Board Member and Entrepreneur Anthony Meyer Donates $1 Million to Macaulay Honors College

Funds for Meyer Scholars to support international study abroad for Macaulay’s highest achieving students

(July 30, 2015, New York, NY) - Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York is proud to announce that it has received a generous donation of $1 million from New York-based entrepreneur and private investor Anthony E. Meyer, Vice Chair of Macaulay’s Foundation Board. The gift is in support of international study abroad for Macaulay’s highest achieving students. Meyer’s donation to Macaulay’s Opportunities Fund has enabled the selection of the first students – who will be known as Meyer Scholars – to benefit from the donation. The Opportunities Fund provides an award of up to $7,500 to each of the school’s students, about 75 percent of whom use the funds for study abroad. Private support from individuals, foundations and corporations is the entire source of funding for the Opportunities Fund.

“We are thrilled to receive this generous contribution from Anthony Meyer which greatly assists us as a public institution to broaden access to study abroad opportunities,” said Ann Kirschner, Macaulay’s Dean. “Scholarships funded by such philanthropic contributions can open the world to college students, particularly many of our students who come from immigrant families and are often the first in their families to attend college.”

“My goal is to assure that a leading public education institution like CUNY’s Macaulay Honors College receives the support it needs to attract and educate the very best students,” said Meyer, a serial entrepreneur who is also President of Ocean Road Advisors, Inc., a New York City-based investment management company. “Students who succeed at Macaulay not only elevate the entire CUNY system, but are assets to the City of New York as well.”

The Opportunities Fund is available to every Macaulay Honors College student to use to extend and deepen his or her educational experience while at Macaulay. To date, Macaulay scholars have augmented their academic careers through study abroad in 30 countries. The Fund is a great enabling force behind the school’s experiential learning programs of study abroad, internships, research and service. Macaulay students represent the top graduates of New York high
schools as they set out to meet the challenges of learning and leadership in an increasingly global environment. This year’s first class of 60 Meyer Scholars were selected on the basis of their high academic achievement, with an average GPA of 3.9.

An active and involved citizen and philanthropist, Meyer also serves as a member of the National Board of Governors of the American Jewish Committee, a Trustee of Dr. Mehmet Oz’s HealthCorps, a member of the World Presidents’ Organization, and a co-founder of the No Labels political organization.

Meyer’s gift was highlighted in the Wall Street Journal’s *Donor of the Day* feature on July 29, 2015.

**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](http://macaulay.cuny.edu).

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