



**Board of Regents
Student Affairs Committee**

Agenda

April 27, 2018

Jody Richards Hall

Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room

Ms. Julie Harris Hinson, Chair
Mr. George Nichols III

Miss Andi Dahmer
Dr. Tamela W. Smith

Information Item

- WKU Student Scholars (*Dr. Audra Jennings*)

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AT WKU

The Office of Scholar Development (OSD) challenges students to dream big and assists them in making those dreams attainable. OSD staff members help students apply for nationally competitive scholarships by assisting students in finding opportunities to be engaged in their chosen fields beyond the classroom and aiding them in the process of finding the right programs, making important contacts, developing strong proposals, and revising numerous drafts.

The office works with students in all majors and degree programs. In the 2016-2017, OSD staff guidance enabled WKU students and recent graduates to secure over \$470,000 in external scholarship funding. Beyond the dollars and cents, national scholarships make it possible for students to study abroad, conduct research, complete undergraduate and graduate degrees, and change lives.

Although we do not yet have final data for the year, so far sixty-three WKU students and recent graduates have already gained recognition in national scholarship competitions. WKU was again named a top Fulbright-producing Institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education, our fourth consecutive time on the list and fifth time overall. Additionally, WKU was recognized as a top producer of Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships, tying for twenty-sixth among large institutions nationally. WKU was also named to Gilman “Priority Achievements” lists for institutions with the most diversity in overseas destinations and for sending abroad the most first-generation college students, racial or ethnic minority students, and students studying in STEM fields.

Additional highlights include: WKU’s first ever Harry S. Truman Scholar (Student Regent Andi Dahmer), a record number of Critical Language Scholarships (eleven and two alternates), thirteen Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarships (thus far), and our first ever Thomas R. Pickering Fellow.



Dana Biechele-Speziale, Chemistry, Chinese, Grayson

2018: National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

Past: Environmental Protection Agency Greater Research Opportunities Fellowship

Andi Dahmer, Economics, Spanish, International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Fisherville

2018: Harry S. Truman Scholarship

Past: Critical Language Scholarship—Chinese

Hayden Grace, Mathematical Economics, Hopkinsville

2018: Charles B. Rangel Summer Enrichment Program—Howard University

Past: Fulbright UK Summer Institute—University of Exeter

Isaac Keller, Political Science, Kansas City, MO

2018: Fulbright UK Summer Institute—Aberystwyth University

Jeremy McFarland, Chinese, English, Campbellsville

2018: Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship—China

Lauren Pedersen, Biology, Chemistry, Barbourville

2018: Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

Nathan Read, Economics, International Affairs, Asian Religions & Cultures, Belleville, IL

2018: Boren Award for International Study

Deven Richardson, Political Science & International Affairs, Bowling Green

2018: Charles B. Rangel Summer Enrichment Program—Howard University, Critical Language Scholarship—Japanese

Past: Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship—Japan

Maggie Sullivan, International Affairs, Louisville

2018: Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Bulgaria, JET Assistant Language Teacher

Past: U.S. Foreign Service Internship Program

Reuben Tang, Architectural Sciences, Asian Religions & Cultures, Glasgow

2018: Fund for Education Abroad—Taiwan