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DURHAM, N.H. -- Four University of New Hampshire students were recently awarded Winant fellowships, which will allow them to spend their summer working for Granite State nonprofit organizations that assist families and communities.

Established in memory of the late New Hampshire governor, John G. Winant, the fellowship program provides a $3,000 stipend for each New Hampshire student selected. Students are selected through a competitive process based on academic merit, the work they propose to do, the strength of their commitment to public service, and how the internship relates to their career goals.

"The fellowship provides students with a good summer salary for internships of their choosing," said Amy Seif, communications director with UNH’s Carsey Institute, which administers the fellowship program. “The organizations benefit as well, because they get an excellent student they don’t have to pay for.”

This year’s recipients are:

Jessica Cawley, a senior music education major from Manchester. Cawley will organize the first-ever music program at the Boys and Girls Club of Manchester, featuring choral singing, world drumming, beginning guitar, and music exploration.

Laura Haselton, a senior from Bedford majoring in English. Haselton will do policy education work with the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence in Concord.

Joseph McGuiness, a junior psychology and pre-med student from Somersworth. McGuiness plans to develop educational materials on smoking cessation with Lamprey Health Care in Raymond.

Senior English and women’s studies major Emily Olsen of Londonderry. Olsen will intern at the Strawbery Banke Museum in Portsmouth, teaching students about Portsmouth’s Black history and other topics at the museum’s summer camp programs.

The Carsey Institute at the University of New Hampshire conducts research and analysis on the challenges facing families and communities in New Hampshire, New England, and the nation. The Carsey Institute sponsors independent, interdisciplinary research that documents
trends and conditions affecting families and communities, providing valuable information and analysis to policymakers, practitioners, the media, and the general public. Through this work, the Carsey Institute contributes to public dialogue on policies that encourage social mobility and sustain healthy, equitable communities.

The Carsey Institute was established in May 2002 through a generous gift from UNH alumna and noted television producer Marcy Carsey.

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