Department of Government and Politics
2015-2016 Scholarship Winners

Brian M. Gardner Public Service Award

Ella Cady is a sophomore Government & Politics and Philosophy double major at the University of Maryland. She is also in the College Park Scholars International Studies Program. Currently, Ella is a research assistant at the Center for American Politics and Citizenship. Previously, Ella has worked with TerpService to help the charity A Wider Circle distribute clothes and furniture to those who cannot afford it. This spring, Ella went on an Alternative Breaks program to DC and learned about the issue of human trafficking. She is now a part of the group Students Ending Slavery at the University of Maryland. She aspires to be a human rights lawyer, preferably in the area of human trafficking. Ella lives in Myersville, Maryland with her parents and her sister.

Olivia Bethea is a junior at the University of Maryland, College Park. She is a double major in Government & Politics and French Language and Literature. While at studying at the University of Maryland, Olivia has also been an active member of the University of Maryland Mock Trial Team, University of Maryland Gospel Choir, and the Kappa Phi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Inc. Olivia currently interns for the Department of Homeland Security, and she has interned for the National Archives and Records Administration in the past. In addition to the Brian. M. Gardner Public Service Award, Olivia was also awarded a 2015 David L. Boren Scholarship to study abroad in Dakar, Senegal for the Fall 2015 Semester. Olivia hopes to use her experiences to foster a career as a strong attorney in the federal government.

The Paul S. and Lisa M. Mandell Scholarship

Hannah Doxzen is a sophomore double major in Government & Politics and Chinese. She is passionate about International Relations and the Chinese language. She volunteers for ESOL, helping Chinese adults practice their English skills, and she adheres to a strict Chinese language pledge while residing in the UMD Language House. Hannah recently spent her Spring 2015 semester participating in the Chinese Language and International Business Program at Shanghai University in China, where she enjoyed traveling and tutored Chinese students on the weekends. She will be returning to China in June 2015 to spend her summer studying in Xi’an. Hannah is an avid runner and competes with Terp Runners while on campus. She also ran the Great Wall Marathon in Beijing in April 2015. She hopes to earn her Master’s degree in Foreign Service with a certificate in Asian Studies from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service. Her ultimate career goal is to become a US Foreign Service Officer, which will allow her to combine her Chinese communication skills with her understanding of international politics. She strives to contribute to cooperation and peace between the US and foreign governments.

The Wayne V. McIntosh Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship

Melissa Morella is a sophomore Government & Politics and History double major, pursuing a Spanish minor from Rockville, MD. She is part of the International Studies College Park Scholars Program and hopes to do something to help the international community in the future. She is a member of various campus organizations, including Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity, and the America Reads* America Counts mentoring program. She is very excited and thankful to be receiving this award to help make her journey through the rest of college a little bit easier!
**The Joe A. Oppenheimer Scholarship**

James Parrott is a sophomore Economics/GVPT double major from Scarborough, Maine, and a member of UMD’s Primannum Honor Society. Currently, James works on campus as an office assistant for Maryland Industrial Partnerships and also intern for the Consero Group in Bethesda. He is highly interested in economic public policy issues, and will be participating in the Public Policy Internship Program in the Fall as an intern at the National Governor’s Association in D.C. He plans to attain a graduate education in law or public policy and pursue a career in lobbying or consulting. Outside of school and work, James enjoys playing golf and is an avid fan of Maryland basketball.

**The Mary Elizabeth Roby Scholarship**

Jasmine Hawkins wants to live in a world where all citizens are educated, informed, and able to pursue their goals regardless of economic limitations. As a sophomore majoring in Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, Jasmine is glad to be an active member of the International Scholars Program, the Residence Hall Association, and the Chinese Culture & Conversation Club. After spending 13 years as a Girl Scout, Jasmine has continued her involvement with the organization in their Young Leaders Program. When she’s not discussing political theories or participating with campus/community organizations, you can find her reading, watching Japanese anime, or enjoying a delightful afternoon nap. Jasmine is honored to be a recipient of the Mary Elizabeth Roby Scholarship and looks forward to continuing her political science studies with passion and perseverance. She wants to learn as much as she can about the policies and politics of government in hopes that she can help improve the lives of citizens.

**The Kenneth G. Vaughn Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Government and Politics**

Rising senior Opeyemi Owoeye is a first generation college student pursing a degree in Government & Politics in order to directly incite positive change in her community both locally and internationally. She is currently an active executive board member of the African Student Progressive Action Committee where she raises awareness & organizes fundraisers for a plethora of issues abroad in Africa and in the surrounding Prince George’s County area. Through ASPAC she has raised money & collected books to start a library in Nigeria, organized a benefit concert where all proceeds went towards aid during the conflict in Congo, and raised funds for African breast cancer patients. In her local community she is a mentor, both at her church and on the University of Maryland’s campus through her involvement in Maryland's EDGE program & the BigLittle Program. This summer she will intern with the former state attorney, Glenn Ivey as he runs for congress. Opeyemi’s other honors include: Dean’s List, Betty Beckley award, Walt Williams Snr. Award, Gamma Psi award, being a member of the W.E.B Du Bois honor society, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, & a NAACP image award nominee. Upon graduation, she plans to attend law school.