Science. He interned at Global Partnerships and Programmes with The British Council, led the Workforce Readiness Initiative at The Conference Board, served as a political consultant with Bill Lynch Associates, and will be the Program Manager this summer for Africaid's Whizz Kids United in Durban, South Africa. He is a Jeannette K. Watson Fellow and Goldsmith Scholar. Kyle also was Hunter's nominee for the Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships, and a Finalist for the Mitchell Scholarship.

**CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP** *The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program offers fully funded summer language institutes for U.S. university students and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.*

**Hunter Gross '15 (Hunter College)** Hunter is a student in the Chinese Flagship Center at Hunter College and is pursuing a double major in Mandarin Chinese and political science. Last summer, Hunter studied Chinese in Beijing at the Harvard Beijing Academy and is very excited to return to China this summer to continue his Chinese studies in the CLS Advanced-level Chinese program in Qingdao.

**ADDITIONAL CONGRATULATIONS** The following students were honored at their campus commencement ceremonies:

**Jan Dominik Stepinski '13 (City College)** Class of 2013 valedictorian

**Sara Wong '13 (Queens College)** Class of 2013 valedictorian  
**Cecille Bernstein '13 (Hunter)** Class of 2013 salutatorian  
**Yevgeniy Genchanok '13 (Hunter)** Class of 2013 salutatorian  
**Linda Haviv '13 (Baruch)** Class of 2013 salutatorian  
**Rachel Ilg '13 (Hunter)** Class of 2013 salutatorian  
**Albina Khayrulina '13 (Hunter)** Class of 2013 salutatorian  
**Kaitlyn O'Hagan '13 (Hunter)** Class of 2013 salutatorian  
**Alina Samusevich '13 (Hunter)** Class of 2013 salutatorian  
**Michael Sanduski '13 (Hunter)** Class of 2013 salutatorian

### **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 a \$7,500 Opportunities Fund to pursue global learning and service opportunities. A Cultural Passport provides access to museums, libraries, and other treasures around New York City. 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](http://macaulay.cuny.edu).

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