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## DeJoy-Wos Leadership Scholars Complete Their 2019 Summer Programs in Washington, D.C., Funded by the Louis DeJoy and Aldona Wos Family Foundation

In the second of a five-year gift funded through the Louis DeJoy and Aldona Wos Family Foundation and organized by The Fund for American Studies (TFAS), one full scholarship was awarded to an Estonia student and full and partial scholarships were awarded to 10 North Carolina students, with priority given to students with financial need. The students interned with government agencies, media outlets, businesses and nonprofit organizations, while attending courses with academic credit provided through George Mason University.

TFAS D.C. Summer Programs bring together top students from across the country and around the world for an eight-week academic internship experience in the nation's capital. The intensive and comprehensive program combines academic courses for credit, internships, housing, site briefings, guest lectures, a professional development series and mentorship program. D.C. Summer Programs applicants can choose from a variety of program tracks based on their areas of interest and experience.

North Carolina business leader Louis DeJoy and his wife Dr. Aldona Wos provide the scholarship funding. This year, 10 students attending North Carolina colleges and universities or those with NC residency, as well as one Estonian student, were selected to benefit from the *DeJoy-Wos Leadership Scholars* scholarships – Mary Bennett Doty and Karlton Tate (UNC Chapel Hill), Cristina Garcia Ayala and Josie Tarin (Duke), Ian Goodman (Winston-Salem, attending College of Charleston), Thomas Johnston (Lenoir-Rhyne), Morgan Murray (East Carolina), Jacob Trubey (NC State), Chandler Vaughn (Elon) and Merili Arjakas (University of Tartu in Estonia).

In addition to their internships and classes at George Mason University, students will attend site briefings, guest lectures, professional development seminars and other networking events. Almost 600 college students from across the U.S. and around the world will be participating in programs sponsored by The Fund for American Studies this summer.

Over the past 14 years, DeJoy and Wos have provided scholarship assistance to enable more than 100 North Carolina and 48 Estonian students to participate in TFAS summer programs.



DeJoy-Wos Leadership Scholars at the 2019 TFAS summer program closing ceremony - August 1, 2019.