Internships and Academic Seminars

The Washington Center

2009 Scholarship Yearbook
“The time I spent in Washington, D.C. is no doubt one of the most relevant experiences because it allowed me to grow as a person and to become more competent in my professional field. I developed abilities and values that enforced my commitment to keep working to improve our society and to collaborate in reaching a more promising future for those, such as me, that dream of a better future for our people.”

*Adriana Cardena-Rey, Universidad del Rosario*
Interned at the U.S. Small Business Administration, GE Foundation Scholar.

“I have received tremendous legal experience, both through my internship and the activities organized by The Washington Center. I worked with extremely knowledgeable attorneys on such issues as taxes, bankruptcy and eminent domain. Also, because I attended court procedures on a regular basis, I was able to familiarize myself with the Washington, D.C. court system and meet a lot of judges serving on the bench. This valuable experience allowed me to achieve a much better understanding of my own career goals and aspirations.”

*Ekaterina Zabalueva, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law*
Interned at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Cleveland Foundation Scholar.

“At Save the Children, my responsibilities included assisting in the planning and organizing of the 4th Annual African International Conference on Early Childhood Development. My work load was large but the challenge was the demand that senior staff members put on my critical thinking and decisiveness. My intensive research of child poverty issues, conflicts, and women’s rights is what caused me to want to become more involved in advocacy. I grew to admire those who advocate for the helpless and inspired me to do the same.”

*Samantha Paige Davis, California University of Pennsylvania*
Interned at Save the Children, New York Life Foundation Scholar.

“As a federal global warming intern, I have had the opportunity to attend hearings on The Hill, write fact sheets, attend lobby meetings, contribute to a report, and work to help pass the American Clean Energy and Security Act in the House of Representatives. This summer was an exciting time to be interning in the environmental field as historic legislation was being debated in the House to set a limit on carbon emissions. I gained valuable experience working on the campaign to pass the bill, and was able to see first-hand how the legislative process works.”

*Janna Rosenthal, University of Florida*
Interned at Environment America, Motorola Foundation Scholar.

“The Córdova & Fernós Internship Program at The Washington Center has been one of the most important and exciting experiences I’ve ever had. Washington, D.C., work, the people, everything combines to ensure you have the experience of a lifetime. With the Office of the Governor of Puerto Rico (PRFAA), I have been given the opportunity to develop myself in many areas that I never thought I would. I worked with federal proposals, grants, legal contracts, legislative affairs, communications, and even IT. I also had one of the best law courses ever, Our Living Constitution, with Professor Janice E. Garlitz. I had the opportunity to meet and share with a lot of people including our Governor, Luis Fortuño.”

*Xiomara E. Ramírez, University of Puerto Rico*
Interned at the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration, Univision 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. As we celebrate our 35th anniversary, we are proud to share with you our 2009 Scholarship Yearbook, which highlights all of our partners who share our vision. It is because of the generous support from corporations, foundations, state legislatures, government agencies, alumni, and individuals that we are able to provide financial assistance and opportunities for students to attend our programs.

During this past year, Kristen Lee, a student from Loyola University New Orleans told us:

“My participation in The Washington Center’s internship program has enabled me to broaden my horizons and develop into a more well-rounded individual. This unique opportunity has given me experience that will allow me to stand apart from my peers.”

With more than 75 percent of The Washington Center’s student body receiving financial support for the program, we would not be able to provide opportunities for students without the generosity of our contributors. On behalf of our 2009 scholarship recipients, we would like to thank our friends and donors who have helped us in our mission and provide students 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 for the next thirty-five years 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 of 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—an experience that transforms. 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, 40,000 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.
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Major, multi-year partnership efforts have helped to 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 U.S.-China Bilateral Trade Internship Program, funded by The Boeing Company.

_The president of Boeing International, Shephard W. Hill, met with Boeing fellows from the United States and China, for a conversation about the challenges and opportunities for Boeing’s commercial airline operations in China._
In January 2007, The Washington Center received a generous gift from The Boeing Company to create the U.S.-China Bilateral Trade Internship Program. The mission of the program is to promote among students from China and the United States increased understanding of the bilateral relationship between the two countries while obtaining practical skills to become engaged citizens and leaders in their communities.

The program is hosting sixty students over a three year period: twenty students participated in the spring 2008, and twenty in spring 2009. Twenty students will also participate in the spring 2010 semester. Ten Chinese applicants from Peking, Tsinghua and Fudan Universities as well as ten applicants from University of Washington, California State University and Washington University, were selected to participate in the program’s second year in spring 2009.

Participants enrolled in the U.S.-China Bilateral Trade Program experience a rich mix of activities during the semester. These include a full-time internship, four days per week, in the public, private, and non-profit sectors in Washington D.C.; weekly classes focusing on the U.S.-China bilateral agenda, speakers, panels, site visits, forums and trade simulations.

Wang Chen  
Major: Public Administration  
School: Fudan University  
Internship: Condor International Advisors, LLC  
Spring 2009

Xinting Chen  
Major: Accounting  
School: Washington University in St. Louis  
Internship: Blackboard Inc.  
Spring 2009

Isaac Choice  
Major: Accounting  
School: California State University Long Beach  
Internship: U.S. Department of Commerce  
Spring 2009

Nathan Gardner  
Major: Economics, International Political Economy  
School: University of Washington  
Internship: U.S. Department of Commerce  
Spring 2009

Carolyn Gou Xingyan  
Major: English  
School: Tsinghua University  
Internship: World Resources Institute  
Spring 2009

Harvey Hong  
Major: Political Science and History  
School: Washington University in St. Louis  
Internship: Montgomery County Department of Economic Development  
Spring 2009
Wenyin Huang
Major: Finance / Actuarial Science
School: Tsinghua University
Internship: Montgomery County Department of Economic Development
Spring 2009

Sandy Lam
Major: Sociology
School: University of Washington
Internship: International Fund for China’s Environment
Spring 2009

Jennifer Le
Major: Asian Studies
School: University of Washington
Internship: Asia Society
Spring 2009

Kai Li
Major: Finance
School: Peking University
Internship: Merrill Lynch
Spring 2009

Yifei Li
Major: Sociology / Diplomacy
School: Fudan University
Internship: Montgomery County Government, Office of Community Partnerships
Spring 2009

Lynn Ling
Major: Economics
School: Tsinghua University
Internship: Montgomery County Department of Economic Development
Spring 2009

Marketa Ostadalova
Major: Finance, Real Estate & Law
School: California State University, Long Beach
Internship: Oppenheimer & Company
Spring 2009

Vivian QIAN Wenjia
Major: Government and Public Administration
School: Fudan University
Internship: AC Multimedigroup LLC
Spring 2009

Xiao Qu Emma
Major: Finance
School: Tsinghua University
Internship: Condor International Advisors, LLC
Spring 2009

Luke Saunders
Major: International Area Studies, Economics
School: Washington University in St. Louis
Internship: Merrill Lynch
Spring 2009

Jonathan Shyu
Major: Accounting
School: Washington University in St. Louis
Internship: Condor International Advisors, LLC
Spring 2009

Xiaolu WU
Major: International Relations
School: Fudan University
Internship: Asia Society
Spring 2009

Heather Zauner
Major: International Business & Mandarin Chinese
School: Washington University in St. Louis
Internship: Center for Strategic & International Studies
Spring 2009

Yu Zhihui
Major: Economics
School: Peking University
Internship: World Resources Institute
Spring 2009

Funded Programs
Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Program

In early 2008, The Washington Center received a $1,000,000 grant from Ford Motor Company Fund 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 the resource, skills, mentorship and training to promote their professional success in their careers; and by learning ways in which they can contribute to the welfare of their communities.

In Washington, D.C., there’s so much to be accomplished, and so much to see and do. Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Danilo Mendonca, Melissa Lucas, Anna Mey Doo Marmo, Camila Andrade, Valeriya, Silki Patel and Allison Wilhite pictured during a trip to the National Zoo.

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Melinda Abraham Rajasekaran
School: Loyola Institute of Business Administration
Major: Management
Internship: World Communication Association International
Fall 2009

Andrew Barry
School: University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Major: Communication
Internship: Double R Production
Fall 2009

Camila Andrade
School: Universidade Federal Da Bahia
Major: Law
Internship: Pan American Health Organization
Fall 2009

Russel Brueton
School: University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
Major: International Relations
Internship: International Center for Terrorism
Fall 2009

Vanessa Balazs
School: Florida Gulf Coast University
Major: Political Science and Global Studies
Internship: Shared Hope International
Fall 2009

Talita Caldas
School: McKenzie University
Major: Business Administration
Internship: Brazil-U.S. Business Council
Fall 2009
Rhianna Dancey
School: University of South Florida
Major: French
Internship: United Way of America
Fall 2009

Anna Mey Doo Marmo
School: Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo
Major: Economics
Internship: World Resources Institute
Fall 2009

Thuy Duong
School: Vietnam National University
Major: Tourism
Internship: Montgomery County Office of Community Partnerships
Fall 2009

Latoya Freso
School: Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
Major: Biology
Internship: United Way of America
Fall 2009

Stephanie Grow
School: Western Washington University
Major: International Sustainable Development
Internship: Woodrow Wilson Center
Fall 2009

Shivanna Harridan
School: University of South Florida
Major: International Studies
Internship: Atlantic Council of the United States
Fall 2009

Melinda Kin
School: University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
Major: International Relations
Internship: Montgomery County Department of Economic Development
Fall 2009

Melissa Lucas
School: University of San Diego
Major: Political Science and Communication Studies
Internship: Peace Corps
Fall 2009

Elena Markovich
School: St. Petersburg State University
Major: European Studies, International Relations
Internship: U.S.-Russia Business Council
Fall 2009

Alexandra Masaitis
School: St. Petersburg State University
Major: International Relations
Internship: Montgomery County Department of Environmental Development
Fall 2009

Danilo Mendonca
School: Universidade Federal Da Bahia
Major: Administration
Internship: Inter-American Development Bank
Fall 2009

Joseph Morrison
School: Le Moyne College
Major: Political Science
Internship: Institute for Global Engagement
Fall 2009

Silki Patel
School: Case Western Reserve University
Major: Economics
Internship: Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
Fall 2009

Carlos Salinas
School: University of Tampa
Major: International Studies
Internship: U.S. Department of State
Fall 2009

Sheila Serrano Clavijo
School: Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo
Major: International Relations
Internship: Pan American Health Organization
Fall 2009

Viet Vuong
School: Vietnam National University
Major: International Economics
Internship: Management Dynamics
Fall 2009

Allison Wilhite
School: Stonehill College
Major: Development
Internship: Institute for Global Engagement
Fall 2009
Last year, The Washington Center raised more than $1.3 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 in the range of $1,000-$12,000.

*Brad Quiesser ’84 (left) is managing director at mCapitol Management. As a dedicated alumnus, Brad speaks to TWC students, mentors those who intern at his organization, and provides financial assistance for student scholarships. He is an example of an alumnus who has dedicated time to enrich the internship experience of other TWC students.*
American Express Nonprofit Leaders Scholarships


The American Express Nonprofit Leadership Initiative is a critical training ground for individuals who are interested in pursuing careers in the nonprofit sector. As Washington, D.C. is home to thousands of nonprofit organizations, it is the best place for students to gain experience in this field, providing opportunities that expose students to organizations. The scholarships provide an opportunity for students from around the country to engage in a transformational experience in the nonprofit sector. The Washington Center’s partnership with American Express began in 2005.

Eugene Axton
School: California University of Pennsylvania
Major: Secondary Education
Program: Advocacy, Service & Arts
Internship: The Washington Workshops Foundation
Spring 2009

Vanessa Bennett
School: University of New Hampshire
Major: History
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts
Internship: Share Our Strength
Fall 2009

Emmanuel Bernard
School: Fairleigh Dickinson University
Major: Political Science
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts
Internship: Arlington Refugee Services
Summer 2009

Stephen Borden
School: Ohio Northern University
Major: History
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts
Internship: U.S. Capitol Historical Society
Summer 2009

Amy Clemen
School: University of Northern Iowa
Major: Policy Studies
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts
Internship: Child Welfare League of America
Summer 2009

Elaine Donaldson
School: Loyola University
Major: North American Studies
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts
Internship: National Association of Federally Impacted Schools
Summer 2009
Sarah Gabriel  
School: Wake Forest University  
Major: English  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: Pan American Health & Education Foundation  
Summer 2009

Megan Hensley  
School: Western Kentucky University  
Major: Art  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: CentroNia  
Summer 2009

Kari Jones  
School: Lubbock Christian University  
Major: Social Work  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: Children's Rights Council  
Spring 2009

Larissa Luckel  
School: University of Iowa  
Major: International Studies  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: CentroNia  
Summer 2009

Morgan Markt  
School: Westfield State College  
Major: Social Work  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: Martha's Table  
Summer 2009

Benjamin Morrill  
School: University of Northern Iowa  
Major: History  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: U.S. Capitol Historical Society  
Summer 2009

Christina Muniz  
School: University of Arkansas  
Major: Social Work  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: Offender Aid and Restoration  
Summer 2009

Derek Spangler  
School: Capital University  
Major: Integrated Social Studies  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: U.S. Capitol Historical Society  
Summer 2009

Terrance Stevenson  
School: University of Memphis  
Major: International Studies  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Fall 2009

Jessica Stillman  
School: University of San Diego  
Major: International Relations  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: CentroNia  
Spring 2009

Samuel Talbott  
School: University of Iowa  
Major: History  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: Pan American Health & Education Foundation  
Summer 2009

Jennifer Tennihill  
School: Kutztown University of Pennsylvania  
Major: Sociology  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: Washington Parks & People  
Summer 2009

Katherine White  
School: Kutztown University of Pennsylvania  
Major: Psychology  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: Martha's Table  
Summer 2009

Designated Scholarship Support
AT&T Foundation Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Summer 2009 AT&T Scholars
Karen Rumery, Allison Bowman and Matthew Jaccarino.

AT&T Foundation’s support of The Washington Center programs has a storied history spanning more than twenty years. Through AT&T Foundation scholarships, we increase the number of students with disabilities that participate in Washington Center programs each year by providing them more opportunities to gain valuable work experience. AT&T’s generous support benefited eight students in 2009.

Evita Almassi
School: University of Washington
Major: Political Science
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts
Internship: Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation
Summer 2009

Allison Bowman
School: West Liberty University
Major: Criminal Justice
Program: Law & Criminal Justice
Internship: U.S. Marshals Service
Summer 2009

Samantha Coffin
School: University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Major: Women’s Studies
Program: Advocacy, Service & Arts
Internship: National Association of State Boards of Education
Fall 2009

Jennifer Hill
School: The College of New Jersey
Major: Women’s Studies
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts
Internship: Girls Incorporated
Spring 2009

Matthew Jaccarino
School: Le Moyne College
Major: History
Program: Political Leadership
Internship: 21st Century Democrats
Summer 2009

Danielle Wright
School: Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Major: Political Science
Program: Global Trade & Regional Integration
Internship: Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute
Spring 2009

Megan Venerick
School: Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
Major: Political Science
Program: International Affairs
Internship: Protection Project
Fall 2009

Karen Rumery
School: University of West Florida
Major: Communications
Program: Media & Communication
Internship: Voice of America
Summer 2009
Comcast Diversity in Congress Scholarships

Charisse Lillie, vice president of community investment and executive vice president, Comcast Foundation, and Earle Jones, senior director, federal affairs, with summer 2009 scholarship recipients and the students’ The Washington Center program advisor, Nick Catanzaro.

Comcast Corporation offers scholarships for undergraduate and graduate diversity students attending Bowie State University, University of Maryland - Eastern Shore, Coppin State University and Morgan State University, four of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities located in the state of Maryland. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis during the academic year. Comcast scholars intern in the offices of U.S. Senators and Members of the House of Representatives.

Christian Albertie
School: University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Major: Secondary Education
Program: Advocacy-Service-Arts
Summer 2009

Tamisha Gaynor
School: University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Major: Criminal Justice
Program: Law and Criminal Justice
Fall 2009

Josh Mitchell
School: University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Major: Business Administration
Program: Science and Policy
Internship: Office of U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman
Summer 2009

Thomas Keane-Dawes
School: University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Major: Business
Program: Law and Criminal Justice
Internship: Office of U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski
Summer 2009
In 2008, The Washington Center formed a partnership with The Center for Global Understanding (CFGU) to increase the civic engagement of Muslim American students through its internship program. This partnership provides CFGU scholars opportunities for civic engagement, professional achievement and leadership development.

The Washington Center and CFGU 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, as well as benefit from the leadership training provided by The Washington Center through its structured academic internship program.

Faisal Ali  
School: University of Kansas  
Major: Law  
Program: Postgraduate Professional Development Program  
Internship: AMDi  
Summer 2009

Linda Amrou  
School: University of Toledo  
Major: Law  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: American Turkish Council  
Summer 2009

Yunus Bhuiyan  
School: Pennsylvania State University  
Major: Business  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: Hostelling International  
Summer 2009

Hasan Dudar  
School: University of Toledo  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Global Trade & Regional Integration  
Internship: Management Dynamics Inc.  
Summer 2009
Congressman André Carson (D-IN) speaking with students participating in The Washington Center who received support from the Center for Global Understanding.

Basra Mohamed  
School: Middle Tennessee State University  
Major: Policy Studies  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: U.S. Department of the Interior  
Summer 2009

Affnan Mohammad  
School: Marquette University  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: Save the Children  
Summer 2009

Mariam Mostamandy  
School: Santa Clara University  
Major: Anthropology  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: Peace Corps  
Summer 2009

Craig Phillips  
School: Hartford Seminary  
Major: Islamic Studies & Christian-Muslim Relations  
Program: Postgraduate Professional Development Program  
Internship: Council on American-Islamic Relations  
Summer 2009

Mahmoud Siddig  
School: University of Iowa  
Major: Political Science  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: Organization of American States  
Summer 2009

Fatimeh Shamseddine  
School: University of South Florida  
Major: Journalism  
Program: Law & Criminal Justice  
Internship: Montgomery County Public Defender’s Service  
Summer 2009
Chevron Diversity Scholarships

Fall 2009 students including Chevron Scholars Christina Pettway and Keome Rowe meet with Kirsten Thorne, Corporate Policy Advisor at Chevron.

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. In 1991, The Washington Center honored Chevron and its chairman and CEO, Kenneth T. Derr, with the Business Award during our annual Honor Roll Event. Since 1995, Chevron has been supporting the Diversity Leaders Initiative.

Laurie Hang
School: California State University
Major: International Business
Program: International Affairs
Internship: U.S. Department of Treasury
Summer 2009

Courtney Kunstman
School: Emerson College
Major: Political Communications
Program: Political Leadership
Internship: Potomac Advocates
Fall 2009

Kristen Lee
School: Loyola University
Major: Political Science
Program: Political Leadership
Internship: Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Summer 2009

Elizabeth Magana
School: San Diego State University
Major: Political Science
Program: International Affairs
Internship: Torture Abolition & Survivors Support Coalition International
Spring 2009
Shelby Maldonado  
**School:** University of Rhode Island  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Program:** International Affairs  
**Internship:** U.S. Department of Treasury  
Spring 2009

Christopher Mark  
**School:** Mount Union College  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Program:** Law & Criminal Justice  
**Internship:** U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Summer 2009

Amber McIntyre  
**School:** Florida State University  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Program:** Political Leadership  
**Internship:** U.S. Department of State  
Spring 2009

Christina Pettway  
**School:** Central Connecticut State University  
**Major:** Criminology  
**Program:** Law and Criminal Justice  
**Internship:** INTERPOL  
Fall 2009

Keome Rowe  
**School:** Texas Christian University  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Program:** Political Leadership  
**Internship:** Chwat & Co.  
Fall 2009
In 2008, The Washington Center was awarded a two-year grant from The Cleveland Foundation to support scholarship opportunities for students from Cleveland State University to participate in our internship programs. These scholarships enabled selected students to enhance their personal and professional skills and develop a stronger sense of civic awareness through a semester in Washington, D.C. Scholarship recipients will use the lessons learned through The Washington Center’s internship program to help them contribute meaningfully to the Cleveland community upon returning to Ohio.

**Michael Crifasi**
School: Cleveland State University  
Major: English  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: The Washington Workshops Foundation  
Spring 2009

**Kevin Harding**  
School: Cleveland State University  
Major: International Relations  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: The Washington Workshops Foundation  
Spring 2009

**Emily Honsa**  
School: Cleveland State University  
Major: Law  
Program: Law & Criminal Justice  
Internship: Naval Criminal Investigative Service  
Summer 2009

**Jaimee Hunter**  
School: Cleveland State University  
Major: Criminology  
Program: Law & Criminal Justice  
Internship: Montgomery County Public Defender’s Service  
Summer 2009
Students participate in a structured set of activities that gives them opportunities to understand leadership and to contribute to their communities locally, nationally, and internationally.

Tahira Siddiq
School: Cleveland State University
Major: Political Science
Program: Law & Criminal Justice
Internship: D.C. Law Students In Court Program
Summer 2009

Justin Strekal
School: Cleveland State University
Major: Political Science
Program: Political Leadership
Internship: The White House
Fall 2009

Ekaterina Zabalueva
School: Cleveland State University
Major: Law
Program: International Affairs
Internship: United Nations Association
Spring 2009
A longtime partner of The Washington Center, the Coca-Cola Foundation, in 2009, provided nine scholarships as part of the International Leaders Awards. The grant supports global leaders scholarships, providing a distinguished group of international students the opportunity to access The Washington Center’s academic internship experience founded on the values of leadership, professional development, social responsibility, and civic engagement.

Aldo D’Agostino  
**School:** University of Chile  
**Major:** Business Management  
**Program:** NAFTA-Americas Leaders  
**Internship:** Management Dynamics Inc.  
Spring 2009

Cecilia Chemes  
**School:** Universidad del CEMA  
**Major:** Economics  
**Program:** NAFTA-Americas Leaders  
**Internship:** Inter American Economic Council  
Spring 2009

Valeriya Kim  
**School:** St. Petersburg State University  
**Major:** International Relations  
**Program:** Global Scholars Program  
**Internship:** International Fund for China’s Environment  
Fall 2009

Young Jin Lee  
**School:** Handong Global University  
**Major:** International Relations  
**Program:** International Affairs  
**Internship:** Environmental Protection Agency  
Spring 2009
Ever Osorio Ruiz  
School: Universidad de las Americas  
Major: International Relations  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: Law Media Group  
Spring 2009

Kelly Tay  
School: National University of Singapore  
Major: English Literature  
Program: Advocacy-Service-Arts  
Internship: Pan American Health & Education Foundation  
Fall 2009

Andrew Tiffin  
School: Queen's University  
Major: Commerce  
Program: NAFTA-Americas Leaders  
Internship: Embassy of Canada  
Spring 2009

Ana Salla  
School: Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Sao Paulo  
Major: International Relations  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: Pan American Health Organization  
Fall 2009
Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation Diversity Scholarships

At The Washington Center, students have the opportunity to be involved in projects where they learn to apply skills needed to make a positive difference in the community.

The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation is a longtime supporter of The Washington Center, providing transformational gifts that help build our organizational capacity. Among them were contributions to support efforts to track Washington Center alumni, automate student academic records, and to upgrade information infrastructure. The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation has supported the Diversity Leadership Initiative since 1993, making it possible for more than one hundred students to participate in internships in Washington, D.C.

Jeremy Harp
School: Yale University
Major: Political Science
Program: Political leadership
Summer 2009

Alonzo Redden
School: Delaware State University
Major: Sports Management
Program: Media and Communication
Internship: Swanson Communications
Spring 2009

Chhun La Te
School: University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Major: Political Science
Program: Law and Criminal Justice
Internship: Montgomery County Public Defender’s Service
Fall 2009
Hearst Endowed Scholarships for Minorities

To celebrate cultural diversity from around the world, The Washington Center hosts a spring and fall international festival with food, music, and fun, as a means for cross-cultural exploration among U.S. and international program participants.

More than fifteen years ago, the William Randolph Hearst Foundations supported the creation of the Hearst Endowed Scholarships for Minorities. The return investment on this endowment allowed The Washington Center to name Kean College communications major Byron Grant the first Hearst Scholar in 1997. Since then, 29 other Hearst scholarships have been awarded.

Stephen Jansen
School: University of Wisconsin
Major: Political Science
Program: Law & Criminal Justice
Internship: Federal Trade Commission
Summer 2009

Grace Rivera
School: Westfield State College
Major: Criminal Justice
Program: Law & Criminal Justice
Internship: U.S. Marshals Service
Spring 2009
Ford Motor Company Fund Diversity Scholarships

Fall 2009 Ford Diversity Scholars at The Washington Center’s headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The support of Ford Motor Company and the Ford Motor Company Fund spans almost twenty-five 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 marked 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 one million dollar grant to develop the Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Program. Ford Motor Company was also the presenting sponsor of The Washington Center’s annual gala in 2009.

Javier Arvelo-Cruz-Santana  
School: Western Carolina University  
Major: Public Administration  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: U.S. Council for Puerto Rico Statehood  
Summer 2009

Mustafa Azizi  
School: University of California-Berkeley  
Major: Political Economy  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: Peace Corps  
Summer 2009

Cassandra Clark  
School: San Diego State University  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: KSCW, Inc.  
Spring 2009

Nathaniel Davis  
School: Delaware State University  
Major: Sports Management  
Program: Media & Communication  
Internship: Book Hill Partners  
Spring 2009
Jasmine Ferguson  
School: Delaware State University  
Major: Public Relations  
Program: Media & Communication  
Internship: Double R Productions  
Spring 2009

Kelsey Foster  
School: Emerson College  
Major: Journalism  
Program: Media & Communication  
Internship: Peace Corps  
Fall 2009

Clarence Harper  
School: Norfolk State University  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: Potomac Advocates  
Spring 2009

Emmanuel Hector  
School: Adelphi University  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Science Technology & Society  
Internship: Safe Kids Worldwide  
Fall 2009

Kristen Hopkins  
School: Delaware State University  
Major: Public Relations  
Program: Media & Communication  
Internship: Tricom Associates  
Spring 2009

Lynnette Kelly  
School: Eastern Washington University  
Major: Public Relations  
Program: Media & Communication  
Internship: Double R Productions  
Fall 2009

Melicia Morris  
School: University of Massachusetts  
Major: Political Science  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: Embassy of Mexico  
Summer 2009

Elizabeth Pagan  
School: Westfield State College  
Major: Social Work  
Program: Advocacy-Service-Arts  
Internship: CentroNia  
Summer 2009

Nicolas Pazmino  
School: University of Tampa  
Major: Government  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: TechAmerica  
Fall 2009

Rebecca Slavin  
School: Emerson College  
Major: Political Communications  
Program: Advocacy-Service-Arts  
Internship: Rock the Vote  
Fall 2009

Myeika Waller  
School: University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
Major: Criminal Justice  
Program: Law & Criminal Justice  
Internship: Montgomery County Public Defender’s Service  
Summer 2009

Shela Delgado  
School: Florida State University  
Major: Criminology  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: Asia America Initiative  
Spring 2009

Clarence Harper  
School: Norfolk State University  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: Potomac Advocates  
Spring 2009

Brandon Carter  
School: University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
Major: Economics  
Program: Business and Management  
Internship: Merrill Lynch  
Fall 2009
In 2009, The GE Foundation provided scholarship support to fourteen students from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela to attend The Washington Center’s Global Trade and Regional Integration Program during the spring and fall semesters. Together with students from the United States and Canada, these students gained a greater understanding of global business enterprise and related international trade policy through the exploration of regional economic integration.

Yohana de Andrade  
School: Universidade Presbiteriana Mackenzie  
Major: Journalism  
Program: NAFTA-Americas Leaders  
Internship: Voice of America  
Spring 2009

Magdalena Ayerra  
School: Universidad Catolica Argentina  
Major: Political Science  
Program: NAFTA-Americas Leaders  
Internship: Voice of America  
Spring 2009

Adriana Cardenas Rey  
School: Universidad del Rosario  
Major: Finance  
Program: NAFTA-Americas Leaders  
Internship: Small Business Administration  
Spring 2009

Erick Diaz Cadena  
School: Universidad de Monterrey  
Major: Economics  
Program: Global Trade and Regional Integration  
Internship: GIC Group  
Fall 2009
Esther Esparza Vazquez
School: Universidad de Monterrey
Major: Human Resource Management
Program: Global Trade and Regional Integration
Internship: National Council for Community and Education Partnerships
Fall 2009

Raul Gallegos Castillo
School: Universidad de Monterrey
Major: Engineering
Program: Global Trade and Regional Integration
Internship: Organization of American States
Fall 2009

Cendy Garcia Duran
School: Universidad de Monterrey
Major: International Trade
Program: Global Trade and Regional Integration
Internship: Embassy of Mexico
Fall 2009

Ana Leal Padilla
School: Universidad de Monterrey
Major: Engineering
Program: Global Trade and Regional Integration
Internship: Small Business Administration
Fall 2009

Maria Lopez Fiallos
School: Pontificia Universidad Catolica
Major: Journalism
Program: NAFTA-Americas Leaders
Internship: U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Spring 2009

Maria Olavarria
School: Universidad Metropolitana
Major: Business Management
Program: NAFTA-Americas Leaders
Internship: Inter American Economic Council
Spring 2009

Juan Antonio Romero Loera
School: Universidad de Monterrey
Major: Business Administration
Program: Global Trade and Regional Integration
Internship: National Council for Community and Education Partnerships
Fall 2009

Lucero Turrubiartes Rivas
School: Universidad de Monterrey
Major: Economics
Program: Global Trade and Regional Integration
Internship: Embassy of Mexico
Fall 2009

Valentina Vicent
School: Universidad Metropolitana
Major: Liberal Arts
Program: NAFTA-Americas Leaders
Internship: Pyramid Atlantic
Spring 2009

Maria Fernanda Villarreal Chagollan
School: Universidad de Monterrey
Major: Human Resource Management
Program: Global Trade and Regional Integration
Internship: Pan American Health & Education Foundation
Fall 2009
HSC Foundation Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Summer 2009 HSC Scholars Dylan Thompson, Rachel Besonen and Ashley Handcock.

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

In 2009, The HSC Foundation again provided scholarship support to The Washington Center. The Washington Center also received additional support through The HSC Foundation’s Life Enrichment Awards Program (LEAP) to help our students with disabilities more easily navigate their future transitions from campus to professional life.

**Cori Benefiel**
School: University of Memphis  
Major: Anthropology  
Program: Postgraduate Professional Development  
Internship: Pan American Health Organization  
Summer 2009

**Rachel Besonen**
School: University of Massachusetts  
Major: Politics  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: Saudi Institute  
Summer 2009

**Matthew Fuller**
School: Saint Anselm College  
Major: Politics  
Program: Media & Communications  
Internship: Gallerywatch.com  
Spring 2009

**Ashley Handcock**
School: Arkansas State University  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: National Foundation for Women Legislators  
Summer 2009
Ryan Hearn  
School: University of Central Florida  
Major: Public Administration  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: Chwat & Co.  
Fall 2009

Dylan Thompson  
School: Bowling Green State University  
Major: Social Work  
Program: Advocacy, Service and Arts  
Internship: Children’s Rights Council  
Summer 2009

Brittany Weaver  
School: University of New Hampshire  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: U.S. State Department  
Fall 2009

Keith Winer  
School: Westfield State College  
Major: Communications  
Program: Media & Communications  
Internship: To the Contrary  
Spring 2009

Fall 2009 HSC Scholars Brittany Weaver and Ryan Hearn.
Jeffrey Jones Scholarships

Fall 2009 Jeffrey Jones Scholars Chan Lee and Jeongwon Shin.

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. Two students were awarded Jeffrey D. Jones Scholarships during 2009.

Chan Lee
School: Yonsei University
Major: Economics
Program: International Affairs
Internship: Children’s Rights Council
Fall 2009

Jeongwon Shin
School: Korea University
Major: Economics
Program: Business & Management
Internship: Merrill Lynch
Fall 2009
In 2009, The Washington Center received a two-year grant from the Henry H. Kessler Foundation in West Orange, New Jersey, to increase the number of scholarship opportunities for students with disabilities participating in The Washington Center’s programs. The Kessler Foundation’s support provides scholarships to students with disabilities who come to The Washington Center from colleges and universities in the state of New Jersey. Kessler Foundation scholarships were awarded on a competitive basis to five students during 2009.

**Bethany Garner**  
**School:** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
**Major:** Speech Communication  
**Program:** Advocacy, Service and Arts  
**Internship:** U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs- Medical Center  
**Spring 2009**

**David Kennedy**  
**School:** Fairleigh Dickinson University  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Program:** Political Leadership  
**Internship:** KSCW, Inc.  
**Fall 2009**

**Tekeste Negash**  
**School:** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Program:** NAFTA-Americas Leaders  
**Internship:** National Council for Community and Education Partnerships  
**Summer 2009**

**Elizabeth Thrall**  
**School:** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Program:** Political Leadership  
**Internship:** Protection Project  
**Spring 2009**

**Rose Williams**  
**School:** Kean University  
**Major:** Accounting  
**Program:** Science & Policy  
**Internship:** League of Conservation Voters Education Fund  
**Fall 2009**
Motorola Foundation Scholarships

Summer 2009 Motorola Scholars
Joshua Ziegler, Ellyn Marder, Janna Rosenthal, and Lavinia Trotter.

The Motorola 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 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 freshly enhanced program provides better internship opportunities and academic support to students from STEM disciplines.

Andrew Cheney
School: University of New Hampshire
Major: Biology
Program: Science, Technology & Society
Internship: NVCC Dental Clinic
Fall 2009

Ellyn Marder
School: Florida State University
Major: Chemistry
Program: Science, Technology & Society
Internship: American Society of Transplant Surgeons
Summer 2009

Nate Ngerebara
School: Michigan Technological University
Major: Chemical Engineering
Program: Science, Technology & Society
Internship: National Volunteer Fire Council
Summer 2009

Michael Pellitiere
School: Jacksonville University
Major: Mathematics
Program: Science, Technology & Society
Internship: INTERPOL
Fall 2009

Anne Price
School: Elon University
Major: Statistics
Program: Science, Technology & Society
Internship: Strategic Health Care
Fall 2009

Shuja Rayaz
School: University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Major: Physics
Program: Science, Technology & Society
Internship: Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Summer 2009
Janna Rosenthal  
School: University of Florida  
Major: Environmental Science  
Program: Science, Technology & Society  
Internship: Environment America  
Summer 2009

Lavinia Trotter  
School: California State University  
Major: Computer Information Systems  
Program: Science, Technology & Society  
Internship: U.S. Department of Commerce - MBDA  
Summer 2009

Joshua Ziegler  
School: University of Findlay  
Major: Computer Science  
Program: Science, Technology & Society  
Internship: Rock the Vote  
Summer 2009

Fall 2009 Motorola Scholars Andrew Cheney, Anne Price and Michael Pellittiere.
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 the combination of any 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, close to one hundred college and university students have received the New York Life Foundation Diversity Scholarships. Thirteen scholarships were awarded in 2009.

Ashley Berecek  
School: Hiram College  
Major: Accounting  
Program: Business & Management  
Internship: Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States  
Fall 2009

Shenisa Clarke  
School: Dickinson College  
Major: Economics  
Program: Business & Management  
Internship: Financial Services Roundtable  
Fall 2009

Anish Choksi  
School: The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
Major: Business  
Program: Business and Information Technology  
Internship: Federal Trade Commission  
Spring 2009

Samantha Davis  
School: California University of Pennsylvania  
Major: Business Administration  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: Visions in Action  
Summer 2009

Severine Ekwede  
School: University of Maryland  
Major: Accounting  
Program: Business & Management  
Internship: Energy Efficiency Experts  
Summer 2009

Samuel Frances-Barrot  
School: Lock Haven University  
Major: Business Administration  
Program: Business & Management  
Internship: U.S. Department of Commerce - MBDA  
Summer 2009
Summer 2009 New York Life Scholars Talitha Royster, Aqueelah Price, Scholars Samuel Frances-Barrot, Samantha Davis, Mahmoud Siddig and Reina Valenzuela with Arleen Borysiewicz, senior vice president of The Washington Center during a program luncheon.

Katherine Fowler  
**School:** The University of Montana  
**Major:** International Business  
**Program:** International Affairs  
**Internship:** Protection Project  
Spring 2009

Krystal Hope  
**School:** Juniata College  
**Major:** Business/Corporate Communications  
**Program:** Advocacy-Service-Arts  
**Internship:** Pyramid Atlantic  
Fall 2009

Jeffrey Offomata  
**School:** Delaware State University  
**Major:** Accounting  
**Program:** Business & Management  
**Internship:** Smithsonian Institution-Office of the Inspector General  
Summer 2009

Aqueelah Price  
**School:** University of Maryland  
**Major:** Business Administration  
**Program:** Business & Management  
**Internship:** Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States  
Summer 2009

Talitha Royster  
**School:** University of Maryland  
**Major:** Accounting  
**Program:** Business & Management  
**Internship:** Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States  
Summer 2009

Mahmoud Siddig  
**School:** University of Iowa  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Program:** International Affairs  
**Internship:** Organization of American States  
Summer 2009

Juanita Smith  
**School:** Delaware State University  
**Major:** Accounting  
**Program:** Business & Management  
**Internship:** U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs-Medical Center  
Fall 2009

Reina Valenzuela  
**School:** Kean University  
**Major:** Business Management  
**Program:** Postgraduate Professional Development  
**Internship:** United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Summer 2009
Prudential Foundation Diversity Scholarships

A contributor since 1982, Prudential provided scholarship support for the Diversity Leaders Initiative. It also contributed to the Thomas J. Stanton, Jr. Endowment, created in memory of The Washington Center’s board member, and a prominent business and civic leader in New Jersey. In 2009, Prudential Foundation established The Global Citizens Program at The Washington Center to bring seventy-five students from India, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan to Washington, D.C. The Prudential Foundation made a one million dollar commitment to this initiative.

Jamie Mandujano  
School: Angelo State University  
Major: International Business  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: Organization of American States  
Summer 2009

Jasmine Romaine  
School: University of West Florida  
Major: Communications  
Program: Media and Communication  
Internship: Swanson Communications  
Spring 2009

Breyana Roman  
School: Westfield State College  
Major: Communications  
Program: Media and Communication  
Internship: Double R Productions  
Spring 2009

Spring 2009 Prudential Scholars  
Jasmine Romaine and Breyana Roman.
Nancy Rubin Native American Leaders Scholarships

In 2009, thanks to the generous support of The Honorable Nancy Rubin, former Ambassador to the UN Commission on Human Rights, The Washington Center established scholarship opportunities for students from Native American/Alaska Native backgrounds to participate in our transformational academic internship program in Washington, D.C. The valuable leadership training and civic engagement education the students receive through their internships prepares them to contribute to the advancement of their communities after leaving Washington, D.C. Two students were awarded scholarships during 2009.

Sharon Hood
School: The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
Major: Criminal Justice  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: U.S. Department of the Interior  
Summer 2009

Myra Martin
School: Arizona State University  
Major: Finance  
Program: Business and Management  
Internship: Merrill Lynch  
Summer 2009
Sea Star Line Córdova y Fernós Scholarships

Fall 2009 Córdova y Fernós intern
Andrea D. Santiago Diaz with
Supreme Court Associate Justice
Sonia Sotomayor.

Sea Star Line Agency has been a supporter of the Córdova y Fernós Congressional Internship Program since 2002. Since then, twenty-eight Puerto Rican students have received Sea Star Line scholarships. Sea Star Line’s generous support benefited six students in 2009.

Gretchen L. Alvarado Gonzalez
School: University of Puerto Rico
Major: Public Relations
Program: Córdova y Fernós
Internship: National Hispanic Caucus for State Legislators
Spring 2009

Sheila M. Cruz Rodríguez
School: University of Puerto Rico
Major: Human Resources
Program: Córdova y Fernós
Fall 2009

Hiram J. Lopez Rodriguez
School: University of Puerto Rico
Major: Political Science
Program: Córdova y Fernós
Spring 2009

Gabriel E. Quintero Montalvo
School: University of Puerto Rico
Major: Political Science
Program: Córdova y Fernós
Internship: Office of U.S. Senator John Kerry
Fall 2009

Andrea D. Santiago Diaz
School: University of Puerto Rico
Major: Business
Program: Córdova y Fernós
Internship: Telemundo
Fall 2009

Javier L. Valdes Mercado
School: Sacred Heart University
Major: Entrepreneurship
Program: Córdova y Fernós
Internship: U.S. Department of Commerce
Spring 2009
Since 2001, Triple-S Management Corporation has supported The Washington Center in order to provide scholarships for Puerto Rican students participating in the Córdova y Fernós Congressional Internship Program. Through scholarship support, Triple-S has helped to develop the next generation of leaders for Puerto Rico by providing them 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. Triple-S was also the presenting sponsor of the 2009 Córdova y Fernós alumni holiday reception in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Francisco J. Zayas Santiago
School: University of Puerto Rico
Major: Biology
Program: Córdova y Fernós
Spring 2009

Ilia C. Ramirez Martinez
School: Sacred Heart University
Major: Marketing
Program: Córdova y Fernós
Spring 2009

Miralys Perez Nieves
School: Metropolitan University
Major: Hispanic Studies
Program: Córdova y Fernós
Internship: U.S. Department of Education
Fall 2009
Univision Córdova y Fernós Scholarships

Fall 2009 Univision Scholar Michael Anthony Lopez, who completed his internship at the U.S. Department of Education, poses with Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

For nearly a decade, Univision has supported Puerto Rican students participating in the Córdova y Fernós 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 the context of Puerto Rico, 21st century teaching, innovative trends, and educational leadership. In addition to scholarship support, Univision also sponsored The Washington Center’s Gala in 2005, 2007 and 2009.

Joel Bonilla-Blondet
School: University of Puerto Rico
Major: Political Science
Program: Córdova y Fernós
Internship: INTERPOL
Fall 2009

Cristina Faica Valentin
School: University of Puerto Rico
Major: Advertising
Program: Córdova y Fernós
Internship: National Puerto Rican Coalition, Inc.
Spring 2009

Diamar J. Fernandez Pabon
School: Sacred Heart University
Major: Communications
Program: Córdova y Fernós
Internship: Office of U.S. Senator Harry Reid
Spring 2009

Juan Carlos Hernandez Ramos
School: University of Puerto Rico
Major: Advertising
Program: Córdova y Fernós
Internship: Office of Resident Commissioner Pedro Pierluisi
Fall 2009
Michael Anthony Lopez Pelliccia  
School: University of Puerto Rico  
Major: Finance  
Program: Córdova y Fernós  
Internship: U.S. Department of Education  
Fall 2009  

Yolanda I. Martinez Delgado  
School: University of Puerto Rico  
Major: Economics  
Program: Córdova y Fernós  
Internship: Organization of American States  
Spring 2009  

Javier Soto Muñoz  
School: University of Puerto Rico  
Major: Communication  
Program: Córdova y Fernós  
Fall 2009  

Emely J. Perez Ramirez  
School: University of Puerto Rico  
Major: Psychology  
Program: Córdova y Fernós  
Fall 2009  

Xiomara E. Ramírez Burgos  
School: University of Puerto Rico  
Major: Law  
Program: Córdova y Fernós  
Internship: Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration  
Spring 2009  

Fernando Tormos Aponte  
School: University of Puerto Rico  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Córdova y Fernós  
Internship: National Puerto Rican Coalition, Inc.  
Spring 2009  

Spring 2009 Univision Scholars Cristina Faica and Fernando Tormos with senior program advisor, Eila Sepulveda ’04, pose with Ivelisse Estrada, Univision’s senior vice president for corporate and community relations.
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.

Amara Anosike  
School: University of Massachusetts  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: KSCW, Inc.  
Spring 2009

Yesenia Barberena  
School: University of San Diego  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Law & Criminal Justice  
Internship: Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, LLP  
Spring 2009

Mitchell Baroody  
School: The Citadel  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: Office of Rep. Ken Calvert (R-44th CA)  
Spring 2009

Pablo Best  
School: Florida Atlantic University  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: Chwat & Co.  
Fall 2009

Israel Castillo  
School: Florida International University  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Law & Criminal Justice  
Internship: Library of Congress  
Spring 2009

Melody Chang  
School: University of Washington  
Major: Political Science  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: National Defense University  
Fall 2009
Jaimee Mayfield  
School: Washington State University  
Major: Communications  
Program: Media & Communication  
Internship: Double R Productions  
Summer 2009

Courtney McIntyre  
School: Duke University  
Major: International Studies  
Program: International Affairs  
Internship: Global Centurion  
Summer 2009

Kathy Toro  
School: University of Rhode Island  
Major: Psychology  
Program: Advocacy, Service & Arts  
Internship: CentroNia  
Spring 2009

Cristina Tran  
School: San Diego State University  
Major: Political Science  
Program: Law & Criminal Justice  
Internship: National Whistleblowers Center  
Fall 2009

Jessica Wallace  
School: Regent University  
Major: Government  
Program: Political Leadership  
Internship: U.S. Department of Commerce  
Summer 2009

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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 honors programs. Further, the annual gala 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 2009 celebrated remarkable individuals who have dedicated their lives to service.

Tennessee State University President Melvin N. Johnson with colleagues from TSU and Dr. Joseph Johnston from The Washington Center.

Honorary dinner co-chairs Norm and Deni Mineta with Verizon’s senior vice president, Peter Davidson, and other guests.

His Excellency Welile Nhlapo, ambassador from South Africa to the United States, accepting the Pillar Award for Professional Achievement from students from South Africa Melinda Kin and Russell Brueton. Mrs. Sissy Nhlapo attended the event with the ambassador.

Mike Smith, president of The Washington Center, with students enrolled in the Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Program.
Gala Honors

On October 19, 2009 at the National Building Museum, The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars recognized individuals and institutions whose accomplishments through service to other people and communities have improved our world.

Pillar Award for Achievement
His Excellency Welile Nhlapo
Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa to the United States

Pillar Award for Civic Engagement
Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)

Pillar Award for Leadership
Rep. Norm Dicks (D-WA)

Our First Higher Education Civic Engagement Award Recipients

Five institutions were selected to receive The Washington Center’s Civic Engagement Awards. These give institutions are accomplishing remarkable things in their efforts to promote service-learning and engagements with their local, national and international communities.

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Tennessee State University
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Samantha April  
Stonehill College  
Fall 2009

Amil Bokhari  
Texas Christian University  
Fall 2009

Stephanie Bosley  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Spring 2009

Jacob Breach  
Purdue University  
Spring 2009

Diana Cabral  
Stonehill College  
Fall 2009

Nicholas Caniglia  
Suffolk University  
Spring 2009

Paige Carlson  
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania  
Spring 2009

Mary Anne Carter  
Carleton University  
Fall 2009

Audra Clark  
Franklin Pierce University  
Spring 2009

Emily Cochran  
University of Detroit Mercy  
Spring 2009

Caylah Cohen  
Thomas College  
Spring 2009

Melanie Condon  
University of New Hampshire  
Spring 2009

Sheila Crocco  
Fitchburg State College  
Spring 2009

Matthew Gorman  
Stonehill College  
Fall 2009

Kayleigh Harvey  
Le Moyne College  
Spring 2009

Kelsey Hawley  
Texas Christian University  
Fall 2009

Sarah Hensler  
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania  
Spring 2009

Patrick Kelly  
University of New Hampshire  
Spring 2009

SoYoung Kim  
Sogang University  
Spring 2009

Stephanie Kraft  
Mount St. Mary’s University  
Fall 2009

Eun Hye Lee  
Kyung Hee University  
Fall 2009

Alexandra Leib  
University of Connecticut  
Fall 2009

Alana Lichty  
West Chester University of Pennsylvania  
Spring 2009

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Spring 2009

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Spring 2009
University Partnerships

Pi Sigma Alpha

The Pi Sigma Alpha Washington Scholarship is a $2,500 scholarship towards housing costs that is automatically awarded to Washington Center participants who have been chosen to receive the award by Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society. Scholarship recipients for 2009 are:

- **Bryan O’Brien**  
  University of Massachusetts  
  Summer 2009

- **Patrick Pratt**  
  Middle Tennessee State University  
  Summer 2009

The National Collegiate Honors Council Scholarship

The National Collegiate Honors Council Scholarship provides $2,000 toward housing costs to students who are in honors programs or honors colleges that are member of the National Collegiate Honors Council. Scholarship recipients for 2009 are:

- **Erica Drescher**  
  University of Massachusetts  
  Spring 2009

- **Michael Gaubinger**  
  University of Massachusetts Amherst  
  Fall 2009

- **Tara Greene**  
  University of San Diego  
  Spring 2009

- **Julie Hamilton**  
  The University of Montana  
  Fall 2009

- **Christopher Lamb**  
  Wilmington College  
  Spring 2009

- **Kyle McKay**  
  University of North Florida  
  Spring 2009

- **Jessica Peterson**  
  The University of Montana  
  Fall 2009

- **Emily Zava**  
  The University of Memphis  
  Spring 2009

- **Leslee Soudrette**  
  University of Evansville  
  Spring 2009

- **Milan Vuckovic**  
  Loras College  
  Fall 2009

The Association of College Honor Societies Scholarship

The Association of College Honor Societies Scholarship provides $1,000 toward housing costs to students in national honor societies that are members of the Association of College Honors Societies. Scholarship recipients for 2009 are:

- **Ryan Beaston**  
  Washington College  
  Spring 2009

- **Emily Blair**  
  Illinois College  
  Fall 2009

- **Shannon Hayes**  
  The University of Memphis  
  Spring 2009

- **Heather Miller**  
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Annual Gala
Last year, The Washington Center established seventeen state partnerships that provided generous financial aid for students. These efforts promote the workplace preparation of young talent and become the pipeline for a new workforce generation for the states and all of their sectors.

*Senator Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Senator Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) meet with Tennessee students participating in The Washington Center program.*
State Scholarship Awards

Arkansas
Established in 2006, Arkansas awarded fourteen scholarships in 2009 to students from:
- Arkansas State
- University of Arkansas
- University of Central Arkansas
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Arizona
Established in 2007, Arizona awarded seven scholarships in 2009 to students from Arizona State University.

Connecticut

Delaware
Established in 2006, Delaware awarded eight scholarships in 2009 to students from Delaware State University.

Florida
Established in 1996, Florida awarded forty-six scholarships in 2009 to students from:
- 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 St. Petersburg
- University of West Florida
Iowa

Established in 2008, Iowa awarded fifteen scholarships in 2009 to students from:

- Buena Vista University
- Central College
- Iowa State University
- University of Iowa
- University of Northern Iowa

Kentucky

Established in 2004, Kentucky awarded fifteen scholarships in 2009 to students from Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University and Western Kentucky University.

Louisiana

Established in 2007, Louisiana awarded five scholarships in 2009 to students from Loyola University New Orleans and Xavier University.

Massachusetts

Established in 2000, Massachusetts awarded seventy-nine scholarships in 2009 to students from:

- Bridgewater State College
- Fitchburg State College
- Framingham State College
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- University of Massachusetts- Amherst
- University of Massachusetts- Dartmouth
- University of Massachusetts- Lowell
- Westfield State College
Maryland
Established in 2002, Maryland awarded twenty-four scholarships in 2009 to students from:

- Baltimore City Community College
- Mount St. Mary’s University
- Stevenson University
- St. Mary’s College of Maryland
- Washington College
- University of Baltimore
- University of Maryland Baltimore County
- University of Maryland College Park
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Ohio
Established in 1997, Ohio awarded ninety-four scholarships in 2009 to students from:

- Bowling Green University
- Capital University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Cleveland State University
- Hiram College
- John Carroll University
- Miami University of Ohio
- Mount Union College
- Ohio Northern University
- Tiffin University
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Dayton
- University of Findlay
- University of Toledo
- Walsh University
- Wilmington College
- Wright State University
- Xavier University

North Dakota
Established in 2007, North Dakota awarded two scholarships in 2009 to students from the University of North Dakota.
Oklahoma

Established in 2004, Oklahoma awarded four scholarships in 2009 to students from Rogers State University.

Pennsylvania

Established in 2004, Pennsylvania awarded 101 scholarships in 2009 to students from:

- Alvernia College
- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
- Cabrini College
- California University of Pennsylvania
- Dickinson College
- Gannon University
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Juniata University
- Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
- Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
- Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
- Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
- St. Joseph’s University
- Villanova University
- Westchester University of Pennsylvania
- Wilson College

Puerto Rico

Established in 1994, Puerto Rico awarded forty-three scholarships in 2009 to students from:

- Catholic University
- Inter-American University - Ponce
- Inter-American University - San Juan
- Metropolitan University
- Sacred Heart University
- University of Puerto Rico - Mayaguez
- University of Puerto Rico - Ponce
- University of Puerto Rico - Rio Piedras

Tennessee

Established in 2007, Tennessee awarded fifteen scholarships in 2009 to students from:

- Austin Peay State University
- East Tennessee State University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- University of Memphis

Washington

Established in 2004, Washington awarded fifteen scholarships in 2009 to students from:

- Eastern Washington University
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University
- University of Washington
Federal Partnerships
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 six years, The Washington Center 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, 20-25% 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%.

Our internship programs are a distinctive combination of workforce training, experiential education, and leadership development designed specifically for the federal agencies to play a critical role 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 own 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
- Human and Health Services
- Internal Revenue Service
- U.S. Coast Guard
- 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. Veterans Affairs

Federal Partnerships

International Initiative
International Partnerships

The Washington Center began developing partnerships with the international higher education community and government sectors in 1999, starting with the State of Tabasco in Mexico. Students from abroad now make up more than 15 percent of our student body. These institutions provide financial support to their students.

Canada

In 2009, forty-five students from Canada participated in The Washington Center’s internship and seminar programs, including students from Alberta, Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick. The majority of these students received financial assistance from their provincial governments (Alberta and Quebec, or an institution of higher education, such as the students from the University of Ottawa).

The participants came from the following universities:

**In Alberta:** Grant MacEwan University, University of Lethbridge, University of Alberta, University of Calgary, Canadian University College, Concordia University College of Alberta, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

**In New Brunswick:** St. Thomas University, Université de Moncton, University of New Brunswick (Saint John and Fredericton), Mount Allison University.

**In Québec:** Université Laval, Université de Montréal, Université de Sherbrooke, Université du Québec à Montréal, HEC Montréal, Bishop’s University, Concordia University, McGill University (not affiliated).

**In Ontario:** Carleton University, Wilfrid Laurier University, Queen’s University (not affiliated), Université d’Ottawa, University of Guelph, University of Western Ontario (not affiliated).

Mexico

In 2009, fifty-two students from Mexico participated in The Washington Center’s internship programs, including students and young professionals from Veracruz, Coahuila, Campeche, Hidalgo, and San Luis Potosi. The participation of all these students was made possible with funding from their respective state governors, including one participant supported through a scholarship from Mexico’s Association of Ministers of Economic Development.

During the semester, participants develop a project that impacts and improves the well-being of their regions by attracting investment or by representing a product or an industry. Upon the students return to Mexico, these projects are presented to their State Governor and some of them are implemented.
Donors & Leadership

The transformational experience our students receive is made possible through the collaborative 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.

Dr. Michelle Asha Cooper ’94 participated in The Washington Center’s Minority Leaders Fellowship Program. She is now president and CEO of the Institute for Higher Education Policy and serves on TWC’s Board of Directors.
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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