

Students Receive Prestigious Fulbright, Goldwater and Udall Scholarships

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BRIAN MCCONNELL '13 HAS RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Two University of New Hampshire graduate students have received prestigious Fulbright Scholarships while two undergraduates have been award scholarships from

the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program and the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation.

Each year, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program awards grants to exceptional American students to study in more than 140 countries. Graduate students Meagan Wengrove '10 and Jason Gilmore '11 are this year's UNH Fulbright recipients.

Wengrove '10, a civil engineering major from Arvada, Colo., will conduct research on flood risk assessment in relation to estuarine inlets at TU Delft University in The Netherlands. In 2009, Wengrove received a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship to conduct storm water research in Puerto Rico. Her article "Upstream to Downstream: Stormwater Quality in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico" was published in the scientific journal "Environmental Monitoring and Assessment" in September 2011.

Gilmore '11, an English education major will spend the next year working as a teaching assistant in South Korea. The Richmond, Maine, resident served as a tutor and counselor for UNH Upward Bound. He was a member of the University Honors Program, the Pi Lambda Theta Education Honors Society, and Phi Beta Kappa.



(FROM L TO R) GRADUATE STUDENT MEAGAN WENGROVE '10 HAS RECEIVED A FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY IN THE NETHERLANDS. MADELYN BALL '14 RECEIVED AN HONORABLE MENTION IN THE BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION PROGRAM. GRADUATE STUDENT JASON GILMORE '11 HAS RECEIVED A FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY IN SOUTH KOREA. ALEX FREID '13 HAS RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL FOUNDATION.

Brian McConnell '13 has received a scholarship from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program, given to students who plan a career in science and mathematics. McConnell, of Peabody, Mass., is a chemical engineering major who has done research with professor Ihab Farag on converting microalgae into biodiesel. The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, awarded to 300 students nationwide annually, is the most prestigious award in the country conferred upon undergraduates studying the sciences.

McConnell also received a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Undergraduate Research Opportunity Fellowship in 2011.

Political science and philosophy major Alexander Freid '13 has been named one of the 80 students nationwide to receive an annual scholarship from the Udall Foundation, given to college sophomores and juniors committed to careers related to the environment. The winners, chosen from a pool of 585 applicants, also receive funding to participate in a four-day environmental conference in Tucson, Arizona in August.

Freid, of Lee, is the founder of Trash 2 Treasure at UNH, a program that collects “trash” from students moving out of housing (sofas, tables, etc.) and then resells it the beginning of the next semester to incoming students, helping to reduce UNH’s impact on landfills.

Madelyn Ball '14, a chemical engineering from Potsdam, New York, received an honorable mention in the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program. Ball was a research intern in the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program in Nanotechnology at Stony Brook University in summer 2011. She is member of the Society of Women Engineers.

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