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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Macaulay Honors College Junior Jake Levin Named 2015 Harry S. Truman Scholar**

***The prestigious award will provide Levin  
with \$30,000 toward graduate study.***

**April 15, 2015, New York, NY** — Student Jake Levin '16 Macaulay Honors College at Brooklyn College has been named a 2015 Harry S. Truman Scholar. The Truman award will grant Levin \$30,000 toward tuition for his graduate studies, a number of professional development opportunities in public service leadership, and the prestige that comes with belonging to an elite group of students tapped for their potential to become leaders. Levin, who majors in Political Science and Philosophy, is the fifth Macaulay Honors College student and the ninth City University of New York (CUNY) student to win the award.

“We are very proud of Jake in winning this prestigious award and we’ve watched him demonstrate a great commitment to political participation and volunteerism,” said Ann Kirschner, Dean of Macaulay Honors College. “We are especially proud that Macaulay has had five students who have been named Truman Scholars since 2006, more than half of all CUNY students who have won this award.”

Levin is one of 58 Truman Scholars selected in 2015. He has an extensive résumé that includes founding and organizing CUNY’s first TEDx conference, internships with U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and the New York City Mayor’s Office of Veterans’ Affairs, studying under Ret. Four-Star General David Petraeus, and maintaining an active role within the Brooklyn College undergraduate student government, where he has served as assembly member and majority floor leader.

“It’s great to be recognized for a commitment to public service, an area in which I hope to work,” said Jake Levin. “I’m especially proud to be a part of a national community of Truman Scholars.”

Levin will travel to Missouri next month to spend a week with the 2015 class of Truman Scholars and receive his award at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum. The New Hampshire native plans to apply to law school and eventually pursue elected office.

Levin joins past Macaulay Honors College Truman Scholars Ayodele Oti '11, David Bauer '08, Christine Curella '07 and Ryan Merola '06.

## **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).

### **About the Harry S. Truman Foundation**

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation was created by Congress in 1975 to be the nation's living memorial to President Harry S. Truman. The Foundation has a mission to select and support the next generation of public service leaders. The Truman award has become one of the most prestigious national scholarships in the United States. Annually, candidates for the Truman Scholarship go through a rigorous, multi-stage selection process. In 2015, there were 688 candidates for the award nominated by 297 colleges and universities. The 200 finalists for the award were interviewed in March and early April at one of sixteen regional selection panels.

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