Internships and Academic Seminars

The Washington Center
2011 Scholarship Yearbook
Student Quotes

“This semester I have been interning at The Protection Project, a research institute that promotes human rights and combats human trafficking. This internship has opened my eyes to the problem of human trafficking and just how much it can degrade a society. It also allowed me to see that there are people diligently fighting to eradicate this all too pervasive industry. My academic interests lie in international development and political science, so the relationship between repressive countries and their level of human rights abuses is something I hoped to examine in greater detail. Interning at The Protection Project has allowed me to do just that. It is difficult to sum up just how beneficial my time here in Washington has been to my personal and professional life, as I would be tempted to go on and on.”

Tobiloba Afolayan, University of New Hampshire
Interned at The Protection Project
Verizon Scholar

“This summer, I have been able to catch a glimpse of the professional world and work side by side with some amazing business men and women. I had the opportunity to interact directly with professionals in my field of interest, which will be an essential asset for me in the future. The seminars, speakers, and events that I was able to attend were life changing. It was an absolute privilege to live and work in Washington, D.C. for a semester.”

Heather McKeon, California State University–Long Beach
Interned at Law Media Group
NCAA Scholar

“What I have been learning through this entire experience is that the people here in Washington, D.C. have a very determined mindset. This mindset is that they have something great to say and they will not back down until their voice is heard. This can be challenging and even nerve-racking for someone who is new to the policy world. However, I consider this challenge an invitation to an exciting life adventure. I have amazing opportunities to interview experts and Congress members on the subjects I am passionate about, attend lectures and discussions to build up my knowledge bank, and explore the rich history of the nation I call my home. I believe this summer is helping me understand what I have to offer and how I can best deliver it.”

Charity Taylor, Case Western Reserve University
Interned at The International Justice Mission
New York Life Foundation Scholar

“One of my favorite memories of The Washington Center was meeting with the congressman of my voting district to discuss public policies. Not only was I able to have a one-on-one conversation with my representative, but I was able to talk about things that mattered to me most. After our discussion, he actually invited me to the Capitol building for the Connecticut State Society Reception. I was able to see parts of the Capitol building that are not open to the public as well as meet other representatives, senators, and lobbyists from my home state. This was an unforgettable experience that I will remember for the rest of my life. It was truly an honor.”

Samantha Vogth-Eriksen, University of New Hampshire
Interned at the Law Office of Kevin Oliver
HSC Foundation Scholar

“The knowledge and experience I gained through The Washington Center and the Ford Motor Global Scholars Program will forever complement my aspirations to work in international development. I am grateful for the opportunity to spend a semester in Washington, D.C., and I look forward to applying the knowledge and experiences I gained in the nation’s capital to my final semester at Washington College. Upon graduating in May 2012, I plan to apply the skills, knowledge and experiences I gained in Washington, D.C. to reach my professional aspirations.”

Leah Sbriscia, Washington College
Interned at Arlington Refugee Services (Catholic Diocese of Arlington-Migration and Refugee Services)
Ford Motor Global Scholar

“My internship was with the U.S. Small Business Administration. They offered me a good opportunity to build professional work experience that I wasn’t familiar with before. I reviewed federal financial reports while mainly working with granting specialists. I also worked with other interns, in collaboration with the marketing director of NPO for entrepreneurship education, developing a website for youth entrepreneurship. Being exposed to a more open and horizontal organizational culture that starkly contrasts with that of Korea taught me how to properly engage and interact with colleagues in the Western work environment. The hands-on experience of the small business development program in the U.S. gave me a better perspective on the economic development issue and enhanced my academic understanding and career perspective in the field.”

Jong-Sung Choi, Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University
Interned at the U.S. Small Business Administration
Prudential Foundation Global Scholar
Creating opportunity is at the heart of The Washington Center’s educational mission. The breadth of our academic programs, our inclusive recruiting strategies, and the generosity of our donors make us an educational experience available to all.
Dear Friends and Supporters,

At The Washington Center, we believe that it is a fundamental responsibility of each member of society to help nurture, encourage, and develop the next generation of leaders. That is why we exist. We are proud to share with you our 2011 Scholarship Yearbook, which highlights all of our partners who share our vision. It is because of the generous support from corporations, foundations, higher education institutions, state legislatures, government agencies, alumni, and individuals that we are able to provide financial assistance and opportunities for students to attend our programs.

During the past year, Amber Trujillo, a student from Regis University, told us: “This experience has been incredible to my college career by taking all of the knowledge I have gained over the years and putting it into practice by applying it to the real world. I have been given the opportunity to expand my knowledge and further develop what path I take to reach my goals.”

With more than 75 percent of The Washington Center’s student body receiving financial support for the program, we would like to thank our friends and contributors who have helped us in our mission and provided students with an opportunity to test-drive their careers and link their classroom experience with the reality of the global workplace. We look forward to continuing to provide a transformational experience for students with your support.

Warm regards,

Ambassador Alan J. Blinken  
Chairman

Michael B. Smith  
President
The Washington Center Promise

The Washington Center was founded on the belief that the right experience can transform students’ lives—setting them on a course for achievement, leadership, and civic responsibility. That’s why we immerse qualified college students and professionals in our uniquely intense and productive living, working, and learning program.

The Washington Center delivers more than a semester “away,” coveted internships, and academic credit. It provides an integrated experience that transforms theory into practice, ambition into purpose, and potential into achievement. Our programs provide access to four potential paths through the world: government, business, not-for-profit, and international. Each is a distinct experience of matched internships, complementary coursework, and focused relationship building.

We are the largest academic internship program in the country, bringing together civic and business leaders, hundreds of colleges and universities, scores of public and private internship sites, 50,000 alumni, and generous donors.

Together we strive to make The Washington Center accessible to students with diverse backgrounds who will make the most of the opportunity. The Washington Center enables students and professionals to transform their careers and lives through a unique experience; colleges and universities to extend their reach, programmatically and geographically; organizations to connect with a new generation of talent; and its many donors and alumni to support and shape the next generation of leaders.
Major, multiyear partnership efforts have helped us develop distinct discipline-based funded programs, such as the Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Program—an internship focused on exploring the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals—and the Prudential Foundation Global Citizens Program.
Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Program

Since 2008, more than 85 students from around the world have participated in the Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Program, including the fall semester 2011 participants.

In 2008, The Washington Center received a grant from Ford Motor Company to create The Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Program. The mission of the program is to develop future global leaders in the area of international community development by equipping participants with in-depth knowledge of the U.N. Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); providing them with resources, skills, mentorship, and training to promote their professional success in their careers; and helping them learn ways in which they can contribute to the welfare of their communities.

The Washington Center welcomed its fourth class of Ford Motor Company Global Scholars during the fall 2011 semester. These students came from Brazil, China, India, Russia, South Africa, and the United States to Washington, D.C. to participate in the program.

Akashni Pillay  
School: University of Witwatersrand  
Major(s): International Relations, Sociology  
Internship: International Association of Women Judges  
Fall 2011

Alena Tochenaya  
School: Saint Petersburg State University  
Major(s): Undeclared  
Internship: InTrust Global Investments, LLC  
Fall 2011

Ashley Holst  
School: Drury University  
Major(s): International Relations  
Internship: National Conference on Citizenship  
Fall 2011

Barbara Crentsil  
School: Dickinson College  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: National Defense University–NESA  
Fall 2011
Di Cui  
**School:** Fudan University  
**Major(s):** Liberal Arts  
**Internship:** Voice of America  
Fall 2011

Emanuel Souto  
**School:** Universidade Federal da Bahia  
**Major(s):** Law  
**Internship:** Protection Project  
Fall 2011

Githin Mathew  
**School:** Loyola Institute of Business Administration  
**Major(s):** Marketing  
**Internship:** U.S. Small Business Administration  
Fall 2011

John Pedlowe  
**School:** San Diego State University  
**Major(s):** Political Science  
**Internship:** Embassy of Mexico, Trade and NAFTA Office  
Fall 2011

Kathleen Hagan  
**School:** University of San Diego  
**Major(s):** International Relations  
**Internship:** Institute of International Education  
Fall 2011

Leah Sbriscia  
**School:** Washington College  
**Major(s):** Economics  
**Internship:** Arlington Refugee Services (Catholic Diocese of Arlington Migration and Refugee Services)  
Fall 2011

Michael Seyer  
**School:** Villanova University  
**Major(s):** Political Science  
**Internship:** The Abraham Group TAG  
Fall 2011

Prakash Joseph  
**School:** Loyola Institute of Business Administration  
**Major(s):** Undeclared  
**Internship:** American Councils for International Education  
Fall 2011

Rafaela Seixas Fontes  
**School:** Universidade Federal da Bahia  
**Major(s):** Law  
**Internship:** Protection Project  
Fall 2011

Uwa Dduwa  
**School:** St. John Fisher College  
**Major(s):** Management  
**Internship:** Institute of International Education  
Fall 2011

Wiktoria Leja  
**School:** The College of New Jersey  
**Major(s):** International Studies  
**Internship:** Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP  
Fall 2011

Xiaoxi Guo  
**School:** Fudan University  
**Major(s):** Statistics  
**Internship:** AEPA International, Inc.  
Fall 2011

Yanelkys Benitez  
**School:** Florida State University  
**Major(s):** International Affairs  
**Internship:** National Hispanic Medical Association  
Fall 2011
The Prudential Foundation is deeply committed to the Global Citizens Program. In addition to their internship experience, students had the opportunity to participate in a site visit of Prudential’s headquarters in Newark, New Jersey. In spring 2011, students met with the CEO of Prudential, along with other executives, and participated in mock interviews.

Prudential Financial has been a generous partner to The Washington Center since 1982. In June 2009, The Prudential Foundation provided $1 million to The Washington Center to establish the Prudential Foundation Global Citizens Program. This program provides international undergraduate or graduate students from India, Japan, The Republic of Korea, and Taiwan the opportunity to spend a semester in Washington, D.C. in a program that exposes them to the role the U.S. government plays in the context of an increasingly global, interdependent world.

Apoorva Sharma
School: Amity University, UP
Major(s): Bioengineering, Biology
Internship: Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
Spring 2011

Chi Yo Cho
School: Handong Global University
Major(s): Business Management, English
Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration
Spring 2011

Chia Huan Li
School: National Taiwan University
Major(s): Finance
Internship: NewsUSA
Spring 2011

Chu-Yun Lin
School: National Taiwan University
Major(s): Undeclared
Internship: Signature Properties
Spring 2011

Dong Yub Back
School: Hanyang University
Major(s): International Studies
Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration
Spring 2011

Gaurav Bhattachrya
School: Amity University, UP
Major(s): Aerospace Engineer
Internship: Montgomery County Department of Economic Development
Spring 2011

Haeyeon Kim
School: Handong Global University
Major(s): Global Management, Law
Internship: FDL Financial Services
Spring 2011

Hana Kwon
School: Kyung Hee University
Major(s): International Studies
Internship: American Council for International Education
Spring 2011

Heesun Kim
School: Handong Global University
Major(s): Economics, Finance
Internship: FDL Financial Services
Spring 2011

Jong-Sung Choi
School: Seoul National University Graduate School of International Studies
Major(s): Undeclared
Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration
Spring 2011

Joseph Rajan
School: Loyola Institute of Business Administration
Major(s): Finance, Marketing
Internship: NewsUSA
Spring 2011

Karandeep Singh
School: Loyola Institute of Business Administration
Major(s): Undeclared
Internship: LTL Strategies
Spring 2011

Meng-Hsuan Chiang
School: National Taiwan University
Major(s): Finance
Internship: GIC Group
Spring 2011

Meryn Kim
School: Korea University
Major(s): International Studies, Business Administration
Internship: FDL Financial Services
Spring 2011

Peng-Yu Hsu
School: Fujen Catholic University
Major(s): Finance, International Business
Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration
Spring 2011

Sa La Lee
School: Handong Global University
Major(s): Global Management, International Studies
Internship: Montgomery County Department of Economic Development
Spring 2011

Saori Suzuki
School: Saitama University
Major(s): International Relations
Internship: Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation
Spring 2011

Selvina Serrao
School: Loyola Institute of Business Administration
Major(s): Finance
Internship: Yeske Buic
Spring 2011

Shang-Ting Tsai
School: National Taiwan University
Major(s): Finance
Internship: AEPA International, Inc.
Spring 2011

Shih-Ling Liu
School: Tamkang University
Major(s): Undeclared
Internship: Ecological Society of America
Spring 2011

Shinichi Tatebayashi
School: Tokai University
Major(s): Economics
Internship: American Council for International Education
Spring 2011

Shun Hosoi
School: Tokai University
Major(s): International Studies
Internship: U.S.-Japan Council
Spring 2011

Sruthi Thomas
School: Loyola Institute of Business Administration
Major(s): Finance
Internship: ElectionMall Technologies, Inc.
Spring 2011

Sunhwa Lee
School: Korea University
Major(s): Marketing
Internship: American Council for International Education
Spring 2011

Surekha Nyapati
School: Stella Maris College
Major(s): Commerce, Human Resource Management
Internship: American Council For International Education
Spring 2011
Designated Scholarship Support

Last year, The Washington Center raised more than $1.4 million for scholarship and program support through its annual gifts campaign and annual gala. Seventy-five percent of The Washington Center’s 2,000 enrolled students received scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $12,000.
Through AT&T Foundation scholarships, The Washington Center has increased the number of students with disabilities who participate in its programs each year by providing them with more opportunities to gain valuable work with experience.

AT&T has been a partner with The Washington Center for more than 20 years. Its 2011 scholars included:

**Dan O’Brien**
School: Westfield State University  
Major(s): Criminal Justice  
**Internship:** U.S. Marshals Service Health Division  
Spring 2011

**Danielle Holliday**
School: University of Iowa  
Major(s): Politics  
**Internship:** Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA)  
Spring 2011

**Kathleen Capstick**
School: University of New Hampshire  
Major(s): Political Science  
**Internship:** Senator John Kerry (D-MA)  
Spring 2011

**Lauren Bush**
School: Tennessee Technological University  
Major(s): Mechanical Engineering, Political Science  
**Internship:** Embassy of Canada  
Spring 2011

**Teresa Rowan**
School: Fitchburg State University  
Major(s): Criminal Justice  
**Internship:** Becky’s Fund  
Spring 2011

**Brian Hodes**
School: University of Iowa  
Major(s): History  
**Internship:** Voice of America  
Summer 2011
Casey Lynn  
School: Truman State University  
Major(s): History  
Internship: Aerospace Industries Association  
Summer 2011

Mackenna Head  
School: St. Edward’s University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: KSCW, Inc.  
Summer 2011

Michael Jolley  
School: University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
Major(s): Computer Science  
Internship: Dreams for Kids  
Summer 2011

Michelle Morton  
School: Florida Gulf Coast University  
Major(s): Communications  
Internship: Roll Call  
Summer 2011

Andrew Landry  
School: University of Cincinnati Main Campus  
Major(s): Criminal Justice  
Internship: Public Defender Service for D.C.–Mental Health Division  
Fall 2011

Derek Murphy  
School: Emerson College  
Major(s): Political Communications  
Internship: Financial Services Roundtable  
Fall 2011

Trevor Shanklin  
School: Rogers State University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Congressman John Sullivan (R-OK)  
Fall 2011
In 2008, The Washington Center formed a partnership with The Center for Global Understanding (CFGU), creating an internship program to increase the civic engagement of Muslim American students. This partnership provides CFGU scholars with opportunities for civic engagement, professional achievement, and leadership development.

The Washington Center and The Center for Global Understanding share a commitment to increasing the involvement of college and university students in the institutions and processes of civil society as well as increasing students’ cross-cultural understanding. CFGU scholars take part in programming that focuses on issues of special interest to them as Muslim Americans. They also benefit from the leadership training provided by The Washington Center through its structured academic internship program.

Amna Baloch  
School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Major(s): History  
Internship: Representative Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY)  
Summer 2011

Anton Attard  
School: University of Michigan–Dearborn  
Major(s): Undeclared  
Internship: Americans for Informed Democracy  
Summer 2011

Awrad Saleh  
School: Penn State–University Park  
Major(s): International Affairs  
Internship: Washington Report on Middle East Affairs  
Summer 2011

Beesan Hasan  
School: Rutgers the State University of New Jersey–Newark Campus  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: World Sindhi Institute  
Summer 2011
Esha Mahmood  
School: Trinity University  
Major(s): Biology  
Internship: U.S. Food & Drug Administration  
Summer 2011

Faisal Hassan  
School: University of Maryland–College Park  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Library of Congress  
Summer 2011

Ghatul Abdul Qayum  
School: Virginia Commonwealth University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Common Cause  
Summer 2011

Hina Samnani  
School: University of Connecticut  
Major(s): Finance  
Internship: Voice of America  
Summer 2011

Israa Al-Sayyed  
School: Arizona State University  
Major(s): Social Work  
Internship: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs–Medical Center  
Summer 2011

Julia Ahmed  
School: University of Iowa  
Major(s): Engineering  
Internship: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs–Medical Center  
Spring 2011

Latifah Saraeb  
School: University of Florida  
Major(s): Food Science  
Internship: Washington Park and People  
Summer 2011

Mahssa Mostajabi  
School: Georgia Institute of Technology  
Major(s): Liberal Arts  
Internship: Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International  
Summer 2011

Samia El Haj Ibrahim  
School: University of Southern California  
Major(s): Finance  
Internship: American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
Summer 2011

Shadia Al-Dajani  
School: Suffolk University  
Major(s): International Affairs  
Internship: Global Centurion  
Summer 2011

Zainah Khan  
School: George Washington University  
Major(s): Health  
Internship: National Hispanic Medical Association  
Summer 2011
Hearst Endowed Scholarships for Minorities

The William Randolph Hearst Foundations created the Hearst Endowed Scholarships for Minorities more than 15 years ago. The William Randolph Hearst Foundations have also supported other efforts at The Washington Center. In 2011, the foundation provided The Washington Center with a gift to name a classroom at The Washington Center’s Residential and Academic Facility.

In the mid-1990s, the William Randolph Hearst Foundations supported the creation of the Hearst Endowed Scholarships for Minorities. The return on investment on this endowment allowed The Washington Center to name Kean College communications major Byron Grant the first Hearst Scholar in 1997. Since then, 31 other Hearst scholarships have been awarded. Many of these scholarship recipients are currently in leadership positions in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. In 2011, the William Randolph Hearst Foundations made a significant investment in The Washington Center to name a classroom at the Residential and Academic Facility.

Jean Dao
School: Clark University
Major(s): Area Ethnic and Cultural Studies
Internship: Smithsonian Institute
Spring 2011
Ford Motor Company is one of The Washington Center's longest serving partners.

The support of Ford Motor Company and the Ford Motor Company Fund spans almost 25 years, beginning with their program support for the Capitol Hill Breakfast Series in 1986. In addition to unrestricted and event sponsorship, the fund has been instrumental to many important milestones that mark the development of our Diversity Leadership Initiative. It provided seed grants for the creation of the Minorities in Congress Program in 1993 and the NAFTA Leaders Program in 1996. Ford has been steadfast in supporting students of diverse backgrounds with its ongoing scholarship contribution. In 2007, Ford Motor Company approved a $1 million grant to develop the Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Program. Ford Motor Company has also served as the presenting sponsor of The Washington Center's annual gala each year since 2007.

Bryce Barraza  
School: Arizona State University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Downey McGrath Group, Inc.  
Spring 2011

Demetrice Allen  
School: University of Wisconsin–Whitewater  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Attorney General for the District of Columbia  
Spring 2011

Jenny Daverna  
School: Westfield State University  
Major(s): Communications  
Internship: Arlington Refugee Services (Catholic Diocese of Arlington–Migration and Refugee Services)  
Spring 2011

Jessica Garcia  
School: Arizona State University  
Major(s): Psychology  
Internship: Law Office of Kevin Oliver  
Spring 2011
Nandini Sharma
School: Case Western Reserve University
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: NVCC Dental Clinic
Spring 2011

Brittany Stanley
School: Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Major(s): Communications
Internship: Double R Productions
Summer 2011

Charles Pitts, Jr.
School: University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency
Summer 2011

Isaac Park
School: Georgia Institute of Technology
Major(s): Economics
Internship: Environmental Protection Agency (D.C.)
Summer 2011

Lisa Johnson
School: University of Alabama–Birmingham
Major(s): International Studies
Internship: Global Centurion
Summer 2011

Malcolm Wyche
School: Morehouse College
Major(s): Economics
Internship: The GIC Group
Summer 2011

Muhammad Cheema
School: New Jersey Institute of Technology
Major(s): Psychology
Internship: Montgomery County Public Defender’s Service
Summer 2011

Niyah Walters
School: Wright State University–Main Campus
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: District of Columbia Office on African Affairs
Summer 2011

Shawn Sheppard
School: Montana State University–Bozeman
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: TechAmerica
Summer 2011

Stephanie Murti
School: California State University–East Bay
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Arlington Refugee Services (Catholic Diocese of Arlington–Migration and Refugee Services)
Summer 2011
The HSC Foundation Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

In addition to the college-to-work training opportunities that students receive, the initiative also adds value to the placement sites when they begin to learn of the great ways in which students with disabilities can contribute to their organizations.

The Washington Center’s partnership with The HSC Foundation began in 2007 through a challenge grant to help increase the participation of students with disabilities in our internship programs. The Washington Center has successfully leveraged this grant to raise scholarship support for students with disabilities from additional donors.

Annaliese Henwood  
School: Saint Joseph’s University  
Major(s): Psychology  
Internship: The Empowering Center for Employment and Career Development  
Spring 2011

Brian Compton  
School: Stonehill College  
Major(s): Business Administration  
Internship: Child Trends  
Spring 2011

Erin Koch  
School: Alverno College  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance  
Spring 2011

Jessica Tenney  
School: University of Massachusetts–Lowell  
Major(s): Psychology  
Internship: National Association of Federally Impacted Schools  
Spring 2011

Samantha Vogth-Eriksen  
School: University of New Hampshire  
Major(s): Political Science, Justice  
Internship: Law Office of Kevin Oliver  
Spring 2011

Austin Wermers  
School: Loyola Marymount University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Representative Duncan Hunter, Jr. (R-CA)  
Summer 2011
In summer 2011 HSC Scholars attended a Simpson-Mineta Leaders Series event. In this series of highly regarded speakers, distinguished professionals from the government, media, business, and non-profit worlds address and interact with students.

Joy Webb
School: Xavier University of Louisiana
Major(s): English
Internship: National Hispana Leadership Institute
Summer 2011

Stephen Hauser
School: Eastern Kentucky University
Major(s): Journalism
Internship: National Associate of Hispanic Publications
Summer 2011

Uloma Chiaikpo
School: Howard University
Major(s): Economics
Internship: Management Dynamics Inc.
Summer 2011
Jeffrey Jones Scholarships

Through the generous support of Jeffrey D. Jones, an attorney with Korea’s premier law firm Kim & Chang, The Washington Center established a new scholarship award in 2009 to create opportunities for students from Korean universities to participate in our transformational academic internship program in Washington, D.C.

The skills developed and lessons learned through The Washington Center’s program will enable selected students to contribute meaningfully to the ongoing globalization of Korea and the strengthening of economic ties between Korea and the United States. One student was awarded a Jeffrey Jones Scholarship during 2011.

Eun Hye Kim
School: Kyung Hee University
Major: International Studies
Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration—Washington Metropolitan Area District Office
Fall 2011
BAE Systems provided scholarships to students with academic backgrounds in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to participate in The Washington Center’s programs. Scholarship support from BAE Systems was part of a larger grant that enabled The Washington Center to remodel and strengthen its Science, Technology and Society program over the past two years. This enhanced program provides better internship opportunities and academic support to students from STEM disciplines.

JoAnna Adkisson  
School: Belmont University  
Major(s): Biology  
Internship: Pan American Health & Education Foundation  
Summer 2011

Julia Ahmed  
School: University of Iowa  
Major(s): Engineering  
Internship: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs–Medical Center  
Summer 2011

Ryan Deivert  
School: Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania  
Major(s): Computer Science  
Internship: Metropolitan Police Department  
Summer 2011

Dustin Robles  
School: The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
Major(s): Biology  
Internship: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs–Medical Center  
Summer 2011

Sentel Rodgers  
School: Youngstown State University  
Major(s): Civil Engineering  
Internship: Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority  
Summer 2011
The New York Life Foundation Diversity Scholarships are designated to students interested in careers in the financial services industry. Students are selected through one or a combination of the following criteria: relevant major (business, finance, management, accounting, economics, and others); internship with a financial services organization; and/or exposure to specific professional skills relevant to the industry. Since 2002, more than 100 college and university students have received New York Life Foundation Diversity Scholarships. Eleven scholarships were awarded in 2011.

Cory Cha
School: University of Cincinnati–Main Campus
Major(s): Finance, Accounting
Internship: Department of Commerce–MBDA
Spring 2011

Claudia Hasbun
School: Grand Valley State University
Major(s): International Affairs and Economics
Internship: National Defense University–Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies
Spring 2011

Charity Taylor
School: Case Western Reserve University
Major(s): Business Management
Internship: International Justice Mission
Summer 2011

Jessica Owen
School: Wilberforce University
Major(s): Accounting
Internship: Trout Unlimited
Summer 2011

Fall 2011 New York Life Foundation Scholars had the opportunity to meet with Christine Park, President of the New York Life Foundation, in Washington, D.C.
Ricardo Cerqueda  
**School:** Ohio Valley University  
**Major(s):** Criminal Justice  
**Internship:** U.S. Marshals Service  
Summer 2011

Stephen Wilson  
**School:** Western Kentucky University  
**Major(s):** Sports Management  
**Internship:** The Empowering Center for Employment and Career Development  
Summer 2011

William Washington  
**School:** Ball State University  
**Major(s):** Business Administration  
**Internship:** U.S. Small Business Administration  
Summer 2011

Alexandria Coubertier  
**School:** SUNY at Geneseo  
**Major(s):** Education  
**Internship:** Peace Corps  
Fall 2011

Jason Campos  
**School:** Loyola Marymount University  
**Major(s):** History  
**Internship:** Council on Hemispheric Affairs  
Fall 2011

Michelle Cruz  
**School:** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
**Major(s):** Business  
**Internship:** National Defense University–Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies  
Fall 2011

Vanessa Garcia  
**School:** Hult International Business School  
**Major(s):** Business Administration  
**Internship:** U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce  
Fall 2011
Since 2001, Triple-S Management Corporation has supported The Washington Center in order to provide scholarships for Puerto Rican students participating in the Córdova Congressional Internship Program. Through scholarship support, Triple-S has helped to develop the next generation of leaders for Puerto Rico by providing them with an academic internship experience in Washington, D.C., in which they test-drive their future careers, develop leadership skills, and consider ways they can give back to their communities.

Franchesca Rodriguez  
School: University of Puerto Rico–Bayamon  
Major(s): Business Administration  
Internship: National Council of La Raza  
Spring 2011

Diego Puello  
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Representative Raul Labrador (R-ID)  
Fall 2011
Univision Córdova Program Scholarships

For more than a decade, Univision has supported Puerto Rican students participating in the Córdova Congressional Internship Program. In addition, Univision has provided funding for the Pilar Barbosa Education Internship Program, which gives public school teachers from Puerto Rico the opportunity to come to Washington, D.C. for four weeks and take part in a myriad of activities that focus on U.S. education trends and policies.

Gerardo Chaves-Reyes
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Representative José E. Serrano (D-NY)  
Spring 2011

Maria Ferrer
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Pre-Law
Internship: Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration  
Spring 2011

Keishla Martinez
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Journalism
Internship: Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)  
Spring 2011

Natalia Ramierz Díaz
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Psychology
Internship: Representative Charles Rangel (D-NY)  
Spring 2011

Nelson Rivera
School: University of Turabo
Major(s): Undeclared
Internship: National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators  
Spring 2011

Glorivette Aguayo
School: University of the Sacred Heart
Major(s): Accounting
Internship: Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration  
Fall 2011

Ginna Alvira Rosa
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Undeclared
Internship: Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)  
Fall 2011

Alma Díaz
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Interdisciplinary Studies
Internship: Representative Pedro Pierluisi (D-PR)  
Fall 2011

Jonathan Medina
School: Universidad del Este
Major(s): Marketing
Internship: National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators  
Fall 2011
Joshua Molina Rivera
School: Inter-American University of Puerto Rico–Metropolitan
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Representative José E. Serrano (D-NY)
Fall 2011

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School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Representative Raul Labrador (R-ID)
Fall 2011

Pedro Rivera
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Biology, Environmental Science
Internship: City of San Juan Affairs Office
Fall 2011

Frederick Vélez III Burgos
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Representative José E. Serrano (D-NY)
Fall 2011
Banco Popular Program Scholarships

Córdova students attended a workshop on federal proposals at the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration.

Banco Popular is a long-time supporter of the Córdova Internship Program. Banco Popular provides opportunities for college students from Puerto Rico to spend a semester interning in Washington, D.C. Banco Popular also serves as a sponsor of The Washington Center’s annual gala.

Coralis Bonilla  
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras  
Major(s): Undeclared  
Internship: Telemundo  
Spring 2011

Nicole Diaz-Ramos  
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras  
Major(s): Biology  
Internship: Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)  
Spring 2011

Gabriela Luciano  
School: University of Puerto Rico–Mayaguez  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Representative Pedro Pierluisi (D-PR)  
Spring 2011

Orlando Montanez  
School: University of the Sacred Heart  
Major(s): Undeclared  
Internship: Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration  
Spring 2011

Brayan Rosa  
School: University of Puerto Rico–Carolina  
Major(s): Psychology, Justice  
Internship: National Council of La Raza  
Fall 2011

Monica Sanchez  
School: Caribbean University  
Major(s): Engineering, Civil Engineering  
Internship: Representative Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)  
Fall 2011

Javier Torres  
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras  
Major(s): Chemistry  
Internship: National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators  
Fall 2011
Verizon, along with its former companies, has supported students attending The Washington Center for more than two decades. In addition, Verizon provides funding for the Public Policy Dialogues on Capitol Hill, which gives interns the opportunity to hear from and meet with Capitol Hill policy-makers, including members of Congress and their professional staff. The meetings provide opportunities for personal interaction and discussions on policy, politics, and legislation affecting the lives of students and communities. Verizon is also one of the major sponsors of The Washington Center annual gala.

Verizon Foundation Diversity Scholarships

Rose Stuckey Kirk, president of the Verizon Foundation, spoke to our summer 2011 students and met with Verizon Scholars.

Aleeza Asghar
School: Illinois Wesleyan University
Major(s): Economics
Internship: Merrill Lynch
Spring 2011

Amber Trujillo
School: Regis University
Major(s): Politics
Internship: Embassy of Canada
Spring 2011

Faheem Farooq
School: The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
Major(s): Biology
Internship: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Spring 2011

Nilysha Lovett
School: Mount St. Mary’s University
Major(s): Communications
Internship: Epic PR Group
Spring 2011

Quaishiona Carter
School: University of Massachusetts–Dartmouth
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Senator John Kerry (D-MA)
Spring 2011

Amanda Oriz
School: The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
Major(s): Criminal Justice
Internship: Offender Aid and Restoration
Summer 2011
Verizon also supports the Public Policy dialogues on Capitol Hill, including this one with Congressman Alan West (R-FL) and Students from Florida.

Agbeko Petty  
School: University of Washington–Seattle  
Major(s): Pre-Law  
Internship: Protection Project  
Summer 2011

Beesan Hasan  
School: Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey Newark Campus  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: World Sindhi Institute  
Summer 2011

Brandon Smith  
School: Morgan State University  
Major(s): Industrial and Systems Engineering  
Internship: National Hispanic Construction Association  
Summer 2011

Brent Johnson  
School: St. Edward’s University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Keiloch Consulting  
Summer 2011

Christina Campbell  
School: University of Virginia  
Major(s): History  
Internship: Representative Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY)  
Summer 2011

Kelley Willis  
School: Montclair State University  
Major(s): Psychology  
Internship: National Education Association  
Summer 2011

Mahssa Mostajabi  
School: Georgia Institute of Technology  
Major(s): Liberal Arts  
Internship: Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International  
Summer 2011

Muthuuri Kimathi  
School: The University of Texas at Dallas  
Major(s): Undeclared  
Internship: Concise Concepts LLC  
Summer 2011

Tobiloba Afolayan  
School: University of New Hampshire  
Major(s): International Affairs, Communications  
Internship: Protection Project  
Fall 2011
The Washington Center partnered with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to provide scholarship support for student athletes participating in TWC’s 2011 summer term academic internship program in Washington, D.C.

Three NCAA student-athletes represented their various athletic divisions during TWC’s summer internship program.

Kelly Curtis
School: Springfield College
Major(s): Sports Management
Internship: Book Hill Partners
Summer 2011

Dustin Donnell
School: California State University-Stanislaus
Major(s): Management
Internship: Dreams for Kids
Summer 2011

Heather McKeon
School: California State University-Long Beach
Major(s): Psychology
Internship: Law Media Group
Summer 2011
Annual Gala

Through The Washington Center’s annual gala, we secure unrestricted scholarships that support our Civic Engagement Awards and financial aid for students in our honors programs. The annual gala also provides opportunities for our university partners to promote their programs in the nation’s capital, to engage with their own alumni in the region, and to strengthen opportunities for more of their students to take advantage of The Washington Center internship experience.
The Washington Center Gala

The Washington Center’s Gala 2011 celebrated the many individuals and organizations that partner with us to develop our students’ talents and turn their ambition into a greater purpose.

The Washington Center President Michael Smith, former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta and his wife, Deni Mineta, and Suhail Khan, Director of Government Relations at Microsoft, celebrate The Washington Center’s annual gala.

The Honorable Juan Jośe Sabines Guerrero, Governor of Chiapas, Mexico, received the Pillar Award for Civic Engagement.

Washington Center students had the opportunity to attend the gala and meet some of the many supporters who make our programs possible.


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**Gala Honors**

On October 3, 2011, at the National Building Museum, The Washington Center recognized individuals and institutions that have made a significant impact on our global community.

**Pillar Award for Professional Achievement**

The Honorable Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
United States Senate

**Pillar Award for Civic Engagement**

The Honorable Juan José Sabines Guerrero
Governor of the State of Chiapas, Mexico

**Pillar Award for Leadership**

The Honorable Harold “Hal” Rogers (R-KY)
United States House of Representatives

**Higher Education Civic Engagement Award Recipients**

Chosen from more than 140 colleges and universities nominated for this honor, these six institutions are accomplishing remarkable things in their efforts to promote service learning and engagement with their local, national, and international communities. We commend these institutions as models for the many other colleges and universities working to foster learning and involvement in the larger world.

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**DePaul University**

**Duke University**
**Florida Gulf Coast University**
**San Francisco State University**

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State Partnerships

Last year, The Washington Center partnered with 11 states to provide generous financial aid for students. These efforts promote young talent and will serve to develop state workforces in the coming years.

*Congressman Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ) meets with Washington Center students from Richard Stockton College of New Jersey to discuss policy issues critical to the congressional district through the Public Policy Dialogues on Capitol Hill Program.*
State Scholarship Awards

The State Relations Initiative has been a cornerstone of The Washington Center’s scholarship efforts since 1995. More than 20 state initiatives have been launched over the last 15 years, allowing thousands of college and university students to complete internships with the financial support of scholarships funded by their state governments. Many of the students who have received scholarships come from diverse or economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

State appropriations or grants have frequently fallen somewhere between $50,000 and $500,000, and individual scholarships typically range between $3,000 and $6,000. State legislatures and departments of higher education usually choose to provide scholarship support for public university students, but some states provide scholarship support for both public and private university students. Approximately 40 percent of The Washington Center’s domestic enrollment comes from funded states.

Alabama

Established in 2010, the Alabama state partnership awarded scholarships in 2011 from the following schools:
- Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University
- Jacksonville State University
- University of Alabama–Birmingham

Arkansas

Established in 2006, the Arkansas state partnership awarded scholarships in 2011 to students from the University of Central Arkansas.

Arizona

Established in 2007, The Washington Center’s partnership with Arizona State University awarded scholarships in 2011 to students from Arizona State University.

Florida

Established in 1996, the Florida state partnership awarded scholarships in 2011 to students from the following schools:
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida International University
- Florida State University
- University of Central Florida
- University of Florida
- University of North Florida
- University of South Florida
- University of South Florida–Saint Petersburg
- University of West Florida

Kentucky

Established in 2004, the Kentucky state partnership awarded scholarships in 2011 to students from the following schools:
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Northern Kentucky University
- Morehead State University
- Murray State University
- Western Kentucky University

Massachusetts

Established in 2000, the Massachusetts state partnership awarded scholarships in 2011 to students from the following schools:
- Bridgewater State College
- Fitchburg State College
- Salem State University
- University of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- University of Massachusetts–Amherst
- University of Massachusetts–Dartmouth
- University of Massachusetts–Lowell
- Westfield State College
- Worcester State University
Maryland
Established in 2002, the Maryland state scholarship program awarded scholarships in 2011 to students from the following schools:

- Anne Arundel Community College
- Baltimore City Community College
- Morgan State University
- Mount St. Mary’s University
- Towson University
- University of Maryland College Park

Mississippi
Established in 2010, the Mississippi state scholarship program awarded scholarships in 2011 to students from the following schools:

- Alcorn State University
- Jackson State University
- Mississippi State University
- Mississippi University for Women
- University of Southern Mississippi

Pennsylvania
Established in 2004, the Pennsylvania state scholarship, in conjunction with scholarship support from The Washington Center, awarded scholarships in 2011 to students from the following schools:

- Alvernia College
- Arcadia University
- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
- California University of Pennsylvania
- Clarion University of Pennsylvania
- Dickinson College
- East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
- Gannon University
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
- Lebanon Valley College
- Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- St. Joseph’s University
- Shippensburg University
- Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
- Villanova University
- West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Puerto Rico
Established in 1994, the Puerto Rico scholarship program awarded scholarships in 2011 to students from the following schools:

- Carribean University
- Inter-American University–Mayaguez
- Inter-American University–Metropolitan
- Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico–Ponce
- University of Puerto Rico–Bayamon
- University of Puerto Rico–Carolina
- University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
- University of the Sacred Heart
- Universidad del Este
- University of Turabo

Tennessee
Established in 2007, the Tennessee state partnership awarded scholarships in 2011 to students from the following schools:

- East Tennessee State University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Tennessee State University
- Tennessee Technological University
- The University of Memphis
Federal Partnerships

Students from across the country have an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in federal agencies. Many utilize the experience to join federal agencies upon graduation. Studies show that internships provide the best return on investment for recruiting new talent to an organization. Intern recruits tend to stay with their employers longer, minimizing the impact of turnover on the organization. For the last eight years, The Washington Center has partnered with numerous federal agencies to address the workforce planning challenges the federal government faces.

The Washington Center has been a link for the federal government to a diverse, highly talented pool of candidates who are interested in becoming the next generation of public servants. In fact, 20 to 25 percent of Washington Center students interning in federal agencies are converted to full-time employment, while the average conversion rate in the federal government is 6 percent.

Our internship programs are a distinctive combination of workforce training, experiential education, and leadership development designed specifically for the critical role federal agencies play in attracting a highly qualified and diverse future workforce. As a result, participants gain relevant “real world” work experience, make contacts critical to developing their professional network, and learn to tie classroom learning with their future career. Students also gain a better understanding and greater appreciation for the federal government by exploring future career opportunities through these tailored internship programs.

Currently, The Washington Center partners with many federal agencies, including:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- Human and Health Services
- Internal Revenue Service
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- U.S. Department of the Treasury
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
International Initiatives
International Partnerships

The Washington Center has developed partnerships with the international higher education community and government sectors since its first NAFTA Leaders Internship Program in 1996. Currently, we have 145 signed agreements from 45 countries, and students from abroad make up between 15 and 20 percent of our student body every year. The following partnerships provide financial support to their students.

Canada

In 2011, The Washington Center expanded the number of active Canadian provinces and universities that were sending students to its programs. Most of these students were able to take part in the experience thanks to the financial assistance of their provincial governments.

Participants came from the following universities:

Saskatchewan: New agreements with the University of Saskatchewan and University of Regina will enable at least ten of Saskatchewan’s best students to represent the province in Washington in 2012, developing their professional skills and knowledge while fostering Canada-U.S. relations. Like students from Québec, New Brunswick, and Alberta, Saskatchewan students nominated by post-secondary institutions have access to provincial scholarships offered by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment, and Immigration.

Québec: McGill has become the latest partner to join the 12-year-old Memorandum of Understanding between The Washington Center and the Ministry of International Relations of Québec.

Alberta: Universities such as Mount Royal University and the University of Lethbridge seized the opportunity provided by the government of Alberta to send their first cohort of students in 2011. The agreement with the province was renewed for three more years, providing the opportunity for at least 75 more students to attend The Washington Center programs.

Mexico

In 2011, 54 individuals from Mexico participated in The Washington Center’s Governors Program, including students, public servants, and young professionals from Queretaro, Chiapas, and Sinaloa. The participation of all these students was made possible with funding from their respective state governors. During the semester, the students developed a project that would impact and improve the well-being of their regions by attracting investment or by representing a regional product or an industry. Upon the students’ return to Mexico, these projects were presented to their state governors, and some were implemented.

In the same year, The Washington Center organized two academic seminars for high-ranking officials coming from the Mexican Federal Supreme Court of Elections sponsored by the United Nations Program for Development, and another two seminars for deans coming from community colleges in Mexico.
Belgium

In 2011, The Flemish Minister for Education, Youth, Equal Opportunities, and Brussels Affairs and The Washington Center renewed the Memorandum of Understanding to continue providing scholarship opportunities for eligible students from the region of Flanders to participate in The Washington Center's programs. The Minister provided €75,000 in funding to support ten €7,500 scholarships in the spring and fall semesters of 2011. A new Affiliation Agreement with Artvelde University College Ghent allows students from this university to participate in the initiative as well. As of today, we have signed six agreements with universities in Belgium.

Ellen De Schepper
School: Hasselt University
Major(s): Environmental Policy
Internship: World Resources Institute
Fall 2011

Evelyn Van Raemdonck
School: Catholic University of Leuven
Major(s): Business Law
Internship: Manchester Trade
Fall 2011

Ilse Schoonkaap
School: Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Major(s): Communications
Internship: Double R Productions
Fall 2011

Jana Bens
School: Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Major(s): Marketing
Internship: TechAmerica Foundation
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Major(s): Law
Internship: Oden & Dillard, PLLC
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School: Catholic University of Leuven
Major(s): Business Economics
Internship: The GIC Group
Fall 2011

Sarie Robijt
School: Catholic University of Leuven
Major(s): Business Economics
Internship: The GIC Group
Fall 2011

Sharon Coolen
School: Catholic University of Leuven
Major(s): Finance
Internship: Merrill Lynch
Fall 2011

Sven Rosius
School: Catholic University of Leuven
Major(s): Communications
Internship: ElectionMall Technologies, Inc.
Fall 2011

Brecht De Rijck
School: Ghent University
Major(s): History
Internship: Asia America Initiative
Spring 2011

Elke Van Schil
School: University of Antwerp
Major(s): International Relations
Internship: United Macedonian Diaspora
Spring 2011

Michelle Troubleyn
School: University of Antwerp
Major(s): Communications
Internship: Smithsonian Office of Policy and Analysis
Spring 2011

Milan Godin
School: Ghent University
Major(s): Law
Internship: National Whistleblowers Center
Spring 2011

Robin Marx
School: Hasselt University
Major(s): Computer Science
Internship: ElectionMall Technologies, Inc.
Spring 2011
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The transformational experience our students receive is made possible through the collaboration network of individuals within institutions of higher education, the international community, the corporate and foundation sectors, internship organizations, alumni, and the leadership and staff of The Washington Center.
The Washington Center’s Honor Roll of Donors

Public and private contributions and grants make up approximately 35 percent of the organization’s budget. A handful of The Washington Center’s funding relationships span more than two decades; others are brand new. These relationships vary in depth, breadth, and reach. Leveraging networks, resources, and opportunities grows the impact of these gifts substantially. At the center of these collaborative partnerships is a unanimous purpose: preparing college students and young professionals for leadership, professional achievement, and civic engagement.

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