

Six AU Students Awarded First International Internship Grants

1/19/00

Alfred, NY -- Six Alfred University students were chosen to receive the first International Internship Awards, which will grant them \$2,000 each if they find internships abroad. The internship awards, created by a gift from AU Trustee Gloria Spivak, are expected to be given every year. The recipients were chosen by a committee of five that considered academic performance, motivation, the effect on career goals, and involvement in various activities. The six students are: Briony Evans, a sophomore majoring in art and design. The daughter of Christopher and Angela Evans of Poolesville, MD, she is a graduate of Thomas Sprigg Wootton High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Alpha Lambda Delta, a Dean's List student, and a recipient of an award for excellence in multi-media art. Caitlin Foley, a sophomore candidate for the Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts degree. She hopes to find an internship that will allow her to collaborate with other artists, thereby learning how others work and how she herself works. She has received several art awards and is active both in sports (swimming, cross-country, and lacrosse) and community service (Habitat for Humanity.) The daughter of John and Margaret Foley of Schenectady, NY, she is enrolled in the AU Honors Program. Melissa Pritchard, a junior also majoring in Fine Arts, hopes to find an internship in Spain. A businesswoman as well as an artist, she parlayed her talent into a small business making and selling hair accessories while still in high school. On campus she is an orientation guide, a campus tour guide, a resident assistant, and a volleyball referee. She is the daughter of Walter and Mary Pritchard of Eugene, OR. Gwen McShea, a dual business and fine arts major in her senior year, is looking for an overseas internship in web design, film and TV, or publishing, preferably in Ireland. On campus she is involved in Delta Mu Delta, AU TV, the Student Managed Investment Fund, and soccer. Her parents are Russell and Mary McShea of Saugerties, NY. Amy Garbark, a junior majoring in fine arts. She hopes to find an internship in "a city with a rich and diverse culture deeply rooted in the arts," such as Florence, Italy. She speaks Spanish and has a passion for art and photography. In addition, she is a resident assistant, music chair of the Coffeehouse Series for the Student Activities Board, a disc jockey for the campus radio station, a member of the AU Honors Program, and recipient of the 1998 Emerging Student Leader Award. She is the daughter of Paul and Diana Garbark of Pittsburgh, PA. Ji Yeon Woo, a sophomore art and design major, hopes to find an international experience that allows her to combine her two cultures -- Korean and American -- in graphic design work with a focus on marketing. At AU, she has been an English tutor and a dorm assistant. She is employed by the AU Dining Services. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jong Gon Woo of Pusan, Korea, she is a graduate of the Oakwood Friends School.