The National Scholarship Recognition Award spotlights students that have been named an official CMU nominee or recipient to a select group of prestigious and highly coveted national and international scholar programs. Although the criteria for each scholar program varies, all put a high premium on both a past record of academic excellence and the promise of a future professional impact at the national and international level.

2011-2012 Recipient Profiles

Jamie Coon
Udall Scholarship nominee
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Hamilton
Major: Pre-graduate Biology
Minor: Global Justice
Honors Student

Jamie’s primary interests are ecology and sustainability. She and her interdisciplinary team of CMU advisors created a diversified but focused undergraduate program of study in preparation for her desire to pursue a PhD as a research ecologist in order to utilize scientific knowledge for environmental and social activism.

The Udall foundation awards scholarships to outstanding college and university sophomores and juniors planning careers related to environmental or Native American policy.

Marina Maraskine
Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship nominee
Year: Junior
Hometown: Midland
Major: Biomedical Sciences
Minor: Chemistry
Honors Student

Marina’s research on ‘A nanomedical solution to targeted drug delivery’ led her to apply for the Goldwater Scholarship. She is interested in targeted drug delivery as a method of treating diseases while reducing side effects that can pose risks to otherwise healthy systems. She plans to pursue a combined MD/PhD program and continue nanomedical research.

Goldwater is the premier undergraduate award for students pursuing careers in the field of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering.

John Phillips
Rhodes Scholarship nominee
Year: Senior
Hometown: Manistee
Majors: Biology, Environmental Studies, and History
Honors Student

John plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career in ecology and conservation with a special focus on herpetology. He has substantial laboratory study and international fieldwork as well as conference presentations and publications in herpetology. He is president and a member of the CMU Triathlon Club and led his team in numerous collegiate triathlons, including the 2011 USAF Collegiate Championships.

Rhodes Scholarships are the oldest international postgraduate scholarships awarded to outstanding college seniors and graduates who display integrity of character and energy to study at the University of Oxford.

Stephanie Jaczkowski
Fulbright Scholarship recipient
Year: Senior
Hometown: Clinton Township
Major: Political Science and Integrative Public Relations
Minor: Legal Studies
Honors Student

Stephanie was awarded a 2012-2013 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to serve nine months at the University of Gdańsk in Poland. She will combine teaching and educational advising, and utilize her Fulbright experience to study Polish-American relations and Eastern European politics. Upon her return to the US, Stephanie plans to pursue a Masters in Public Policy in conjunction with a Masters in Russian and Eastern European Studies.

The Fulbright Program is regarded as the largest US international education exchange program designed to increase mutual understanding between people of the US and people of other countries.

Erica Maylee
Harry S. Truman Scholarship nominee
Year: Senior
Hometown: Mount Pleasant
Major: Political Science
Minor: Leadership
Honors Student

Erica is preparing for a career in international relations focusing on justice and human rights and plans to pursue a PhD. Her application policy proposal addressed her commitment to support the International Criminal Court and the principles of restorative justice within the Court. She seeks to repel an American grassroots movement encouraging the US Government to ratify the Court’s governing document (the Rome Statute).

The Truman Foundation awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors planning to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or public service.

Alex Strong
Fulbright Scholarship nominee
Year: Senior
Hometown: Ithica
Major: Music Education/Instrumental Music
Minor: Trombone
Honors Student

Alex is CMU’s nominee for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to serve in Korea. Alex plans to pursue a PhD in trombone performance and ultimately teach at the college level. He has mastered many instruments, but is especially dedicated to the trombone. His catalog of performances is numerous and has had his own music arrangements featured at various recitals.

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