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Eight North Carolina Students Selected to Receive Prestigious DeJoy-Wos Scholarships

Scholarships Help North Carolina Student Leaders Make DC Connections and Earn Course Credit This Summer

WASHINGTON, D.C. – North Carolina business leader Louis DeJoy, his wife and Dr. Aldona Wos, and The Fund for American Studies (TFAS) announced the names of eight students with North Carolina ties and one student from Estonia who will receive full tuition and housing scholarships to participate in the prestigious Leadership Scholars Program as part of the 2021 TFAS Academic Internship Programs in Washington, D.C.

Eight students attending North Carolina colleges and universities have been selected to benefit from the scholarships: Giovanna Cloney (UNC Chapel Hill), Justin Holloman (UNC Wilmington), Emily Mecia (UNC Chapel Hill), Conner Paszko (NC State), Christopher Banks Peete (NC State), Ansley Puckett (Appalachian State), Samantha Speegle (Wake Forest) and Ryan Trombly (Duke Kunshan University). One student from Estonia has been selected: Mihkel Märtens (University of Tartu).

DeJoy and Dr. Wos have provided \$100,000 in scholarship funding to enable these students to participate in Summer 2021 D.C. Academic Internship Programs organized by TFAS. In the fourth year of a five-year gift, funded through the Louis DeJoy and Aldona Wos Family Foundation, scholarships are awarded to North Carolina and Estonia students, with priority given to students with financial need.

In addition to internships and courses, students will participate in a one-on-one mentoring program, professional development seminars, guest lectures by top policy experts, career exploration panels, small group discussions, site briefings with key government leaders and networking events. These students will make valuable connections in Washington while participating in the program and interning with top D.C. institutions including Alpine Group, MetLife, Inc., The Well News, the Business-Industry Political Action Committee and more.

DeJoy currently serves as the 75th U.S. Postmaster General. He was appointed in May 2020 by the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service. He was formerly the chairman and chief executive officer of New Breed Logistics, a major employer in the Triad region, which he merged with XPO Logistics in 2014. He is also the president of Greensboro-based LDJ Global Strategies. From 2013 to 2015 Dr. Wos was head of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Wos also served as vice-chairwoman of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

For more than 15 years, DeJoy and Wos have provided scholarship assistance to enable more than 100 North Carolina and 50 Estonian students to participate in TFAS summer programs. DeJoy said he continues to support these outstanding students because he believes in the program's focus on developing future leaders.

“The Fund for American Studies develops rising leaders who will make a difference in their communities and around the globe,” he said. “The world-class TFAS programs provide these promising young students with experience and insight to today's most pressing economic issues while helping them become America's future leaders.”

This summer, TFAS programs will host more than 1,200 students from across the U.S. and around the world in our D.C. Academic Internship Programs and Economics for Leaders programs for high school students. Program graduates will join a global network of 43,000 TFAS alumni who are leaders in politics, government, public policy, business, philanthropy and the media.

For more information about Louis DeJoy, Dr. Aldona Wos and their family foundation, visit <http://louisdejoyandaldonawosfamilyfoundation.com/>.

The Fund for American Studies (TFAS) is a nonprofit, educational organization that hosts academic internship programs for undergraduate and law students in Washington, D.C., and international academic programs in Europe, Asia and South America. Founded in 1967, TFAS celebrates more than 50 years of educating leaders for a free society. For more information on TFAS programs, visit www.DCinternships.org, www.TFASinternational.org or www.FTE.org. For general information about TFAS, visit www.TFAS.org.

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