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2020-2021 David A. Winston Health Policy Fellows Announced

WASHINGTON, DC – The David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship is pleased to announce that Janhavi Dubhashi, a recent graduate of Georgia State University’s School of Public Health, and Jessica Hale, a student at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, have been selected as the 2020-2021 Winston Health Policy Fellowship recipients.

The Winston Fellowship offers a twelve-month post-graduate experience in Washington, DC to students from programs housed within accredited colleges and universities. Through systematic exposure to organizations, associations and coalitions in the private sector, as well as key offices in the Congress and the Executive Branch, the program offers Fellows unparalleled opportunities to expand their knowledge of the political system and to learn how health policy is shaped. Three months of orientation visits to key policy development centers in Washington and surrounding areas are followed by a nine-month placement that allows each Fellow to explore current health policy issues in depth while gaining invaluable, firsthand experience in policy-making. The selection process, as in past years, was extremely competitive.

Janhavi Dubhashi graduated from Georgia State University in December, 2019 with a Master of Public Health. She is currently working as a graduate research assistant at her alma mater, as well as assisting state Medicaid agencies with designing, reimbursing, and overseeing medical, behavioral health, and long-term services that supports vulnerable populations with mental health or substance use disorders.

Janhavi reacted to her Fellowship selection by saying, "I am honored to have been selected as a David A. Winston Health Policy Fellow. This incredible opportunity to experience the health policy process firsthand and being part of this network of accomplished former fellows and board members is a privilege. I am excited about the progress and momentum within the health policy space and look forward to an engaging year."

Jessica Hale attends the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and will graduate in May, 2020 with a Master of Science in Public Health. Prior to being named a 2020-2021 Fellow, Jessica was a recipient of a 2019 Winston Health Policy Scholarship.

Jessica stated, “I am sincerely grateful to the David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship and Board of Directors for being selected as a Winston Fellow. The opportunities afforded by this fellowship are likely to inspire, challenge, and transform my career in health policy, and I look forward to learning from this experience. Past fellows have gone on to leadership roles in the healthcare field, and it is a true gift to join the Winston network. I hope to continue the legacy of bridging the public and private sectors to advance health policy.”

Mary R. Grealy, Winston Board Chair said, “It speaks to the caliber of these two fellowship recipients that they emerged from a field of extraordinarily impressive and accomplished candidates. We present Janhavi and Jessica to the health policy community with the confidence that they possess the qualities and commitment that will enable them to make meaningful contributions and a lasting imprint. The Winston Board has every expectation that these two young women, with support and guidance from all of us in the health policy community, will build upon the impressive and growing legacy built by previous fellows.”

For more information on the David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship, and its history and application process, please visit www.winstonfellowship.org or contact the Fellowship by Email at info@winstonfellowship.org.