



# **2017 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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The FCBA Foundation is pleased to announce it has selected 22 students from Washington, DC public high schools for merit and need-based awards and college scholarships to be distributed over four years of matriculation. Also, we are pleased to award scholarships to nine law school students. Finally, we are pleased to award stipends to 16 law students who have accepted unpaid public service internships in communications-related agencies for the summer. None of these awards would be possible without the generous support of the FCBA's members and the organizations in which they work. We thank you for your generosity!

## 2017 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Under the leadership of the Foundation's college scholarship committee, **Adam Krinsky**, **Aspasia Paroutsas**, and **Kevin Ryan**, the Foundation reviewed applications from high school students of diverse backgrounds with an interest in communications-related fields, including media, journalism, technology, engineering, or law. Thirty-two high school student applicants were interviewed and 22 of these were chosen to receive FCBA Foundation scholarship assistance funded over four years. Our scholarship recipients this year came from 11 local public high schools: Benjamin Banneker, Columbia Heights Educational Campus, Calvin Coolidge, Eastern, H.D. Woodson, McKinley, Roosevelt, School Without Walls, Thurgood Marshall, Washington Latin, and Woodrow Wilson. All 32 of the applicants who attended interviews will be provided new laptop computers. Software has been made available to each student through the generous donation of **Microsoft Corporation**. Additionally, the 22 scholarship recipients will be assigned FCBA mentors to help them advance academically and professionally.

The Foundation thanks **CTIA** for hosting college applicant interviews and the taping of the Foundation video, **Mark Van Bergh** for photographing the recipients, and **Comcast Corporation** for production of the video.

## 2017 LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation's law school scholarship committee, **Parul Desai** and **Davina Sashkin**, led the efforts to review applications from current students at law schools across the country who demonstrated merit and need, as well as an interest in communications law and technology and public service. We received applications from students at more than 20 schools, and awarded nine scholarships to law students ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

## 2017 PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP STIPEND PROGRAM

Under the leadership of the Foundation's internship committee, **Scott Bergmann** and **Jennifer Holtz**, the Foundation reviewed applications from students at law schools across the country. The

Foundation awarded stipends ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to 16 students who have accepted public service positions for the summer. One outstanding applicant to the Stipend program received the annual Max Paglin Award, representing an additional stipend of \$600.

*Congratulations to all of our scholarship and stipend recipients!*

The Foundation also thanks the following volunteers for their time and talent, serving as liaisons to participating public high schools, reviewing college and law school scholarship applications, and interviewing high school students: **Sarah Aceves, Claude Aiken, Dennis Amari, Jeremy Berkowitz, Ann Bobeck, Karen Brinkmann, Daniel Bumpus, Megan Capasso, Zac Champ, Arturo Chang, Tara Corvo, Diane Davidson, Seth Davidson, Emilie De Lozier, Matt DeTura, Seth Eckland, Kristine Fargotstein, Matt Gerst, Anna Gomez, Patrick Halley, Russ Hanser, Mia Guizzetti Hayes, Diane Holland, Doug Jarrett, Matt Johnson, Erin Kim, Kathy Kirby, Hadass Kogan, Angela Kung, Heidi Lankau, Anisa Latif, Jon Markman, Patrick McFadden, Aimee Meacham, Robyn Mohr, Genny Morelli, Ari Moskowitz, Alex Moyer, Brian Murray, Lee Petro, Laura Phillips, Bob Primosch, Kara Romagnino, Michelle Schaefer, John Scott, David Solomon, Karen Sprung, Megan Stull, Danielle Thumann, Scott Tollefsen, Mark Van Bergh, Brenda Villanueva, Rachel Wolkowitz, Richard Young, and Ali Zayas.**

## THANKS TO DONORS & MENTORS

Thanks to the continuing generosity of our individual members, law firms, companies, and associations, the FCBA Foundation's fundraising efforts continue to reach amazing levels each year. Thanks to the contributions of many, we've raised **over \$360,000!** See the end of the handout for a complete list of our generous donors.

The final list of donors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 will be included in the Foundation's annual report, in the FCBA newsletter, and on the FCBA Foundation website. To donate, please visit the Foundation's web page: <http://www.fcba.org/foundation>.

FCBA Foundation trustees **Darah Franklin**, **Adam Krinsky**, and **Kevin Ryan** are coordinating the mentoring program this year. FCBA mentors provide advice and encouragement to our college and law school scholarship winners and internship stipend recipients as they transition from high school to college and from academics to careers. They also provide a link back to the Foundation, allowing us to appreciate our students' progress, supported by our members' donations. Thanks to all of our mentors: **Kathleen Abernathy, Scott Bergmann, Laura Berman, Dan Brooks, Randy Clarke, Jacqueline Clary, Elizabeth Cuttner, Emilie de Lozier, Parul Desai, Jessica Elder, Lisa Fowlkes, Darah Franklin, Henry Gola, Jodi Goldberg, Valerie Green, Diane Griffin Holland, Erin Griffith, Mia Guizzetti Hayes, Patrick Halley, Russell Hanser, Jennifer Holtz, Karen**

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Your generous donations of time and talent enable the Foundation to do more in our community, and to nurture aspiring communications professionals. Thank you!

## **SPECIAL THANKS FROM KATHLEEN KIRBY - 2016-2017 CHAIR, FCBA FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to this year's exceptional Board of Trustees for their energy, tenacity, thoughtfulness, and commitment to the programs of the Foundation. Without exception, each was dedicated to our persistent fundraising efforts, to improving our online application program, to evaluating and making our outreach to potential applicants more expansive, to strengthening our mentorship program and ties with alumni, and to serving as stewards of our funds. We also moved forward with our partnership with Byte Back to expand the volunteering opportunities available to FCBA members. The Foundation has an ambitious agenda each year, and we simply could not accomplish our goals without an engaged and devoted Board comprised of individuals willing to offer up their time and talents, over and above the demands of their day jobs and other personal commitments.

I would like to extend special recognition to our four "graduating" Trustees, former Co-Chairs **Russ Hanser** and **Mia Guizzetti Hayes**, as well as **Jennifer Holtz** and **Kevin Ryan** for their leadership during their years on the Board. Fortunately, the Foundation remains in excellent hands with returning Trustees **Parul Desai, Kathleen O'Brien Ham, Adam Krinsky, Scott Bergmann, and Davina Sashkin**, and we'll be pleased to welcome our newly elected members from among a strong set of candidates. I am so grateful that **Darah Franklin** and **Aspa Paroutsas** will be taking over the reins as Co-Chairs of the Foundation, and I know they bring to the job the wonderful dedication to our programs they have exhibited consistently over the past year. I'll be rolling up my sleeves for my final year on the Board as well. Thanks, too, to our incoming FCBA President Julie Kearney, whose contributions as the Executive Committee Liaison to the Foundation have been invaluable.

The Foundation simply could not run without the support of the FCBA's remarkable team – **Kerry Loughney, Starsha Valentine, Wendy Parish, and Megan Tabri**. Each a formidable woman.

Finally, let me thank our FCBA membership for its continued support of the Foundation. Remember, as a member of the FCBA, you are also a member of the FCBA Foundation. From my perch as Chair, I've had a unique perspective on how many volunteers it takes to make our various events and programs happen, how many are willing to make generous monetary contributions themselves or to help persuade an employer to support a named scholarship, how many take time out to review scholarship applications or to interview applicants or mentor recipients, and to help out at Byte Back. This past year has served to underscore for me what a very special bar we have, and how, together, we will ensure that the FCBA continues to have a positive impact on our community.

It is an honor to introduce this year's scholarship and internship stipend awardees:

## **2017 College Scholarship Recipient Bios**

### **NGWENGANG ANGAFOR**

Cox Enterprises, Inc. Scholarship (\$10,000)

Ngwengang Angafor graduated from Bell Multicultural High School and was a member of various after-school clubs such as Robotics Club, National Honor Society, Track Club, and Tennis Club. She is most passionate about Astrophysics and Philosophy which she plans to study at Dartmouth College in the fall.



### **SYLVIA ASHFORD**

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

Sylvia Ashford attended Washington Latin Public Charter School, where she served as a leader on the Community Council. She was active in Model United Nations and Model Arab League, and was awarded a State Department scholarship to study Arabic in Morocco during the summer of 2014. In addition to continuing with Arabic, she studied Ancient Greek and Latin, receiving high honors on corresponding national exams. Sylvia is passionate about theater and dance, and has performed in school musicals and with the Washington Revels, a folk group, since elementary school. She plans to study International Relations and Arabic when she attends Stanford University in the fall.



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## CARMEN BONILLA

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

Carmen Bonilla was born in El Salvador and came to Washington, DC at the age of three. She graduated from Bell Multicultural High School, where she was a dedicated Future Business Leaders of America and National Honors Society member. Carmen plans to major in Psychology and pursue a career in existential therapy as well as become a promoter on the importance of mental health. In her free time, Carmen enjoys reading, writing poetry, and photography.



## VIDALIA CALLES

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

Vidalia Calles, was born in El Salvador and came to the United States three years ago. She graduated first in her class from Roosevelt STAY High School. Throughout her high school career, Vidalia has successfully balanced her academics, extracurricular activities and employment. She was a member of her school's debate and softball teams, as well as a founding member of the cultural dance team. Vidalia was voted President of the Senior Class this year because of her willingness to work on behalf of others and connect to students from all backgrounds. Vidalia has always loved working with children and will receive her CDA certificate and her high school diploma. She plans to attend the University of the District of Columbia where she will major in Education. She hopes to one day be a teacher and impact students through innovative education.



## KARA CHAMBERLAINE

National Association of Broadcasters Scholarship (\$10,000)

Kara Chamberlaine was second in her class at McKinley Technology High School where she majored in Biotechnology. Besides maintaining her high grades with a rigorous workload, Kara served as the captain of the Ethical Debating team and Aspen Challenge team, and participated in Global Kids, Student Government, the Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute, the Health Professions and Recruitment Program, Future Business Leaders of America, Art Club, and Book Club. Kara was also President of the National Honors Society. During her junior year, Kara obtained eight

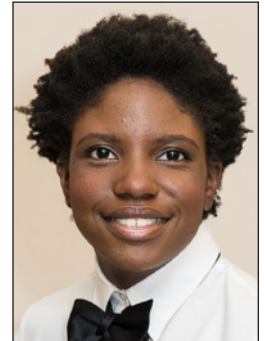


credits in General Chemistry from Harvard University. Kara has over 170 hours of community service, which she earned through VITA'S Healthcare. Today, Kara aids in teaching STEM to young boys through a non-profit organization known as Colleetribe. Kara aspires to find a cure for Parkinson's Disease and start her own treatment center. She will be majoring in Chemistry and minoring in Philosophy at Dartmouth College in the fall.

## ANGEL COLLINS

21st Century Fox Scholarship (\$20,000)

Angel Collins graduated from McKinley Technology High School. She is ranked fourth in her graduating class and part of the National Society of High School Scholars. She was the captain of the FIRST Robotics team and the President of the NSBE Junior chapter at McKinley. She interned with Accenture and NASA Goddard during her high school career while studying STEM, focusing on engineering. She also graduated with the JROTC rank of Cadet Captain, an honor bestowed based on the many hours of dedication she had over the last three years. Angel will be attending the Florida Institute of Technology as a Biomedical Engineering major.



## OLIVIA CORDERO

Sidley Austin LLP and the Sidley Austin Foundation Scholarship (\$10,000)

Olivia Cordero graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School. She transferred to Wilson her junior year from Humboldt County, CA. Although the transition was not an easy one, Olivia recognized that the move would allow her to pursue her dream of a college education. Since moving to Washington, DC, she has been on the Honor Roll every quarter and has also been an active member of many clubs, including Recycling Club and the Sex and Society Club. At Wilson, Olivia also discovered a passion for politics and activism and has become an outspoken proponent for women's equality and climate change. Olivia will attend Lewis and Clark College in the fall, where she will major in Political Science; when she graduates, she plans to attend law school. She hopes that winning this scholarship will motivate other students who may think (like she once did) that college is not within their reach.



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## CASIMIR ETOUNDI

Verizon Scholarship (\$15,000)

Casimir Etoundi graduated from Calvin Coolidge Senior High School as valedictorian. Through his high school career he challenged himself by taking AP classes and honor classes and was able to maintain a high GPA while being involved in various extracurricular such as soccer, tennis, and ski. Casimir was also a member of the National Honor Society and was a student leader of the Recycling Club, where he managed meetings and made sure each member completed their assigned tasks. This fall he will be attending Salisbury University and where he will be pursuing his childhood passion, Computer Science.



have benefited her school community. She will continue her education and social entrepreneurship initiative efforts this fall at the Catholic University of America where she will study English. She hopes to one day be a journalist and write a book.

## RAHEL GEBRE

Google Inc. Scholarship (\$10,000)

Rahel Gebre was born in a city called Jimma in Ethiopia and came to America about six years ago. Without knowing any English, Rahel managed to quickly adapt to the American culture. Now English is one of the three languages she speaks. Rahel will attend Bucknell University as a Posse Scholar in the fall. During her high school years, she participated in the Journalism Club, Soccer Club, Tennis team, Robotics Club, International Club, and Academics Club. Outside of school, she participated in Mary's Center Teen Program for four years. She has been a tutor at Brightwood Educational Campus, and the Chairman of the PR & Recruitment Committee at the Youth Advisory Committee. She will major in International Relations to study foreign policy and eventually become a diplomat.



## ELLA FELDMAN

AT&T Services, Inc. Scholarship (\$15,000)

Ella Feldman graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and will attend Rice University in the fall. Throughout high school, Ella was involved in theater, peer sex education, and varsity cross country and track, but her most valuable experiences took place with her school newspaper. Her role as managing editor for The Beacon, Wilson's award winning newspaper, as well as her participation in the Al Neubarth Free Spirit and Journalism conference, confirmed her interest in pursuing journalism. At Rice, Ella plans to study the social sciences and write for The Thresher.



## MAIA GRIEVE

NCTA Scholarship (\$10,000)

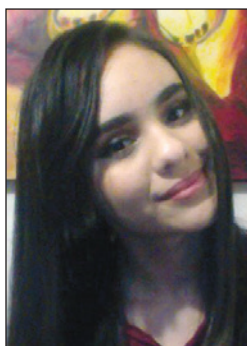
Maia Grieve is a 2017 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, where she was a member of the Humanities, Arts and Media Academy. Maia has been pursuing training in filmmaking for the last eight years through Imagination Stage's Digital Media Program, in Wilson's Mass Media and Communications program and through summer intensives in Washington and New York. During high school, she was involved in the National Honor Society, Human Rights Club, 48 Hour Film Festival, Barker Foundation Teen Fellows program, and the Tryka Film Coalition – a youth organization that links students to the professional filmmaking community and supports teen actors and filmmakers. Maia will be attending New York University's Tisch School of the Arts to pursue a BFA in Film and Television Production. She loves all aspects of the filmmaking process. After paying her dues in various roles to learn the filmmaking craft, her dream is to direct award-winning narrative films that open new, important conversations within our culture and society.



## JOCELYN GAMEZ

Consumer Technology Association (CTA)<sup>TM</sup> Scholarship (\$10,000)

Jocelyn Gamez Pardo, a graduate of Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School, moved to Washington, DC, from California four years ago. Top 10 in her graduating class, Jocelyn loves to learn and is an avid reader. She has been an active participant in her school community for the last four years. This past year because of her leadership potential and commitment to improving her school community, Jocelyn was selected to be on the coveted and competitive Dream Team, a national social entrepreneurship training program. Jocelyn has learned how to organize impactful community service projects that



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## LINDSAY HARPER

Karen Kincaid Scholarship sponsored by Wiley Rein and Karen's Friends (\$24,000)

Lindsay Harper graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School where she took full advantage of the opportunities at the school. She took AP and Honors classes which challenged her and prepared her for the rigorous work load of college. She was a member of her high schools' Ethics Bowl team, Varsity Lacrosse team, Field Hockey team, and served as a cub reporter for the Wilson Beacon newspaper. In her free time, Lindsay volunteered at Winner's Lacrosse, a non-profit organization that teaches young children the game of lacrosse. In addition to volunteering with that organization, she volunteers at Thrive DC, a soup kitchen which feeds the homeless, and at Martha's Table, a soup kitchen, market, and thrift store which assists the poor and indigent. This fall, Lindsay will be attending Purdue University as a Computer and Information Technology student. She plans to focus on Cryptography and Cybersecurity.



## BEFIKADU KEBEDE

Comcast Corporation Scholarship (\$15,000)

Befikadu was born and raised in Ethiopia and came to the United States in the fall of 2014 with limited knowledge of English. His teachers and school counselors motivated him to work hard in order to reach his goals and within the year, he made the Honor Roll. He took advanced classes and became involved in a number of academic, as well as non-academic and extra-curricular programs. He was a member of the soccer team which helped him gain interpersonal and collaborative skills. He was also a member of the Green Hearts, where he worked with students to decrease waste and recycle paper and plastic at the school and community. He is passionate about physics, so he took a summer course on the subject at the University of Pennsylvania through the OSSE Scholars program. He plans to study Electrical Engineering at West Virginia University this fall.



## The Karen A. Kincaid Scholarship

**SPONSORED BY WILEY REIN AND KAREN'S FRIENDS**

The Karen A. Kincaid Scholarship is an annual award that pays tribute to the late Karen Kincaid, a partner in Wiley Rein's Communications Practice. Karen is remembered by her friends and colleagues for her warmth, intellect, and a deep commitment to her family and her community, qualities that also are demonstrated by the scholarship recipient, **Lindsay Harper**.



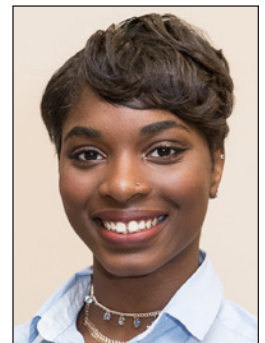
Prior to joining Wiley Rein, Karen served as a Senior Attorney-Advisor for the Private Radio Bureau, at the Federal Communications Commission from 1989 to 1993. She was a law clerk to the Honorable J. Smith Hensley, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the Honorable Leo Oxenberger, Chief Judge, Iowa Court of Appeals. She received her B.A. from Central College and her J.D. from Drake University.

Friends and colleagues of Karen Kincaid are proud to fund a scholarship in her memory to provide a deserving student assistance toward college tuition.

## LAURYN KINARD

Sinclair Broadcast Group Scholarship (\$10,000)

Lauryn Kinard graduated from Eastern Senior High School with a 3.45 GPA. She received her first high school credit in the 6th grade and went on to be class president for both 9th and 10th grades. She was inducted into the National Honors Society after completing all four years of math and history by the 11th grade in addition to completing all 100 of her community service hours. In her senior year, she managed both the varsity football team and boys junior varsity team. This year she served as the captain of Eastern's first varsity soccer team since the relaunch and flag football team. Lauryn will be attending Norfolk State University in the fall, majoring in Criminology.

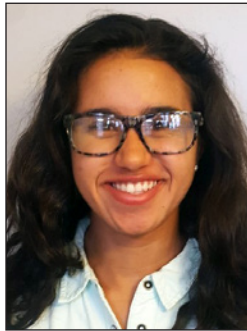


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## ABIGAIL KOERNER

Young Lawyers and Charity Auction Scholarship (\$20,000)

Abigail Koerner graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and will matriculate to Harvard University in the fall. Abigail rowed for Wilson Crew, becoming the captain her senior year. In addition to rowing, Abigail served as National Honor Society treasurer in junior and senior year. She was a founding member and officer in the Best Buddies and the Literacy Clubs. Abigail graduated from Wilson's International Studies program and through it found a love for international relations and Chinese. Last summer, she travelled to China for 15 days with DCPS's study abroad scholarship program. Abigail has worked for the Young Women's Project, a non-profit organization which promotes sexual health education, for the past three years. In the fall, Abigail plans to pursue her interests in Chinese, sexual health, social justice, business, economics, and law. She will also row on the lightweight women's crew team.



priority and was ranked third in his senior class. Alec will pursue a double major in Economics and Political Science, and a minor in Mandarin, at Temple University.

## CHRISTINA PRICE

FCBA Foundation College Scholarship (\$8,000)

Christina Price graduated from Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter School, where she became an academic scholar and member of the National Honors Society. In the fall of 2017, she will attend Temple University. Born and raised in Washington, DC, Christina has dedicated her time and hard work to achieve a good education and help others in the process. Christina plans to study Chemistry in hopes of one day going to medical school and advancing her interest in pediatrics and children.



## JENNIFER MEZA

CTIA Scholarship (\$10,000)

Jennifer Meza graduated from Columbia Heights Education Campus, holding second place in her class. She founded a club in her school called Students for a Living Wage and was a tutor at a school in Peru, making use of her English and knowledge while visiting poor communities and providing food, supplies, and gifts to many families. Jennifer served as the Vice President of the DC Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America, while being a member of the National Honor Society, soccer team, tennis team, and the UDC Trio Upward Bound Program. Jennifer, a zealot for math, plans to major in Business.



## KAI QUANDER

Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP Scholarship (\$15,000)

Kai Quander graduated from HD Woodson Senior High School after returning to the United States from South Korea, where he lived for two years. While in high school, he was the captain of his school's varsity soccer team, and remained on Principal Honor Roll while doing so. Kai also took several AP classes throughout his high school career. His favorite class was Java Programming, which showed him how to code using various methods. He also was in Interact Club which was a community service program where he completed activities like giving out presents during Christmas and going to animal shelters in order to find homes for those animals. Kai plans on Majoring in Computer Science and Mathematics at Elon University in the fall. He plans to work in Cybersecurity so that he can help make the world a safer and better place.



## ALEC POLLARD

T-Mobile US, Inc. Scholarship (\$15,000)

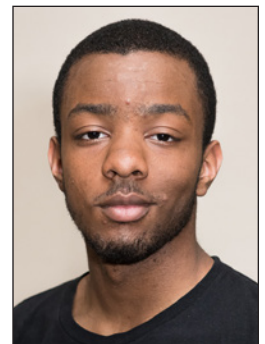
Alec Pollard graduated from Calvin Coolidge Senior High School, where he was the senior class Future Business Leaders of America and National Honors Society president. Alec was the captain of the swim team and placed third in the men's 50m backstroke championship. He has spoken as a youth representative at the Microsoft's Youth Sparks Conference in 2014 and 2016, and as a representative for his school at the DCPS chancellor meeting. Throughout his many obstacles, Alec has made education his



## SEAN RIVERS

FCBA Foundation College Scholarship (\$8,000)

Sean Rivers graduated from Columbia Heights Educational Campus where he had leadership roles in the Philosophy and Game Design Clubs, as well as serving in the National Honor Society and the DC chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America. Sean has become an upstanding member in his community, graduating from the TRIO upward bound program and taking part in volunteer work across the DC area.



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Sean will be attending Case Western Reserve University in the fall for a degree in Computer Science.

## MORIAH WILLIAMS

FCBA Foundation College Scholarship (\$8,000)

Moriah Williams graduated from School Without Walls Senior High School. Throughout her high school career, Moriah maintained a high GPA, received several academic awards, and served as secretary of the National Honor Society. She also participated in a number of extracurricular activities such as the School Without Walls Concert Choir, the flag football team, the hip hop dance team, and her school's community service club. As an active member of her church, Moriah sings every Sunday on the praise team and volunteers as a Sunday school teaching assistant. In her free time, she enjoys singing, exercising, and spending time with friends and family. Moriah will be attending the University of Richmond where she plans to major in Biology.



## 2017 Law School Scholarship and Internship Stipend Recipients

### CONNOR BOE

Internship: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Public Safety Communications Research Division

Connor Boe is a rising 3L at the University of Colorado School of Law. Before attending CU Law, Connor attended Colorado Mesa University where he earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science. Connor is the Vice President of the Sports and Entertainment Law Student Association, and an active member of the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship. Connor's interest in Telecommunications Law first began with his research in the Governmental Entrepreneurial Leadership Accelerator last summer, which worked to resolve tough governmental policy issues with innovative and entrepreneurial techniques. He further cultivated this interest working on internet freedom and information access issues in the CU Tech Law & Policy Clinic.



### DEVRON BROWN

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

Devron Brown was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he majored in Criminal Justice and minored in Political Science. Prior to law school, he served on Capitol Hill for nearly four years as a special assistant to then Senate Majority/Minority Leader Harry Reid. He is a rising 3L at The George Washington University Law School, where he is the Senior Publications Editor for the Federal Communications Law Journal and a member of the Moot Court Board. During law school he has held internships at Fannie Mae, the Network Advertising Initiative, Facebook, and PwC's Technology Media and Telecommunications ("TMT") Group. He thanks the Federal Communications Bar Association for the award and looks forward to a lasting career in communications.



### JOSEPH CARRAFIELLO

Internship: FCC, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division

Joseph Carrafiello is a rising 2L at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He attended Miami University of Ohio for his undergraduate degree, where he received a B.A. in Political Science. During his 1L year, Joseph served as a Student Bar Association representative for his 1L class and was a member of the SBA Career Services Committee. His interest in communications law began when he worked for U.S. Senator Rob Portman's campaign in 2016, demonstrating the intersection of public policy, elections, and communications technology. This summer, Joseph hopes to learn more about communications technology at the FCC, Enforcement Bureau. Joseph hopes to pursue a career in the public policy and communications field after graduation.



### ANDREW COLEY

Internship: FCC, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division

Andrew Coley is a rising 2L at the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. At CUA Law, Andrew is a member of the Law and Technology Institute, where he focuses in communications law. He has held internships at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies International Center for Terrorism Studies and Spatial Terra LLC. Andrew is also a part of CUA Law's Military and National Security





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Law Student's Association, and will be interning at the FCC, Enforcement Bureau this summer.

## **RYAN COOK**

Internship: FCC, Media Bureau, Industry Analysis Division

Ryan Cook is a rising 3L at The University of Mississippi School of Law. At Ole Miss, Ryan is actively involved in the Entertainment Law Organization, the Business Law Network, and the Negotiation Board. Prior to attending law school, Ryan received a B.A. in Economics from the University of Mississippi. Ryan spent last summer at Cambridge University studying international law. Throughout undergrad and law school, Ryan worked with a variety of radio stations and radio shows, which sparked his interest in communications law. Ryan is currently interning for the Industry Analysis Division of the Media Bureau, and is thrilled to be spending the summer in DC.



## **ROBERT DESMOND**

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

Bobby Desmond is a rising 3L at the University of Florida Levin College of Law with hopes of pursuing a career as in-house counsel at a media corporation. His leadership positions include Vice President of the Entertainment and Sports Law Society and the Managing Editor of the Journal of Technology Law and Policy. He is enrolled in the Intellectual Property Law Certificate Program. Recently, Bobby's interest in telecommunications law lead him to a legal internship at America's Public Television Stations. Bobby assisted the General Counsel in researching and drafting comments filed in FCC proceedings. He also wrote legal briefs on a number of issues facing the television industry. His assignments ranged from ATSC 3.0 approval and the spectrum auction to statutory copyright licenses and trademark infringement. This summer Bobby will be in New York City serving as a legal intern at AMC Networks.



## **JEFFREY GARY**

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

Jeff Gary is a rising 3L at Georgetown University Law Center, where he studies telecommunications, data privacy, and antitrust law. Jeff has interned with NTIA, Federal Trade Commissioner, Terrell McSweeney, for the U.S. Department of State in the Office of Overseas Citizen Services, and was a research assistant for Georgetown



Professor Mary B. DeRosa. Prior to attending Georgetown, Jeff was a staff assistant for U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell, where he analyzed broadband policy and the implementation of Net Neutrality. He completed his master's degree, with merit, in Religion in Contemporary Society from King's College London and graduated magna cum laude from The Theatre School at DePaul University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sound Design. At Georgetown, Jeff is a Global Law Scholar, the Editor-in-Chief of the Georgetown Law Technology Review, and a member of the Georgetown Barrister's Council Mock Trial Division. Jeff is an avid baker of bread and homemade pizza and brews his own beer.

## **JENNIFER GILBERT**

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

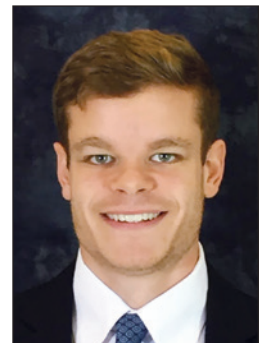
Jenny is a student at Georgetown University Law Center. Jenny also serves as the government relations associate and PAC manager at INCOMPAS, the leading trade association for competitive networks, representing communications and technology companies. Jenny assists the government relations' team in their advocacy efforts to advance competitive communications policies across all platforms. Before joining INCOMPAS, Jenny completed a fellowship with the U.N. Information Center, interned for both the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security and her hometown Congressman. Jenny graduated from the University of Michigan with a dual degree in Political Science and Communications.



## **DANIEL HABIF**

Internship: FCC, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division

Daniel Habif is a rising 2L at American University Washington College of Law, where he is the president of the Communications and Media Law Society. Before attending law school, Daniel graduated from the University of Michigan with honors with a degree in International Studies. His long-standing interest in technology led him to pursue a legal career in telecommunications to work on internet issues such as net neutrality and accelerating the adoption of next-generation networks. Daniel is excited to work on these issues this summer at the FCC's Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.



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## **JULIAN HARRISON**

Internship: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce

Julian Harrison is a rising 3L at Syracuse University College of Law, where he is focusing on Communications Policy and Technology Law. Julian graduated from Binghamton University, majoring in English and an interdisciplinary major focusing on Philosophy, Political Science, and Legal Philosophy. At Syracuse, Julian is an Executive Editor for the Journal of Science and Technology (JOST). During his 2L year, Julian served as Alumni Director for the Black Law Student Association North Eastern regional board. In 2016, Julian spent a semester interning at the Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) through the Syracuse Law Washington, DC Externship Program. There, he focused on telecommunications policy including regulatory, legislative, and agency recommendations. Outside of academics, Julian is a research assistant for the Cold Case Justice Initiative. Julian is excited to be back in DC and is looking forward to his internship this summer.



## **CAROLINE JONES**

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Caroline Jones is a 2018 J.D. Candidate at the University of Colorado. Before entering law school, she earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in International Studies with a minor in Spanish. Last summer, she developed her interest in telecommunications law during her time at the FCC's Office of General Counsel. This summer, she will work for both the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau in the Telecommunications Access Policy Division as well as the Hogan Lovells Washington, DC office. During her time at Colorado Law, she has been a student attorney in the Technology Law & Policy Clinic and volunteered with the Women's Law Caucus and Silicon Flatirons Student Group. She also serves as an Associate Editor on the Colorado Law Review. Upon graduation, she hopes to pursue a career in telecommunications policy.



## **ERIC KNAPP**

Internship: FCC, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division

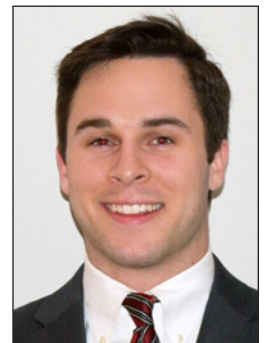
Eric Knapp is a rising 3L at Duke University School of Law. He attended the University of Mary Washington and received a B.S. in Psychology and B.A. in Religion in 2014. Eric has always been interested in the telecommunications industry, but spending the spring of 2017 interning with Bandwidth.com's general counsel office has cemented his passion for telecommunications law. Bandwidth.com provides voice and messaging services to numerous businesses, which exposed Eric to intercarrier relations. He will continue learning about intercarrier pricing and tariffs at the FCC's Pricing Policy Division. Additionally, Eric longboards to class most days, and recently had multiple roles in a yearly theater production put on by Duke Law students.



## **BLAKE KNIGHT**

Internship: FCC, International Bureau, Satellite Division

After majoring in English at the University of Alabama, Blake Knight decided to pursue a career dedicated to his lifelong interest and passion of space exploration. Currently, Blake is a rising 3L at the University of Mississippi School of Law pursuing his J.D. with a certification in Remote Sensing, Air and Space Law. His current studies focus heavily on airline regulation and domestic space law and policy, but also international space and private aviation law. In addition to being a student editor for his law school's Journal of Space Law, he intends to pursue publication of his own research analyzing satellite surveillance of private citizens under the Fourth Amendment. In his free time, he enjoys playing soccer, weightlifting, reading, writing, and continuing to learn French.



## **RYAN LICHTENFELS**

Internship: FCC, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Office of the Bureau Chief (Max Paglin Award Winner)

Ryan Lichtenfels is a rising 2L at the George Mason University School of Law where he is a member of the Communications Law Association. Prior to law school, Ryan spent four years on Capitol Hill covering telecommunications and technology issues, including three as a Legislative Aide for a Member of Congress and one as a Legislative Assistant for Cornerstone Government Affairs. His



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passion for telecom policy began with a trial by fire when he was tasked with writing his boss's statement to be read before a full hearing of the House Judiciary Committee within his first days on the job. This sparked a passion for telecom policy and has motivated him to pursue a career in the field. After law school, he intends to return to the public sector as a telecommunications attorney at either the FCC or on the professional staff of a House or Senate committee. Ryan is a 2012 graduate of Amherst College where he double-majored in Political Science and Music. While at Amherst, he was captain of the swim team and is a two-time NCAA individual champion in distance freestyle.

### ALEXANDRA MAYS

Internship: FCC, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division

Alexandra Mays is a rising 2L at William & Mary Law School where she serves as an Associate Justice on the law school's Honor Council. She graduated magna cum laude from the George Washington University in 2014, where she majored in International Affairs with a concentration in Security Policy and a minor in Women's Studies. Prior to law school, Alexandra worked as a paralegal in Venable LLP's Washington, DC office, where she assisted the firm's communications law group. Her other previous work experience includes an internship at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and an internship with the Rhode Island governor.



### ALEXANDER PETAK

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Alexander Petak is a rising 3L at the University of Miami School of Law pursuing his interest in Entertainment and Media Law. He graduated from James Madison University, majoring in Business Administration with a specialization in Entrepreneurship. While at James Madison, he helped start two separate ventures in order to raise money for local charities in his community. After completing his 1L year, he interned for the Alliance of Artists and Recording Companies, a non-profit organization that collects and distributes royalties to featured recording artists and sound recording copyright owners. During his 2L year, Alexander worked for another non-profit organization, the Multicultural Media, Telecom, and Internet Council (MMTC). He is excited to continue working for MMTC this summer, where he will help promote and preserve equal opportunity in the broadband, media, and telecommunications industries.



### NIYA RAFARI-PEARSON

Internship: FCC, Office of General Counsel, Administrative Law Division

Niya Rafari-Pearson is a rising 3L at Howard University School of Law. At Howard, Niya is an active member of the Charles Hamilton Houston National Moot Court Team and she will serve as the Co-Captain of the team for the upcoming academic year. Prior to attending Howard, Niya graduated with High Honors in African American Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park. She first became interested in communications law during her 1L summer, while working in the Investigations and Hearings Division of the Enforcement Bureau. Niya continued to study Cyberlaw and Social Media & the Law during her 2L year while at Howard. She is interested in the evolution of the cable industry and how individual privacy is impacted with this change. Niya is excited to be working in the Office of General Counsel of the FCC this summer.



### JACLYN ROSEN

Internship: FCC, Office of Administrative Law Judges

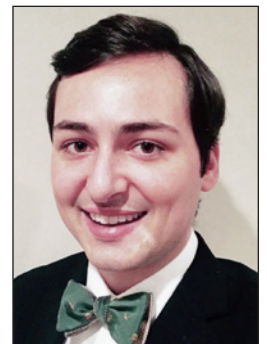
Jaclyn Rosen is a rising 2L at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law. After graduating magna cum laude from the University of Florida, Jaclyn returned to her hometown of New York where she worked for two years at a joint-venture media company between Sony Music Entertainment and the former CEO and Chairwoman of MTV Networks doing research and business development. She became fascinated by the legal aspects of her work and decided to pursue a law degree, focusing on issues relating to competition policy and network neutrality.



### MASON SHEFA

Internship: FCC, Media Bureau, Policy Division

Mason Shefa is a native of Los Angeles, California, and a rising 2L at William & Mary Law School in Virginia. A first-generation American whose father emigrated from Afghanistan, Mason received his B.A. in History at Yale University in 2015. While at Yale, he interned at Atlantic Records' Licensing Department, as well as TBWA\CHIAT\DAY's Broadcast Division. In 2011, after he received the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards' National Gold Medal at Carnegie Hall, singer/songwriter Lana Del Rey approached



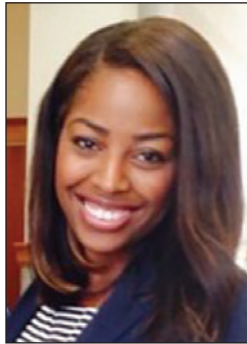
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Mason seeking permission to display his work, Psalm 51, at her iTunes Music Festival concert in London. After graduating from Yale, Mason took a year off before starting law school to compile, design, and publish a 248-page book of his own a cappella sacred choral music. After its publication in August 2016, the Yale University Music Library acquired and cataloged the book. At William & Mary Law School, Mason intends to pursue Intellectual Property law, and looks forward to his internship at the FCC, Media Bureau's Policy Division.

### JAMILA TOUSSAINT

Internship: FCC, Office of Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
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Jamila Toussaint is a rising 3L at the University of Georgia School of Law. She earned her B.A. degree in Legal Communications, magna cum laude, from Howard University in Washington, DC. At Howard, she became heavily involved in student government. Her passion to serve the others through policy initiatives led her to serve as the Student Services Coordinator for the university. As a 2L, she was selected to participate in the DC Semester in Practice program, where she completed a full-time internship with the Federal Communications Commission in the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Policy and Licensing Division. Jamila is excited to begin her final year of law school, where she will serve on the executive board of the Sports and Entertainment Law Society and as the Associate Articles Editor for the Education Law & Policy Review.



### ALEXANDER VETRAS

Internship: FCC, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Office of the Bureau Chief  
FCBA Foundation Scholarship

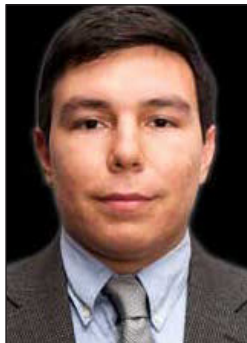
Alex Vetras is a rising 2L and M.S. candidate at the University of Colorado. As a research assistant in the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship, he has contributed to several articles addressing issues in radio spectrum management, and the representation of public interest groups in technology standards-setting practices. He is also a student associate on the Deming Center Venture Fund. Prior to attending law school, Alex graduated from Amherst College, where he earned a B.A. in Economics and co-captained the football team. He first became interested in telecommunications during his role as a product manager for Catchpoint, a software company that provides availability and performance monitoring for websites. This summer, Alex will intern in the Front Office of the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.



### F. MARIO TRUJILLO

Internship: FCC, Media Bureau, Policy Division  
FCBA Foundation Scholarship

Mario Trujillo is a rising 2L at American University Washington College of Law, where he is a staffer on the Administrative Law Review and the American University Intellectual Property Brief. Before entering law school, he worked for four years at The Hill newspaper in Washington, DC. He worked for a breaking political news reporter and spent his final two years at the paper covering technology policy, focusing on the FCC and Congress. Mario received his undergraduate degree from the University of New Mexico, where he double majored in Philosophy and Journalism.





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