

CSI Student Named Kenan Scholar at Macaulay Honors College

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(January 8, 2016, New York, NY) – Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York is proud to announce the four winners from the class of 2018 for the William R. Kenan Scholarship, a program founded to enhance honors education at CUNY. After 9/11, the William R. Kenan Charitable Trust made a generous pledge and created an endowment to promote a new generation of leadership in New York by sponsoring a group of outstanding Macaulay students who have demonstrated an early commitment to service and civic engagement. The four students receiving this honor are: Sophia Ebanks (City College), Elizabeth Higgins (College of Staten Island), Michelle Scheu (Baruch College) and Ryan Schulte (Hunter College).

The goal of the Kenan Scholars Program at Macaulay is to incubate and foster social vision and courage; to build identity and intention as agents of change; and to draw meaningful lines of connection between scholarship and the communities in which they live.

"We are enormously pleased to name this stellar group of new Scholars—each with their own unique vision and demonstrated record of social courage," said Mike Lamb, the Thomas R. Slaughter Scholar-in-Residence at Macaulay.

More on Elizabeth Higgins:

For as long as she can remember, Elizabeth Higgins has been a storyteller and a creator, building worlds with her words and imagination. Early exposure to science fiction instilled in her a love of both science and the humanities. In addition, living in New York her whole life has led to a passion for social justice –especially in the case of the homeless population and at-risk youth.

While her major is creative writing, Higgins is also pursuing coursework in computer science and the biological sciences at CSI, and hopes to work in the medical field in the future. She currently volunteers with Project Hospitality, an interfaith non-profit agency, at the food pantry at El Centro del Inmigrante in Port Richmond, and at the soup kitchen.

Passionate about the intersection of healthcare and technology, as well as LGBTQ rights and racial equality, Higgins hopes she can work to make her community –and the rest of the world –a more accessible place for the most vulnerable members of society.

About Macaulay Honors College

Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York offers exceptional students a uniquely personalized education with access to the vast resources of the nation's largest urban university and the largest city, New York City. Selected for their top high school records and leadership potential, Macaulay students receive a full tuition scholarship, a laptop and technology support, and an Opportunities Fund to pursue global learning, research and service opportunities. Macaulay students enroll in one of eight CUNY senior colleges: Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, John Jay, Lehman, and Queens Colleges and the College of Staten Island. For more information, see macaulay.cuny.edu.

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