Student Quotes

“I chose to participate in The Washington Center because I wanted to have a transition from school to the workplace. My time in Washington, D.C. has taught me a lot about my strengths and weaknesses, and I have a better understanding of the career path I would like to pursue. The Washington Center has been an incredible experience and has opened doors to so many new opportunities. The organization does a tremendous job presenting us with opportunities to meet people in career fields that we would like to pursue, and has done a great deal of work to prepare us for the future. Interning with the United States Marshals Service Office of Congressional Affairs in Arlington, VA has been an incredible and invaluable experience—one that has presented me with opportunities that I would never have been able to partake in otherwise.”

Adam Hiatt, Worcester State University
Interned at U.S. Marshals Service
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Scholar

“This internship has helped me to understand international relations and United States foreign policy in a very in depth way. My goal in life is to become a diplomat for my country and serve the nation by framing foreign policies and improving alliances with different countries. After I graduate, I would like to pursue a degree in international economics and international relations. I have had the privilege to meet a number of government officials and representatives here in Washington, which has helped broaden my vision and reinforce my desire to pursue a career in this field.”

Ankit Gupta, Amity University Uttar Pradesh
Interned at Osgood Center for International Studies
Prudential Foundation Global Citizen Scholar

“During my internship at World Resources Institute, I’ve had the opportunity to experience the climate and energy arena throughout the city by attending Congressional hearings, conferences and expositions. For instance, I was able to attend the National Journal’s Policy Summit, Perils and Prospects of an ‘All of the Above’ Approach to the Energy Future. I listened to energy, environment, economics and policy leaders debate this critically important issue while I conversed with the finest intellectuals in these fields. Later in the semester, I was able to use the knowledge I gained to have an informed conversation with my Congressman, Tim Griffin, about current energy and jobs issues back home in Arkansas.”

Basia Bartczak, Auburn University
Interned at World Resources Institute
Motorola Solutions Foundation Scholar

“I have acquired so much knowledge from participating in The Washington Center Program that I would not have been able to receive anywhere else. While interning at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in the Pharmacy department, I had the opportunity to pre-pack medication, deliver I.V.’s to the patients in the hospital, check the expiration dates on drugs and document them, and help fill the labels with the medications that patients needed. I also attended some of the in-services that were held for the pharmacists. The hands-on experience has made me appreciate the many roles and responsibilities that a pharmacist is faced with on a daily basis. It was also a reality check for me to see if I could do this line of work as a career and for the rest of my life. I feel so much more confident than before I came to this program that I can for sure accomplish my goals and dreams if I just stay focused and work really hard.”

Floryn Ajuzie, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Interned at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs-Medical Center
Sam Rose Scholar

“I am interning this fall at the White House Council on Environmental Quality with the legislative affairs team. With my experience in campaigns and lobbying and my love for environmental issues, this was an excellent fit for me. I have learned many things from my internship like how the politics of Capitol Hill affects policy making and the president’s agenda. I am also taking a class called ‘Issues in Science Policy’ and I am in the Science, Technology and Society Program. I have been lucky to have been able to complement my internship with both my class studies and my program activities. The Washington Center has truly made everything come full circle.”

Emily Hajjar, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Interned at the White House
AT&T Foundation Scholar

“I am majoring in Area Studies (Comparative Studies) at the School of International Relations at Saint Petersburg State University in Russia, and my area of study is North America. Having the opportunity to study in the U.S., to visit great international capitals including Washington, D.C. and New York City, and to see the concentration of power in the region which I am studying is extremely important for me. I was fortunate that this, my first visit to the U.S., coincided with historical national elections. I was interested in this part of the world since my childhood and now I’ve finally had my first trip to this land. For me, as a future specialist in international relations, the experience I’ve gotten here during this semester cannot be overstated.”

Mikhail Strokan, Saint Petersburg State University
Interned at InTrust Global Investments, LLC
Ford Motor Company 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 each member of society shares a basic civic duty to helping educate young, future leaders by giving them the tools they need to be active, engaged global citizens. We are proud to share with you our 2012 Scholarship Yearbook, which highlights all of our partners who work with us to accomplish this mission. 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 for students to attend our programs—students who may otherwise not have the chance to experience such an opportunity.

During the past year, Urvashi Banerjea, a student from The College of New Jersey, told us: “I have truly been able to realize my aspirations and goals through each and every experience I have had here in Washington, D.C. Through The Washington Center, students from all around the world are given a once in a lifetime chance to immerse themselves in the culture of D.C. and develop professionally and socially in all aspects of their lives.”

More than 75 percent of The Washington Center’s student body receives financial support to attend the program, and for this we would like to thank our friends and contributors who share our vision. With your help, we are continuing to provide students the chance to test-drive their careers with professional experience and link the knowledge gained in the classroom to the reality of the global workplace. We look forward to continue providing 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.
Funded Programs

Major, multi-year 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 105 students from around the world have participated in the Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Program, including the fall semester 2012 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 fifth class of Ford Motor Company Global Scholars during the fall 2012 semester. These students came from Brazil, China, India, Russia, and the United States to Washington, D.C. to participate in the program.

**Lis Chimaras**  
School: Florida Gulf Coast University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Seraphim Global  
Term: Fall 2012

**Anna Cho**  
School: Loyola Marymount University  
Major(s): Psychology  
Internship: NASPA–Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education  
Term: Fall 2012

**Sun Dan**  
School: Fudan University  
Major(s): Business Administration  
Internship: Thoron Development  
Term: Fall 2012

**Erick Diaz**  
School: University of San Diego  
Major(s): International Relations  
Internship: Global Giving  
Term: Fall 2012

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Icaro Gama  
School: Federal University of Bahia (UFBA)  
Major(s): Diplomacy  
Internship: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Term: Fall 2012

Abhishek Ganguly  
School: Loyola Institute of Business Administration  
Major(s): Marketing  
Internship: Study Sparkz  
Term: Fall 2012

Tasha Griffiths  
School: University of San Diego  
Major(s): International Relations  
Internship: Global Giving  
Term: Fall 2012

Misha Hurd  
School: Loyola Marymount University  
Major(s): Communications  
Internship: White House  
Term: Fall 2012

Justin Joseph  
School: Loyola Institute of Business Administration  
Major(s): Human Resource Management  
Internship: Study Sparkz  
Term: Fall 2012

Heather Kelahan  
School: University of Alaska Anchorage  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Office of Surface Mining  
Term: Fall 2012

Tianyin Lu  
School: Saint Petersburg State University  
Major(s): Public Relations  
Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration  
Term: Fall 2012

Alissa Marsh  
School: Grand Valley State University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)  
Term: Fall 2012

Kasturi Pal  
School: Loyola Institute of Business Administration  
Major(s): Marketing  
Internship: Signature Properties  
Term: Fall 2012

Jennifer Rutter  
School: Belmont University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Baptist Joint Committee  
Term: Fall 2012

Anisha Sequeira  
School: Loyola Institute of Business Administration  
Major(s): Human Resource Management  
Internship: Rockville Women’s Business Center  
Term: Fall 2012

Lukas Silva  
School: Universidade Presbiteriana Mackenzie  
Major(s): Marketing  
Internship: Green Seal  
Term: Fall 2012

Anthony Stripling  
School: Texas Christian University  
Major(s): English Literature  
Internship: United Nations Association of the National Capital Area  
Term: Fall 2012

Mikhail Strokan  
School: Saint Petersburg State University  
Major(s): International Relations  
Internship: InTrust Global Investments, LLC  
Term: Fall 2012

Paige Wambold  
School: Arizona State University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Arlington Refugee Services (Catholic Diocese of Arlington-Migration and Refugee Services)  
Term: Fall 2012

Ruoxi Zha  
School: Fudan University  
Major(s): Journalism  
Internship: Voice of America  
Term: Fall 2012
The Prudential Foundation Global Citizens Program, a cohort of 26 international students from India, Japan, Korea and Taiwan, attended a two-day site visit from April 19-20 at Prudential headquarters in Newark, New Jersey. The students had the opportunity to meet with and learn from a number of Prudential executives, including CEO John Strangfeld, 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, South 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.

Nikita Agarwal
School: Christ University
Major(s): Management Studies
Internship: PBS’ To the Contrary
Term: Spring 2012

Duen-Wen Chang
School: National Yunlin University of Science and Technology
Major(s): Business Administration
Internship: GIC Group
Term: Spring 2012

Haegun Chung
School: Korea University
Major(s): International Studies and Economics
Internship: The Committee for Human Rights in North Korea
Term: Spring 2012

Shaurya Garg
School: Birla Institute of Management Technology
Major(s): Finance
Internship: AEPA Architects and Engineers, P.C.
Term: Spring 2012

Ankit Gupta
School: Amity University Uttar Pradesh
Major(s): Computer Sciences and Technology
Internship: Osgood Center for International Studies
Term: Spring 2012

Chiayu Hsiao
School: National Chengchi University
Major(s): Finance and Journalism
Internship: Voice of America
Term: Spring 2012

Lily Hui-Chiun Huang
School: National Chengchi University
Major(s): Banking and Accounting
Internship: Signature Properties
Term: Spring 2012

Sachiko Iimori
School: Tokai University
Major(s): Engineering
Internship: AEPA Architects and Engineers, P.C.
Term: Spring 2012
Ayumi Ito  
School: Keio University  
Major(s): Policy Management  
Internship: Mason Small Business Development Center  
Term: Spring 2012

Hiroya Iwashita  
School: Tokai University  
Major(s): Sports Management  
Internship: American Councils for International Education  
Term: Spring 2012

Vipul Jakhodia  
School: Amity University Uttar Pradesh  
Major(s): Marketing and Finance  
Internship: AGCO  
Term: Spring 2012

Madhumita Jha  
School: Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA)  
Major(s): Finance and Marketing  
Internship: InTrust Global Investments, LLC  
Term: Spring 2012

Minjung Jung  
School: Seoul National University  
Major(s): International Studies  
Internship: Embassy of the Republic of Korea  
Term: Spring 2012

Aesil Kim  
School: Handong Global University  
Major(s): International Studies, United States and International law  
Internship: CATO Institute  
Term: Spring 2012

Ki Hoon Kim  
School: Handong Global University  
Major(s): Management, United States and International Law  
Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration  
Term: Spring 2012

Li Chun Kuo  
School: Tamkang University  
Major(s): International Business  
Internship: Partnership International Inc.  
Term: Spring 2012

Wooseok Lee  
School: Hanyang University  
Major(s): International Studies (Economics Track)  
Internship: Hudson Institute  
Term: Spring 2012

Tai-Jung Lin  
School: National Chengchi University  
Major(s): Business Administration  
Internship: Mason Small Business Development Center  
Term: Spring 2012

Akash Mittal  
School: Birla Institute of Management Technology  
Major(s): Sustainable Development Practices  
Internship: GIC Group  
Term: Spring 2012

Sai Kumari Nagraj  
School: Institute of Public Enterprise  
Major(s): HR and Marketing  
Internship: The Institute of International Education  
Term: Spring 2012

Akaanksha Paranjpe  
School: Christ University  
Major(s): Management Studies  
Internship: Brookings Institution  
Term: Spring 2012

Hayoung Park  
School: Yonsei University  
Major(s): Economics  
Internship: American Councils for International Education  
Term: Spring 2012

Tapasya Ramesh Raut  
School: WE School  
Major(s): Management Development and Research  
Internship: InTrust Global Investments, LLC  
Term: Spring 2012

Lee Kyung Shim  
School: Korea University  
Major(s): Food and Resource Economics and International Studies  
Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration  
Term: Spring 2012

Yu Ju Tsai  
School: National Taiwan University  
Major(s): Accounting  
Internship: Voice of America  
Term: Spring 2012

Yi-Ling Tu  
School: National Taiwan University  
Major(s): Finance  
Internship: Council on Hemispheric Affairs  
Term: Spring 2012
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.
AT&T Foundation Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Through AT&T Foundation scholarships, The Washington Center has increased the number of students with disabilities who participate in its programs each year. Students gain experience that helps prepare them to transition into the workplace and become an advocate for themselves.

AT&T has been a partner with The Washington Center for more than 20 years. For the past five years they have supported the college-to-work preparation of students with disabilities by providing them with tools to develop their professional skills, engage in productive work, make choices about their futures, and participate fully in their communities. In 2012, the AT&T Foundation supported the following students:

- **Rebecca Caruso**
  - School: University of Florida
  - Major(s): Political Science
  - Internship: Senator Bill Nelson
  - Term: Summer 2012

- **Brandon Cassady**
  - School: Purdue University Main Campus
  - Major(s): History
  - Internship: Akerman Senterfitt
  - Term: Spring 2012

- **Peter Crispin**
  - School: Union College–New York
  - Major(s): Sociology
  - Internship: D.C. United
  - Term: Fall 2012

- **Ryan Dolan**
  - School: Westfield State University
  - Major(s): Criminal Justice
  - Internship: INTERPOL (U.S. Department of Justice)
  - Term: Summer 2012

- **Jonathan Doran**
  - School: Ohio Northern University
  - Major(s): Accounting
  - Internship: D.C. Office of Taxation and Revenue
  - Term: Summer 2012

- **Matthew Furman**
  - School: Clark University
  - Major(s): Political Science
  - Internship: Financial Services Roundtable
  - Term: Spring 2012

- **Rebecca Gastineau**
  - School: Florida International University
  - Major(s): International Relations
  - Internship: Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities
  - Term: Summer 2012

- **Abigail Geraghty**
  - School: Westfield State University
  - Major(s): Sociology and Education
  - Internship: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
  - Term: Summer 2012
Emily Hajjar  
**School:** University of Massachusetts Amherst  
**Major(s):** Political Science  
**Internship:** White House  
**Term:** Fall 2012

Celeste Hayes  
**School:** West Chester University of Pennsylvania  
**Major(s):** Political Science  
**Internship:** Arthritis Foundation  
**Term:** Fall 2012

Alexander Koby  
**School:** University of North Florida  
**Major(s):** Political Science and Economics  
**Internship:** The American Trucking Associations, Inc.  
**Term:** Summer 2012

Kyle Spino  
**School:** Wright State University Main Campus  
**Major(s):** Political Science  
**Internship:** U.S. Department of Justice, Office of International Affairs  
**Term:** Fall 2012

Shaina Ziggler  
**School:** University of West Florida  
**Major(s):** Social Science  
**Internship:** Peace thru Culture  
**Term:** Summer 2012

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Designated Scholarship Support
Spring 2012 students participating in the Belgium Initiative included Yacintha De Lannoy, Tine Vanderyse, Lieselot Verdonck, Basiel Bogaerts, and Liesbeth Steurs.

The Belgium Initiative, funded by the Flemish Government, Ackermans & van Haarden, and Washington Center board members Alan Blinken and Leonard Schrank, provides support for Flemish students to attend The Washington Center. In 2012, The Flemish Minister for Education, Youth, Equal Opportunities, and Brussels Affairs and The Washington Center renewed their Memorandum of Understanding for a third year. The Ministry increased the number of scholarship opportunities available for students from the region of Flanders to participate in The Washington Center’s programs. As of today, we have signed eight agreements with colleges and universities in Belgium. Howest, University College West Flanders is the latest addition and the first college to join the agreement. For the spring and fall semesters 2012, the Belgium Initiative provided scholarships to a total of 15 students.

Caroline Bijnens
School: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Major(s): Communications
Internship: Kennedy Center for Performing Arts
Term: Fall 2012

Basiel Bogaerts
School: Ghent University
Major(s): Economic Sciences
Internship: Manchester Trade
Term: Spring 2012

Hanna Bourgeois
School: Ghent University
Major(s): Law
Internship: Protection Project
Term: Fall 2012

Yacintha De Lannoy
School: University of Antwerp
Major(s): International and European Business
Internship: Manchester Trade
Term: Spring 2012

Amelie Godefroidt
School: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Major(s): Communications
Internship: Double R Productions
Term: Fall 2012

Jago Kosolosky
School: Ghent University
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS)
Term: Fall 2012
Sander Ramboer  
School: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
Major(s): Economics  
Internship: Embassy of Canada  
Term: Fall 2012

Liesbeth Steurs  
School: Ghent University  
Major(s): International Politics  
Internship: Genocide Watch  
Term: Spring 2012

Trixie Van Acker  
School: Vrije Universiteit Brussel  
Major(s): Communications  
Internship: Keppler Speakers  
Term: Fall 2012

Manon Van Driessche  
School: Vrije Universiteit Brussel  
Major(s): Communications  
Internship: Ventana Productions  
Term: Fall 2012

Tine Vanderyse  
School: Artevelde Hogeschool  
Major(s): Marketing  
Internship: Tech America Foundation  
Term: Spring 2012

Anne-Sofie Vanhaeght  
School: Vrije Universiteit Brussel  
Major(s): Communications  
Internship: Association of Public Television Stations (APTS)  
Term: Fall 2012

Lieselot Verdonck  
School: Ghent University  
Major(s): European Law  
Internship: Genocide Watch  
Term: Spring 2012

Tim Verheyden  
School: Hogeschool-Universiteit Brussel  
Major(s): Business Economics  
Internship: Financial Services Roundtable  
Term: Fall 2012

Lien Verhulst  
School: Ghent University  
Major(s): Law  
Internship: Amber Road  
Term: Fall 2012
Blue Cross Blue Shield Massachusetts Scholarship Fund

Massachusetts students who received a scholarship award from Blue Cross Blue Shield found opportunities for academic, civic, and professional development through their participation in The Washington Center’s program.

Blue Cross Blue Shield began its support of The Washington Center’s Massachusetts Scholarship Fund in 2001, when it provided scholarships for two students to participate in the Washington, D.C. program. It is because of the leadership support from organizations like Blue Cross Blue Shield that the Massachusetts Scholarship Fund continues to grow and provide opportunities for Massachusetts students to learn and work in our nation’s capital.

Timothy Conlon
School: University of Massachusetts Lowell
Major(s): Criminal Justice
Internship: U.S. Marshals Service
Term: Fall 2012

DaQuan Cook
School: Westfield State University
Major(s): English
Internship: Same Day Process Service
Term: Summer 2012

Michael Lage
School: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Major(s): Criminal Justice
Internship: INTERPOL (U.S. Department of Justice)
Term: Fall 2012

Maegan Mency
School: University of Massachusetts Lowell
Major(s): Criminal Justice
Internship: SAPAC
Term: Summer 2012
Alexander Sawicki
School: Westfield State University
Major(s): Criminal Justice
Internship: INTERPOL (U.S. Department of Justice)
Term: Fall 2012

Karen Skoczylas
School: Fitchburg State University
Major(s): Criminal Justice
Internship: INTERPOL (U.S. Department of Justice)
Term: Spring 2012

Alyssa Valcourt
School: Bridgewater State University
Major(s): Sociology
Internship: Arlington Refugee Services (Catholic Diocese of Arlington-Migration and Refugee Services)
Term: Fall 2012

Victoria Wood
School: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Major(s): Sociology
Internship: National Association of Federally Impacted Schools
Term: Fall 2012

Chantille Zaharee
School: Fitchburg State University
Major(s): Interdisciplinary Studies
Internship: Peace Corps
Term: Spring 2012
The Center for Global Understanding Scholarships

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 strengthening the professional and leadership skills of Muslim-American college students, 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.

Maheen Ahmad  
School: University of Florida  
Major(s): International Relations and Pre-Law  
Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration  
Term: Summer 2012

Momina Ayub  
School: The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
Major(s): Biology  
Internship: Capitol Solutions Group  
Term: Summer 2012

Zohaa Basra  
School: Bridgewater State University  
Major(s): Political Science and Economics  
Internship: U.S. Attorney’s Office for D.C. (USAO)  
Term: Summer 2012

Nora Bouzihay  
School: University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
Major(s): Biology and Economics  
Internship: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Term: Summer 2012

Mahmud Brifkani  
School: Middle Tennessee State University  
Major(s): International Relations  
Internship: National Defense University–NESA  
Term: Summer 2012

Amro Elansari  
School: Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Department of Commerce–Office of Textiles and Apparel  
Term: Summer 2012

Eman Salah  
School: Rutgers the State University of New Jersey Newark Campus  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: National Defense University–NESA  
Term: Summer 2012

S’ha Siddiqi  
School: University of Connecticut  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: National Defense University–NESA  
Term: Summer 2012
Chevron’s support of The Washington Center’s programs has a long history spanning more than twenty-five years. In addition to unrestricted and event sponsorship, they have provided program support for our “Women as Leaders” seminar, Capitol Hill Breakfast Series, and the campaign convention seminar. Since 1995, Chevron has supported students from diverse backgrounds. This year’s scholarship recipients include:

Chevron Diversity Leaders Awards

Summer 2012 Chevron Diversity Leaders included Bettina Scales, Kaitlin Murphy, and Holden Brayboy.

Urvashi Banerjea  
School: The College of New Jersey  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: U.S. House of Representatives  
Term: Fall 2012

Holden Brayboy  
School: Wake Forest University  
Major(s): History and Political Science  
Internship: Chwat & Co.  
Term: Summer 2012

Kaitlin Murphy  
School: King’s College  
Major(s): Criminal Justice  
Internship: U.S. Marshals Service  
Term: Summer 2012

Bettina Scales  
School: Norfolk State University  
Major(s): History  
Internship: National Museum of African Art Smithsonian Institution  
Term: Summer 2012
Ford Motor Company Fund Diversity Leaders Awards

In the 22 years they have supported the Diversity Leadership Initiative, Ford Motor Company has provided over 250 students from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to participate in The Washington Center’s programs.

The support of Ford Motor Company and the Ford Motor Company Fund spans over 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.

Richard Cadet  
School: Suffolk University  
Major(s): Marketing  
Internship: GIC Group  
Term: Summer 2012

Sophia Carrillo  
School: University of San Diego  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: U.S. Department of Justice Office of International Affairs  
Term: Spring 2012

Hannah Carrillo  
School: University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Baldwin, Molina & Escoto  
Term: Spring 2012

Joseph Gonzalez  
School: The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
Major(s): Criminal Justice  
Internship: Kohn, Kohn and Colapinto, LLP  
Term: Summer 2012

JaMetria Green  
School: Jarvis Christian College  
Major(s): Business Management  
Internship: LMG Inc.  
Term: Summer 2012

Alejandro Jorge  
School: University of Iowa  
Major(s): International Studies  
Internship: Embassy of Mexico  
Term: Summer 2012
Zachery Madera  
School: Westfield State University  
Major(s): Other  
Internship: U.S. Marshals Service  
Term: Fall 2012

Diana Ogbevire  
School: Warburg College  
Major(s): Journalism  
Internship: Tricom Associates  
Term: Spring 2012

Sara Teshome  
School: The Evergreen State College  
Major(s): Environmental Studies and Environmental Science  
Internship: International Fund for China's Environment  
Term: Summer 2012

Delicia Williams  
School: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
Major(s): Criminal Justice  
Internship: Attorney General for the District of Columbia  
Term: Fall 2012
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, 36 other Hearst scholarships have been awarded. Many of these scholarship recipients are currently in leadership positions in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

**Austin Perea**  
**School:** University of New Hampshire  
**Major(s):** Political Science  
**Internship:** National Defense University–NESA  
**Term:** Spring 2012
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.

Matthew Coombe  
School: Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania  
Major(s): Political Science and Economics  
Internship: Department of the Interior  
Term: Summer 2012

Ryan Lamson  
School: Gallaudet University  
Major(s): Other  
Internship: Department of the Interior  
Term: Summer 2012

Jessica Larkins  
School: Monmouth University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Financial Services Roundtable  
Term: Spring 2012

Nicole LeBlanc  
School: University of Vermont  
Major(s): Other  
Internship: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Term: Fall 2012

Daniel O’Neil  
School: California State University–East Bay  
Major(s): Public Administration  
Internship: Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee  
Term: Summer 2012

Alexandria Richard  
School: Fitchburg State University  
Major(s): Criminal Justice  
Internship: INTERPOL (U.S. Department of Justice)  
Term: Spring 2012

Peter Wolfe  
School: Auburn University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration  
Term: Summer 2012
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 2012.

Song Yi Seo
School: Handong Global University
Major(s): Management and English
Internship: Mary’s Center for Maternal and Child Care, Inc.
Term: Spring 2012
The Washington Center has partnered with the Kessler Foundation in West Orange, New Jersey since 2008 to increase the number of scholarship opportunities for students with disabilities. Kessler Foundation’s scholarships are awarded to students with disabilities who attend colleges and universities in the state of New Jersey. In 2012, Kessler Foundation scholarships were awarded on a competitive basis to six students to attend The Washington Center.

Spring 2012 Kessler Foundation Scholars included Jesse Shapiro, Jonathan Targos, Christopher Miller, and Dina Russo.

**Christopher Miller**  
School: Monmouth University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Term: Spring 2012

**Tiwatay Ogunnowo**  
School: Seton Hall University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Attorney General for the District of Columbia  
Term: Fall 2012

**Dina Russo**  
School: Monmouth University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: State Department  
Term: Spring 2012

**Anthony Senerchia**  
School: The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
Major(s): History  
Internship: Alexandria Commission for the Arts  
Term: Summer 2012

**Jesse Shapiro**  
School: Kean University  
Major(s): Public Administration  
Internship: Strategic Health Care  
Term: Spring 2012

**Jonathan Targos**  
School: The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
Major(s): History  
Internship: U.S. Marshals Service  
Term: Spring 2012
Motorola Solutions Foundation STEM Scholarships

Motorola Solutions Foundation 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 Motorola enhanced The Washington Center’s Science, Technology, and Society Program and helped students from STEM disciplines become more competitive in the global marketplace. Beginning in 2012, Motorola Solutions Foundation has established a scholarship fund for Public Safety to be awarded in 2013.

Fall 2012 Motorola scholarship recipients met with Matthew Blakely, Director of Motorola Solutions Foundation. Blakely led a discussion on “Strategic Collaboration: A Corporate Perspective” at The Washington Center’s Roundtable on Civil Society & Social Responsibility.

Ryan Ammermann  
School: Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania  
Major(s): Computer Science  
Internship: CNN  
Term: Summer 2012

Jennifer Barrett  
School: University of New Hampshire  
Major(s): Civil Engineering  
Internship: WDC Department of Housing and Community Development  
Term: Summer 2012

Nicholas Barrett  
School: University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Major(s): Economics and Mathematics  
Internship: GIC Group  
Term: Summer 2012

Basia Bartczak  
School: Auburn University  
Major(s): Environmental Science  
Internship: World Resources Institute  
Term: Summer 2012

Patrick Danahey  
School: Westfield State University  
Major(s): Criminal Justice and Computer Information Systems  
Internship: U.S. Marshals Service  
Term: Fall 2012

Aisha Khan  
School: The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
Major(s): Biology  
Internship: U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
Term: Fall 2012

Jonathan Lazatin  
School: California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo  
Major(s): Aerospace Engineer  
Internship: International Strategic Services  
Term: Summer 2012

Laura Lemley  
School: Wake Forest University  
Major(s): Biology  
Internship: GAO–Government Accountability Office  
Term: Summer 2012
Shuping Liu
School: State University of New York College at Geneseo
Major(s): Biochemistry
Internship: The Center for Health, Environment and Justice (CHEJ)
Term: Summer 2012

Caroline Loftus
School: Guilford College
Major(s): International Studies and Biology
Internship: Accordia Global Health Foundation
Term: Summer 2012

Ahmad Queenan
School: Morgan State University
Major(s): Biology
Internship: Sibley Memorial Hospital
Term: Summer 2012

Kyra Roberts
School: The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
Major(s): Biology
Internship: TechAmerica Foundation
Term: Fall 2012

Tyler Ross
School: Ohio Valley University
Major(s): Information Technology
Internship: U.S. Marshals Service
Term: Summer 2012

John Scatterday
School: University of San Diego
Major(s): Biology
Internship: Capitol Solutions Group
Term: Fall 2012

Kristi Schenk
School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Major(s): Psychology
Internship: The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)
Term: Summer 2012

Willis Jackson Schultz
School: Salem State University
Major(s): Computer Science
Internship: Financial Services Roundtable
Term: Fall 2012
New York Life Foundation Diversity Scholarships

Summer 2012 New York Life Diversity scholars included Kristopher Williams, Ashley Abbitt, Jermaine Wilcox, Kiana Courtney, Elizabeth Ortega, and Morgan Lewis.

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 110 college and university students have received New York Life Foundation Diversity Scholarships. Eight scholarships were awarded in 2012.

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<td>Kristopher Williams</td>
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<td>Business Management and Human Resources</td>
<td>Department of the Interior</td>
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Beginning in 2012, New York Life Foundation has established a Scholarship fund for higher education civic engagement, to be awarded in 2013.

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars

Invites Nominations for the

2013 Higher Education Civic Engagement Awards

Honoring colleges and universities for extraordinary achievements in civic engagement

Awardees will be recognized at The Washington Center’s Academic Awards Luncheon at the National Press Club on October 7, 2013 and again that evening at its annual gala to be held at the National Building Museum.

To learn more about past awardees’ achievements or to complete a 2013 nomination form, please visit www.twc.edu/civicengagement

Congratulations to the winners of the 2012 awards:

California State University San Bernardino
Columbia College–South Carolina
Roosevelt University
Tulane University
University of San Francisco

New York Life Foundation

Proud sponsor of the Higher Education Civic Engagement Awards providing $20,000 in scholarship assistance for students from each recipient institution.
Popular Community Bank Córdova Program Scholarships

The fall 2012 Popular Community Bank Scholars joined a cohort of 20 students from Puerto Rico to take part in the Córdova Internship Program.

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

Leandra Davila
School: University of the Sacred Heart
Major(s): Advertising
Internship: Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)
Term: Fall 2012

Xavier Minaya
School: University of Puerto Rico–Bayamon
Major(s): Computer Information Systems
Internship: National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators
Term: Spring 2012

Ricardo Pabón
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Labor Relations
Internship: National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators
Term: Spring 2012

Xiomara Quiles
School: University of Puerto Rico–Mayaguez
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Representative Pedro Pierluisi
Term: Spring 2012

Natalia Rodriguez
School: University of Puerto Rico–Arecibo
Major(s): Psychology
Internship: National Puerto Rican Coalition, Inc.
Term: Fall 2012

Elliot Santaella
School: University of Puerto Rico–Carolina
Major(s): Hospitality Management
Internship: PR Federal Affairs Administration
Term: Spring 2012

Christopher Santiago
School: University of Puerto Rico–Mayaguez
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Office of Representative Pedro Pierluisi (D-PR)
Term: Fall 2012

Gendy Tchuda Gonzalez
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Office of Representative Charles B. Rangel (D-NY)
Term: Fall 2012
Sam Rose Scholarships

The Sam Rose Scholars for Spring 2012 gathered for a meet and greet with Sam Rose and his wife, Julie. The Sam Rose Scholarship provides awards of varying amounts to a diverse group of students who would otherwise not be able to participate in TWC programs.

Sam Rose, Founding Partner of Greenbaum & Rose, has provided scholarship support since 2011 to students majoring in fields related to the arts or the environment and students from Baltimore, Florida, or attending Dickinson College. A long-time friend of the organization, Mr. Rose provided crucial funding in 2010 to break ground on The Washington Center’s Residence and Academic Facility at NoMa.

**Floryn Ajuzie**  
**School:** University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
**Major(s):** Biology and Finance  
**Internship:** U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs—Medical Center  
**Term:** Summer 2012

**Akilade Akiwumi**  
**School:** University of South Florida  
**Major(s):** Communications  
**Internship:** Genocide Watch  
**Term:** Fall 2012

**Tiffany Angulo**  
**School:** Florida Gulf Coast University  
**Major(s):** Political Science  
**Internship:** Washington Strategic Consulting  
**Term:** Spring 2012

**Denise Barstow**  
**School:** University of New Hampshire  
**Major(s):** Other  
**Internship:** Trust for the National Mall  
**Term:** Fall 2012

**Camerin Bennett**  
**School:** Case Western Reserve University  
**Major(s):** Environmental Studies  
**Internship:** EPA  
**Term:** Summer 2012

**Caitlin Birmingham**  
**School:** California University of Pennsylvania  
**Major(s):** Environmental Studies  
**Internship:** Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region  
**Term:** Summer 2012

**Michael Bonafede**  
**School:** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
**Major(s):** Environmental Studies  
**Internship:** U.S. Marshals Service  
**Term:** Spring 2012

**Florian Caune**  
**School:** University of Tampa  
**Major(s):** Finance  
**Internship:** U.S. Small Business Administration  
**Term:** Fall 2012
Jessica Crighton
School: West Liberty University
Major(s): Graphic Design
Internship: Listen Local First
Term: Summer 2012

Joseph Crowley
School: The University of Montana
Major(s): History
Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration
Term: Summer 2012

Ashley Demory
School: University of Maryland College Park
Major(s): Biology and Spanish
Internship: Sibley Memorial Hospital
Term: Summer 2012

Ashley Eaton
School: Westfield State University
Major(s): Geography and Computer Science
Internship: Golden Triangle BID
Term: Summer 2012

Nasim Fekrat
School: Dickinson College
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: National Defense University–NESA
Term: Summer 2012

Lauren Fernandez
School: University of South Florida-St. Petersburg
Major(s): Criminology
Internship: Marzulla Law
Term: Spring 2012

Emma Forman
School: University of Tampa
Major(s): International Studies
Internship: Institute of International Education
Term: Fall 2012

Yixue Ge
School: Dickinson College
Major(s): Economics
Internship: Ford's Theatre
Term: Spring 2012

Matthew Geras
School: Florida Southern College
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: U.S. House of Representatives
Term: Fall 2012

Allison Gruber
School: Wake Forest University
Major(s): Biology
Internship: Environment America
Term: Summer 2012

Rebecca Hill
School: University of South Florida
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Amnesty International USA
Term: Fall 2012

Annika Jinyoung Ko
School: Dickinson College
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: National Defense University–NESA
Term: Fall 2012

Amy Kuehnert
School: University of Central Florida
Major(s): Environmental Studies
Internship: International Fund for China's Environment
Term: Summer 2012

Diana Londono
School: University of South Florida
Major(s): International Affairs
Internship: Bert Corona Leadership Institute (BCLI)
Term: Fall 2012

Katherine Mancini
School: Dean College
Major(s): Other
Internship: Institute of International Education Organization
Term: Fall 2012

Tamika Martinez
School: Florida State University
Major(s): International Affairs
Internship: Institute of International Education
Term: Spring 2012
Victoria Mascaro
School: Saint Joseph's University
Major(s): Environmental Science
Internship: Department of the Interior
Term: Spring 2012

Essence McDowell
School: Dickinson College
Major(s): Sociology
Internship: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention/SPAN USA
Term: Fall 2012

Debbie Mejia
School: Nova Southeastern University
Major(s): Legal Studies and Psychology
Internship: U.S. Department of Treasury
Term: Summer 2012

Camille Mekwinski
School: University of Florida
Major(s): Environmental Engineering
Internship: STEMconnector
Term: Summer 2012

Gustavo Mesa Lenis
School: University of South Florida
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Seraphim Global
Term: Spring 2012

Isaiah Muhammad
School: Dickinson College
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Mobilize.org
Term: Spring 2012

Kianna Murphy
School: Florida Southern College
Major(s): Criminology
Internship: U.S. Attorney's Office for D.C. (USAO)
Term: Fall 2012

Emily Noriega
School: Florida Gulf Coast University
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Term: Fall 2012

Jennifer Orlando
School: Florida Atlantic University
Major(s): Criminal Justice
Internship: U.S. Attorney's Office for D.C. (USAO)
Term: Fall 2012

Sara Pappa Eddy
School: University of South Florida
Major(s): French
Internship: Pyramid Atlantic
Term: Summer 2012

Cassandra Parsons
School: Gannon University
Major(s): History
Internship: Naval Historical Center
Term: Fall 2012

Chantae’ Polite
School: University of South Florida
Major(s): Sociology
Internship: No Labels
Term: Fall 2012

Ashley Raphael
School: Florida Atlantic University
Major(s): Linguistics
Internship: Peace thru Culture
Term: Summer 2012

Tania Reyes
School: University of South Florida
Major(s): International Studies
Internship: CentroNia
Term: Fall 2012

Aditya Royyuru
School: Dickinson College
Major(s): Economics
Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration
Term: Summer 2012

Michele St. Julien
School: Dickinson College
Major(s): Sociology
Internship: The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)
Term: Fall 2012
Joseph Sylvester  
School: Southern Connecticut State University  
Major(s): History  
Internship: Trust for the National Mall  
Term: Spring 2012

Kevin Williams II  
School: Ball State University  
Major(s): Environmental Science  
Internship: Interior/Office of Surface Mining  
Term: Summer 2012

Luke Wilson  
School: University of South Florida  
Major(s): History  
Internship: Library of Congress  
Term: Fall 2012

Adam Woods  
School: The University of Montana  
Major(s): Recreation Resource Management  
Internship: Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region  
Term: Spring 2012

Raquel Zaldivar  
School: University of Miami  
Major(s): Journalism  
Internship: ElectionMall Technologies, Inc.  
Term: Summer 2012
Southwest Airlines Travel Scholarships

Fall 2012 students awarded the Southwest Airlines Travel Scholarship included Samantha Lane, John Caldarella, Kathy Aldinger, and Jafar Qutob.

In 2012, Southwest Airlines became the Official Airline of The Washington Center. With this partnership, they provided round-trip ticket vouchers for 25 students to travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in The Washington Center’s internship program.

Kathy Aldinger
School: University of Hawaii at Manoa
Major(s): Peace and Interdisciplinary Studies
Internship: White House
Term: Fall 2012

Sara Barrett
School: Northeastern University
Major(s): Civil Engineering
Internship: Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority
Term: Summer 2012

Nora Bouzihay
School: University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Major(s): Biology
Internship: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Term: Summer 2012

Joseph Crowley
School: The University of Montana
Major(s): History and Finance
Internship: U.S. Small Business Administration
Term: Summer 2012

Erick Diaz
School: University of San Diego
Major(s): International Relations
Internship: Global Giving
Term: Fall 2012

Patricia Donahoe
School: University of New Hampshire
Major(s): Political Science and International Affairs
Internship: National Defense University–Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies
Term: Summer 2012

Laura Facundo
School: Florida Atlantic University
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Genocide Watch
Term: Summer 2012

Julie Carey
School: Northeastern University
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: National Defense University
Term: Summer 2012
Tasha Griffiths  
School: University of San Diego  
Major(s): International Relations  
Internship: Global Giving  
Term: Fall 2012

Hillary Gyuras  
School: University of Toledo  
Major(s): Women's Studies  
Internship: International Women’s Media Foundation  
Term: Summer 2012

Porntip Israsena  
School: University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
Major(s): International Studies  
Internship: Institute of International Education  
Term: Fall 2012

Stephanie Keinz  
School: St. Edward’s University  
Major(s): International Relations and International Business  
Internship: International Strategic Services  
Term: Summer 2012

Samantha Lane  
School: University of Cincinnati Main Campus  
Major(s): English  
Internship: Protection Project  
Term: Fall 2012

Lisa LaRose  
School: Florida Atlantic University  
Major(s): Criminal Justice  
Internship: Attorney General for the District of Columbia  
Term: Fall 2012

Rory Lassalle  
School: University of Toledo  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: U.S. Marshals Service  
Term: Summer 2012

Debbie Mejia  
School: Nova Southeastern University  
Major(s): Legal Studies  
Internship: U.S. Department of Treasury  
Term: Summer 2012

Alexander Mills  
School: University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
Major(s): Journalism  
Internship: Capital Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (CAGLCC)  
Term: Summer 2012

Jeanetta Mohlke-Hill  
School: University of Toledo  
Major(s): Women’s Studies  
Internship: Human Rights Campaign  
Term: Summer 2012

Hunter Phillips  
School: Elon University  
Major(s): History and International Studies  
Internship: Campaign For Limited Government  
Term: Summer 2012

Jafar Qutob  
School: Illinois College  
Major(s): Accounting  
Internship: Yeske Buie  
Term: Fall 2012

Brendon Tucker  
School: University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
Major(s): Environmental Science and Spanish  
Internship: Rock Creek Nature Center  
Term: Summer 2012

Paige Wambold  
School: Arizona State University  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Arlington Refugee Services (Catholic Diocese of Arlington-Migration and Refugee Services)  
Term: Fall 2012

Arnesha Williams  
School: Mississippi Valley State University  
Major(s): Biology  
Internship: Department of Veterans Affairs  
Term: Summer 2012

Shaina Ziggler  
School: University of West Florida  
Major(s): Social Science  
Internship: Peace thru Culture  
Term: Summer 2012
Totem Ocean Trailer Express Scholarships for Students from Alaska

Totem’s initial grant in 2007 allowed The Washington Center to name University of Alaska Anchorage criminal justice major Thomas Strapko as the first TOTE scholar. Since then, 5 other TOTE scholarships have been awarded.

The Washington Center has partnered with Totem Ocean Trailer Express since 2007 to offer scholarships to students at Alaskan universities or Alaskan residents and natives. In 2012, Totem made a three year commitment to continue to invest in the leadership development of Alaska’s young talent. This year, Totem scholarships were awarded to three students to attend The Washington Center.

**Heather Kelahan**  
School: University of Alaska Anchorage  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Office of Surface Mining  
Term: Fall 2012

**Megan Rodgers**  
School: University of Alaska Anchorage  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: KSCW, Inc.  
Term: Spring 2012

**Terranova Tasker**  
School: University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Whitmer and Worrall  
Term: Spring 2012
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.

**Jósean Hill**
**School:** University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras  
**Major(s):** Mass Communications  
**Internship:** Telemundo  
**Term:** Fall 2012

**Juan Cecilio Miranda Pedrosa**
**School:** Inter-American University of Puerto Rico–Metropolitan  
**Major(s):** History  
**Internship:** Representative Jose Serrano (D-NY)  
**Term:** Fall 2012
Univision Córdova Program Scholarships

Spring 2012 Univision scholars included Ismarely Sid, Elishua Pérez, Ana Ballet, David Magraner, Ileana Cruz, Harold Rivera, Grace Meléndez, and Norma Laureano.

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. In 2012, Ivelisse Estrada, Senior Vice President of Corporate and Community Relations, joined The Washington Center’s board of directors. This past year’s scholars include:

**Ana Ballet**
School: Metropolitan University
Major(s): Criminal Justice
Internship: Representative José Serrano
Term: Spring 2012

**Ismarely Cid**
School: University of Puerto Rico–Ponce
Major(s): Biology
Internship: Representative Donna Christensen
Term: Spring 2012

**Ileana Cruz**
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Senator John Kerry
Term: Spring 2012

**Isaac Feliciano**
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Political Science
Internship: Office of Representative Pedro Pierluisi (D-PR)
Term: Fall 2012

**Kaira Fuentes Viera**
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Environmental Studies
Internship: Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration
Term: Fall 2012

**Norma Laureano**
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
Major(s): Anthropology
Internship: Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
Term: Spring 2012
Bettina Maestre  
School: University of the Sacred Heart  
Major(s): Justice Systems  
Internship: Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
Term: Spring 2012

David Magraner  
School: University of Puerto Rico–Mayaguez  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Representative Don Young  
Term: Spring 2012

Grace Meléndez  
School: University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras  
Major(s): Accounting  
Internship: Representative Joe Pitts  
Term: Spring 2012

Ryck Morales  
School: University of Puerto Rico–Mayaguez  
Major(s): Political Science  
Internship: Representative José Serrano  
Term: Spring 2012

Elishua Pérez  
School: The Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico  
Major(s): Accounting  
Internship: Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration  
Term: Spring 2012

Harold Rivera  
School: Metropolitan University  
Major(s): Criminal Justice  
Internship: National Puerto Rican Coalition  
Term: Spring 2012
Verizon, along with its former companies, has supported students attending The Washington Center for more than two decades. Through their Diversity Leaders Awards, they have provided students from diverse backgrounds with invaluable, and often life-changing, learning experiences in Washington, D.C. Verizon Foundation is also one of the major sponsors of The Washington Center’s annual gala. Beginning in 2012, they have established a new scholarship for students from STEM disciplines, to be awarded in 2013.

Spring 2012 Verizon Diversity Scholars included Akhere Eremionkhale, Kevin Hagan, India Prather, Jasmine Bennett, and Victoria Palacio.

- **Jasmine Bennett**  
  School: Wake Forest University  
  Major(s): Communications  
  Internship: Swanson Communications  
  Term: Spring 2012

- **Akhere Eremionkhale**  
  School: Worcester State University  
  Major(s): Health  
  Internship: Pan American Health and Education Foundation  
  Term: Spring 2012

- **Rasheed Gilmer**  
  School: Xavier University of Louisiana  
  Major(s): Philosophy  
  Internship: Thoron Development  
  Term: Summer 2012

- **Kevin Hagan**  
  School: Dillard University  
  Major(s): Political Science  
  Internship: White House  
  Term: Spring 2012

- **Victoria Palacio**  
  School: California State University–Long Beach  
  Major(s): Sociology  
  Internship: Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
  Term: Spring 2012

- **India Prather**  
  School: Wake Forest University  
  Major(s): Political Science  
  Internship: Institute of International Education  
  Term: Spring 2012

- **Elia Rios**  
  School: Schreiner University  
  Major(s): Business Management  
  Internship: The Consumer Goods Forum  
  Term: Summer 2012
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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 2012 celebrated our 50,000 alumni and the many individuals and organizations that partner with us to develop our students’ talents and turn their ambition into a greater purpose.

Political Commentator and Gala Master of Ceremonies Cokie Roberts and Former Senator Alan Simpson with fall 2012 Washington Center students.

Senator Alan Simpson honored Norm Mineta by presenting him with The Washington Center’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

Washington Center student and No Labels intern Chantae Polite (left) presented the Pillar Award for Civic Engagement to Washington Center alumna and No Labels Co-founder Nancy Jacobson (right).

Brian Tate of Financial Services Roundtable, along with Caelan McAfee-Torco, a student from Hawaii, and other guests joined TWC’s Annual Gala on October 1st at the National Building Museum in Washington D.C.
On October 1, 2012, at the National Building Museum, The Washington Center recognized individuals and institutions that have made a significant impact on our global community.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**
The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
Former Secretary of Transportation

**Pillar Award for Civic Engagement**
Nancy Jacobson
Founder & CEO, No Labels

**Pillar Award for Leadership**
The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI)
United States Senate

**Pillar Award for Civic Engagement**
Nancy Jacobson
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**Pillar Award for Professional Achievement**
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)
United States House of Representatives

**Higher Education Civic Engagement Award Recipients**

Chosen from more than 140 colleges and universities nominated for this honor, these five 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.

California State University San Bernardino  Roosevelt University  University of San Francisco
Columbia College  Tulane 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 Richard Neal (D-MA) meets with Washington Center students 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 since then, 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 $5,000 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 41 percent of The Washington Center’s domestic enrollment comes from funded states.

Alabama

Established in 2010, the Alabama state partnership awarded scholarships in 2012 from the following schools:

- University of Alabama–Birmingham
- University of Alabama–Tuscaloosa
- University of Montevallo

Arkansas

Established in 2006, the Arkansas state partnership awarded scholarships in 2012 to students from the following schools:

- Arkansas State University
- Henderson State University
- Lyon College
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- University of Arkansas Main Campus
- University of Central Arkansas

Florida

Established in 1996, the Florida state partnership awarded scholarships in 2012 to students from the following schools:

- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida International University
- Florida State University
- New College of Florida
- 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 2012 to students from the following schools:

- Eastern Kentucky University
- Morehead State University
- Western Kentucky University

Maryland

Established in 2002, the Maryland state partnership awarded scholarships in 2012 to students from the following schools:

- St. Mary’s College of Maryland
- University of Maryland College Park
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Massachusetts

Established in 2000, the Massachusetts state partnership awarded scholarships in 2012 to students from the following schools:

- Bridgewater State College
- Fitchburg State College
- Salem State University
- University of Massachusetts–Amherst
- University of Massachusetts–Dartmouth
- University of Massachusetts–Lowell
- Westfield State College
- Worcester State University
Mississippi

Established in 2010, the Mississippi state partnership awarded scholarships in 2012 to students from the following schools:

- Delta State University
- Mississippi State University
- Mississippi University for Women
- Mississippi Valley State University

Ohio

Established in 1998, the Ohio state partnership awarded scholarships in 2012 to students from the following schools:

- Bowling Green University
- Capital University
- John Carroll University
- Marietta College
- Ohio Northern University
- The University of Findlay
- Tiffin University
- University of Cincinnati Main Campus
- University of Dayton
- University of Mount Union
- University of Toledo
- Walsh University
- Wright State University Main Campus
- Xavier University

Puerto Rico

Established in 1995, the Puerto Rico scholarship program awarded scholarships in 2012 to students from the following schools:

- Inter-American University of Puerto Rico–Metropolitan
- Metropolitan University
- The Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico
- University of Puerto Rico–Arecibo
- University of Puerto Rico–Bayamon
- University of Puerto Rico–Carolina
- University of Puerto Rico–Mayaguez
- University of Puerto Rico–Ponce
- University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras
- University of the Sacred Heart
- University of Turabo

Pennsylvania

Established in 2002, the Pennsylvania state partnership, in conjunction with scholarship support from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Foundation and The Washington Center, awarded scholarships in 2012 to students from the following schools:

- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
- California University of Pennsylvania
- Clarion University of Pennsylvania
- East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
- Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

Tennessee

Established in 2007, the Tennessee state partnership awarded scholarships in 2012 to students from the following schools:

- Austin Peay State University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Tennessee State University
- Tennessee Technological University
- The University of Memphis
Federal Partnerships
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:

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
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 2012, The Washington Center continued to expand 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 or their university.

Participants came from the following universities:

Alberta: The Washington Center welcomed its first student from the Southern Alberta Institute for Technology this past year, joining a total of 29 students from Alberta who participated in the internship program in 2012. The Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education of Alberta provided a total of 26 scholarships for the students, and the agreement with the province was also renewed for another three years. Currently, nine partner universities are taking advantage of the competitive financial resources offered by the Minister.

New Brunswick: Two students from the University of New Brunswick in Saint John participated in the program in the summer of 2012 with financial support from a fund created by Business New Brunswick, Intergovernmental Affairs and SEED in New Brunswick, as well as funding from the university.

Quebec: The MOU with the Minister of International Relations, the Francophonie and External Trade of Quebec was renewed in 2012, to offer competitive scholarships for ten students from Quebec to participate in The Washington Center’s internship program. In addition, HEC Montréal, McGill University, Université de Montréal, Université Laval and UQAM, Concordia University covered the cost of the program and the housing fee for 22 of their students.

Saskatchewan: A total of eight students from the University of Regina received a combination of funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education and the Faculty of Arts at the university to attend The Washington Center. Three students from the University of Saskatchewan also took advantage of the scholarship offered by the Minister.

Mexico

In 2011, 54 individuals from Mexico participated in The Washington Center’s Governors Program, including students, public servants, and young professionals from Querétaro, 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.

**New Zealand**

A new partnership between The Washington Center and the United States-New Zealand Council in Washington, D.C. provided the opportunity for four students from New Zealand to take part in a new joint initiative. On November 19th, two students from Canterbury University and two students from the University of Victoria arrived in Washington, D.C. to attend a fully funded winter semester in the U.S. as part of the TWC-New Zealand Congressional Initiative. This program consisted of an internship with the Friends of New Zealand Congressional Caucus at U.S. Congressional offices as well as participation in an Academic Seminar focused on the Inauguration of the 44th U.S. President.

**Panama**

In the Fall 2012, 14 honors students from Panama took part in a specifically designed internship program at The Washington Center. The students were selected out of 40 applicants from across the country to take part in the new U.S.-Panama Innovation and Competitiveness Internship Program in Washington, D.C. Each participant received a full scholarship from Panama’s National Secretariat for Science, Technology and Innovation (SENACYT). Throughout the semester, the participants worked developing a community project focused on competitiveness and innovation that will enable the Republic of Panama to participate successfully and competitively in a globalized world and improve its position in the international economic environment.

**South Korea**

The Washington Center welcomed 12 young and promising Korean students from Seoul National University (SNU) to participate in The Global Talent Program, an initiative designed and sponsored by SNU with The Washington Center designated as the administrator of the program. Over the course of one week, which spanned from December 9th to December 15th, students visited and learned about important institutions, government entities and private corporations that help make international foreign policy and global cooperation work. The SNU students presented the results of their research projects at each visit as a demonstration of their commitment to international cooperation.
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 hosted former Vice President Dick Cheney for a one-hour discussion moderated by Steve Scully, senior producer of C-SPAN.
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