Oceanside Student Wins International Scholarship to Study in China

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Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York congratulates Oceanside resident Ariel Yardeni ’16 (Hunter College) for winning the prestigious Yenching Scholarship. The Yenching Academy of Peking University builds bridges between China and the world through an interdisciplinary Master’s program in China Studies for outstanding graduates from all over the globe. Ariel is majoring in Chinese Studies with a certificate in Public Policy and a minor in Biology.

“I have been interested in studying all things China since I began studying Mandarin in the 10th grade,” said Ariel. “Spending an extended time in China will allow me to delve deeper and explore how my involvement with Chinese studies can help shape my global career. It will also be an incredibly humbling experience to study among such high-achieving peers, all of whom have done really cool and unique things during their previous studies.”

Ariel, who graduated from Oceanside H.S., is also doing research on LGBT inclusive health education and hopes to explore health education policy in China, as well. She has been to Asia four times, and twice before to China.
The Yenching Academy is a fully funded residential program offering a wide array of interdisciplinary courses on China within broadly defined fields of the Humanities and Social Sciences. This initiative brings together young people who show promise to lead and innovate in their fields in an intensive learning environment where they can explore China and its role in the world - past, present and future.