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The Hertog Scholars Program at Macaulay Honors College Receives New, Additional Funding from the Jack Miller Center and the Hertog Foundation

(September 24, 2015, New York) – Macaulay Honors College is proud to announce that it has received a gift of \$200,000 from the Jack Miller Center for Teaching America’s Founding Principles and History in support of the Hertog Scholars Program. The gift, coupled with \$125,000 from Roger Hertog of the Hertog Foundation, assures the funding and the continuation of the program at Macaulay.

The Hertog Scholars Program is dedicated to developing the full intellectual and academic potential of a committed cohort of Macaulay students by immersing them in a sequence of multidisciplinary seminars. Hertog Scholars acquire the critical prose, discursive and analytic skills and perspectives necessary to take a leading role in the twenty-first century global community, while engaging with American political principles and institutions. The students thereby gain the knowledge necessary for thoughtful civic participation.

“We are grateful for Roger Hertog’s initial and continued funding for the Hertog Scholars program, and it is only through this investment that we are able to attract additional support from other organizations such as the Jack Miller Center,” said Ann Kirschner, Dean of Macaulay. “The combined support not only affords us the funds to continue our mission to provide an exciting multi-disciplinary curricular program, but the funding also serves to validate our accomplishments to date, and for that we are profoundly grateful.”

“The support of Roger Hertog and the Jack Miller Center means that Macaulay students are part of a national network of outstanding undergraduate and graduate scholars committed to the highest standards of inquiry,” said Professor Darren Staloff, Director of the Hertog Program at Macaulay. “This support opens up opportunities for further engagement for those Macaulay students who wish to explore the rich intellectual resources of one of the nation’s most distinguished academic foundations.”

“The Hertog Scholars Program is the most rewarding thing I’ve done in college,” said Cheyn Shah, a Macaulay senior at Queens College and a former Hertog Scholar. “The books we read reawakened my love of literature and made me seriously examine my moral convictions. Above all, Hertog taught me to read

closely and write sharply, and it introduced me to students from across CUNY who have become close friends.”

Hertog Scholars focus on readings and discussion of enduring texts that ask vital contemporary questions. What is a just social order? What are the fundamental underpinnings of various economic systems? What do different forms of literary expression tell us about the relation of self and society in a particular culture? In the process of exploring these and other essential questions in a small collegial group, Hertog Scholars will enjoy the enduring personal benefit from the intellectual enrichment and excitement of a broad overview of culture, politics and society that is the hallmark of the modern humanistic ideal of a well-rounded citizen of our nation and the world.

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.

About the Jack Miller Center

The Jack Miller Center for Teaching America’s Founding Principles and History, a nonprofit, nonpartisan 501(c)(3) charity, is committed to revitalizing education in America’s founding principles and history on college campuses. The Jack Miller Center partners with faculty, administrators, and donors to transform student access to education in American political thought and history, an education that is necessary for informed civic engagement. The JMC has a faculty community of 800 professors on 300 campuses and is supporting academic centers of excellence on 58 campuses, including Ivy League institutions, flagship state universities, and leading liberal arts colleges. The Jack Miller Center headquarters is located in the Philadelphia suburb of Bala Cynwyd, PA. For more information please visit www.jackmillercenter.org.

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