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**2017 David A. Winston Policy Scholars Announced**

WASHINGTON, DC – The David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship is proud to announce the 2017 David A. Winston Policy Scholars. In recognition of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fellowship’s designation of annual fellowships, the Board authorized an unprecedented thirty \$10,000 scholarships to grant to students who demonstrate their potential to succeed in health policy at the state or federal level upon graduation from their master’s degree program in health policy or management.

“As we celebrate three decades of awarding fellowships, we are pleased to support an unprecedented number of talented students take a step forward into their full-of-potential careers in health policy,” said Chris Jennings, Chairman of the David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship Board. The objective of the Scholarship Program is to increase the number and quality of individuals trained in healthcare policy at the state and federal level by awarding deserving health policy students financial support to further their education. The Fellowship commemorates the contributions and personal qualities of David A. Winston who, for 20 years, played a significant role in shaping the role of health policy in America. The Program recognizes student excellence and achievement based upon the student’s record and recommendations from faculty and colleagues and evidence of their interest in and commitment to health policy.

The 2-day health policy symposium, held each fall, is one feature of the Scholars’ year.

Recipients of the 2017 Scholarship are:

Nawara Alawa, *University of Miami*  
Jessica Broadus, *University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*  
Molly Brown, *University of California, Los Angeles*  
Grace Burghart, *St. Louis University*  
Lillian Chen, *University of California, Berkeley*  
Bianca DeVirgilio, *Boston University*  
Garrett Devenney, *Drexel University*  
Blake Dobrich, *Rush University*  
James Ebert, *George Washington University*  
Stephen Gamboa, *Columbia University*  
Laila Goharioon, *The George Washington University*  
Veronica Kapoor, *University of California, Los Angeles*  
Karalyn Kiessling, *University of Michigan*  
Joy Lee, *Johns Hopkins University*  
Melissa Mannon, *The George Washington University*  
Greg Mayers, *Drexel University*

Aayush Mittal, *Rush University*  
Maansi Modi, *University of Washington, Seattle*  
Erica Munoz-Rumsey, *University of Michigan*  
David Opp, *Harvard University*  
Cassidy Pont, *University of Michigan*  
Summer Rak, *Johns Hopkins University*  
Arlene Reich, *Johns Hopkins University*  
Lauren Schein, *University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*  
Amrita Sehgal, *University of Pennsylvania*  
Jean Phillip Shami, *University of Miami*  
Ana Westervelt, *University of Minnesota*  
Jordan Wolfe, *The George Washington University*  
Celia Wright, *Columbia University*

“We are very excited to introduce another group of outstanding health policy Scholars to the national health policy discussion. We are confident that each of these individuals from excellent graduate health policy programs will soon take their place as important contributors to the national health policy debate. We look forward to working with them now and in the future.” - *David S. Abernethy, Managing Director, David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship*

For more information on the David A. Winston Health Policy Scholarship, its history and application process, please visit [www.winstonfellowship.org](http://www.winstonfellowship.org)

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