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## Pinkerton graduate making the grade in NYC

Hampstead native to work in local government, public service

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COURTESY PHOTO Jake Levin of Hampstead, and a 2012 graduate of Pinkerton Academy, has been selected for the NYC Urban Fellows program for the 2016-2017 year. He will begin a nine-month fellowship this September and will work in mayoral offices and other New York City agencies.



HAMPSTEAD — Jake Levin, a 2012 graduate of Pinkerton Academy, has been selected for the NYC Urban Fellows Program for 2016-2017.

The announcement came from Macaulay Honors College at the City University of New York.

The program is designed to introduce college students and graduates to local government and public service.

Levin will begin a nine-month fellowship this September where he will work in city government and will also engage in an intensive seminar series that explores current urban issues impacting policies.

"As a kid who grew up in a town of 7,000, being selected to serve New York City in this way is a thrill," said Levin, a Hampstead native. "I look forward to working on engaging projects and initiatives while also rolling up my sleeves and engaging with some of the more pressing challenges facing the city."

In 2015, Levin received the prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarship for public service, one of only nine CUNY students to receive the award to date. While at Macaulay, Levin co-founded and organized TEDxCUNY, the first public university TEDx conference in New York City. Most recently, the political science and philosophy major was chosen as a 2016 Fellow with Citizen University, working on civic participation and research into citizen power. Levin will graduate in May from Brooklyn College as a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Levin also is working with the Musicabana Foundation, to organize the first international music festival in Havana, Cuba.

The son of a chef dad and social worker mom, Levin was born in Scituate, before his family moved to southern New Hampshire.

This summer, Levin will head to Washington, D.C. with the Truman Summer Institute, where he will work as an intern for a nonprofit or federal agency. Eventually, Levin hopes to work on political campaigns or for a public policy think tank, and will likely attend graduate school in the next few years.

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