

How College Park Public Leadership Students Awarded \$20K to Two Outstanding Local Nonprofits

The College Park Scholars Public Leadership students have learned through a semester of hard work that it's not easy to give away over \$20,000. After conducting in-depth research, participating in class-wide debates, combing through applications, and facilitating phone interviews and site visits, 60 sophomores under the direction of University of Maryland Public Policy Professor Robert Grimm finally came to a consensus. At a December 9th Grant Award Ceremony, the students awarded grants to two nonprofit organizations in Prince George's county that work to empower youth through innovative educational programs: [Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection](#) and [Cultural Academy for For Excellence \(CAFÉ\)](#).

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Gansler to Head New \$5.1 Million Md.-Army Alliance

Several of the most promising technological research projects at University System of Maryland-related labs are getting a strategic infusion of federal cash to help them through the most difficult phase of development, and toward the commercial market. With \$5.1 million in federal funding, the Maryland Proof of Concept Alliance teams University System of Maryland research institutions and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL), in support of a wide array of emerging technologies. [Jacques Gansler](#), who directs the University of Maryland's Center for Public Policy and Private Enterprise, will serve as the project's principal investigator and administrator. He brings to the project his experience as a former U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. He currently serves on the Pentagon's Defense Science Board.

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MSPP Student Interns with Senator Robert P. Casey through Schaefer Fellowship

One of the many benefits that MSPP students receive through the Office of Career Services and Alumni Relations is the opportunity to receive funding for unpaid internships through the William Donald Schaefer Internship Program. Students have benefitted tremendously from this program over the years, completing internships that have sent them everywhere from the developing world to the White House and Capitol Hill. To date, the program has assisted over 200 students in completing policy-oriented internships and has become a significant factor in the overall success of MSPP students after graduation. Kristina Lilac, a second-year Master of Public Policy student concentrating in International Security and Economic Policy, received Schaefer funding to intern with the Office of Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. (D-PA), a longtime ambition. Kristina worked closely with the Senator's foreign policy staff, researching and writing about such topics as the increasing destabilization in Yemen and ongoing developments in nuclear security.

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Hultman Awarded Major NSF CAREER Grant

[Nathan Hultman](#) has been awarded a major grant by the National Science Foundation as part of the [Faculty Early Career Development Program](#). This program "offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of research and research within the context of the mission of their organizations." This CAREER grant will provide \$400,000 for research into the effects of international and domestic energy policies on influencing low-carbon technology investment. Hultman will be investigating the wind and solar PV industries in Brazil, India, South Africa, and South Korea. The grant will also support curricular development on climate and energy and will fund student research assistantships.

Chad Pryor Interns for CSC President; Lands Permanent Position

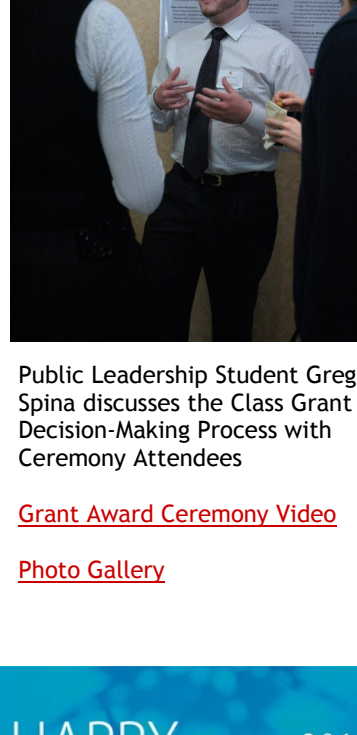
Chad Pryor says he can hardly believe that less than two years ago he was working two or three jobs to barely make ends meet in a depressed Michigan economy, and now he holds a full-time position as a communications and marketing professional at the Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC). "This would not have been possible without the guidance and opportunity offered to me by Dr. Jacques Gansler and the Center for Public Policy and Private Enterprise," Pryor said. "The opportunity I received is the best one I could have asked for." Pryor is one of two students to secure a permanent position through an internship funded by CSC. The internship enables MSPP students to work directly with Jim Sheaffer, President of CSC's North American Public Sector. Students attend executive-level meetings and experience the process of positioning and competing to win government contracts.

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CISSM Scholar Discusses NATO-Russian Relations with VOA

CISSM visiting research assistant Anton Grishanov was interviewed by the [Voice of America](#) on Nov. 22, about his views on NATO-Russian relations. Grishanov, the president of the Russian Youth Association for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, was asked about the role of the younger generation of Russian foreign policy makers and analysts in forging a new partnership coming out of the 2010 NATO summit in Lisbon: "The summit created the foundation for a full dialogue and partnership between Brussels and Moscow, and, of course, this is in the interests of Russia. Only in cooperation with the alliance can our country deal effectively with such major problems as the fight against drug trafficking, terrorism and piracy, and the struggle to prevent the spread of nuclear technology."

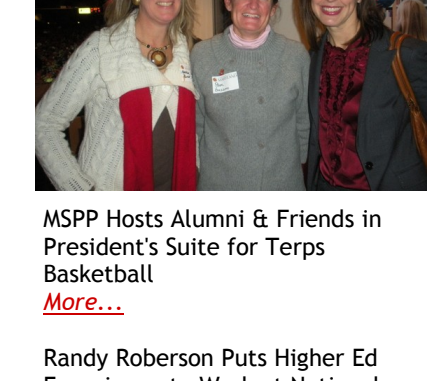
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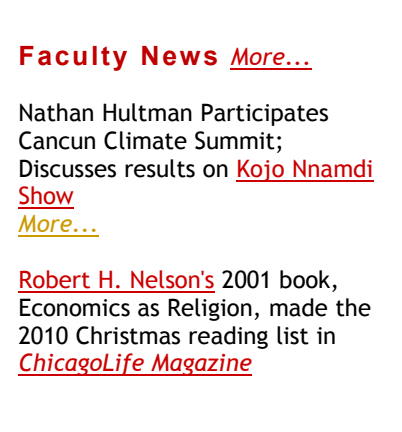
Public Leadership Student Greg Spina discusses the Class Grant Decision-Making Process with Ceremony Attendees

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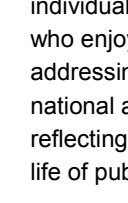
[Robert H. Nelson's](#) 2001 book, Economics as Religion, made the 2010 Christmas reading list in [ChicagoLife Magazine](#)

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