

Two students selected for Women of Color Institute

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Two Alfred University seniors are among 50 young women from 650 private colleges and universities nationwide selected to attend the 2006 collegiate Women of Color Leadership Development Institute funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation through its affiliation with The Foundation for Independent Higher Education. Zoe Chin, a biology major from Belmont, MA, and Caroline DeLeon, a history major from Framingham, MA, will attend the Institute in Baltimore, MD, Aug. 10-13. All expenses, including lodging, food, and ground transportation to and from the conference will be covered for the two women. In addition, Chin and DeLeon will be matched with women mentors already in leadership roles from September 2006 through February 2007. They will also each receive a \$1,500 stipend for use during their senior year to support implementation of the leadership mentoring project on campus, at a corporation, or in their community. The W.K. Kellogg Foundation funded the project to prepare young, collegiate women of color as future leaders in order to increase gender and ethnic diversity in the workplace. To be selected for the Institute, participants must write a one- to two-page essay; have a 3.0 (out of a possible 4.0) grade point average at the end of their junior year of college; submit a transcript and two letters of reference, either from a college professor, administrator, or community leader/organizer; be a U.S. citizen; and be a woman of color. The women will write a final report/essay on lessons learned from participating in the project. The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930 "to help people help themselves through the practical application of knowledge and resources to improve their quality of life and that of future generations."