

Macalester student selected as a 2015 Frank Karel Fellow

St. Paul, Minn. – Milliecia Lacy '17, from Minneapolis, Minn., has been selected as a 2015 Frank Karel Fellow. This was the third year Macalester was invited to participate.

The Frank Karel Fellowship Program in Public Interest Communications is a leadership program that places undergraduate students in leading nonprofit organizations that promote the public interest for a hands-on, experiential summer fellowship.

“As a Karel Fellow, I hope to learn more about how I can use communication as a tool to promote social change, and to become more confident with my voice so that I can help those who have been systematically oppressed become stronger advocates for themselves,” said Lacy. “Furthermore, the Fellowship challenges its participants to be in a constant state of reflection and action. Constantly being cognizant of systematic processes will propel me to constructively act.”

The fellowship provides a stipend to cover travel to and from Washington, D.C., housing, and living expenses for the summer while the awardee completes a full-time internship with a non-profit.

The Karel Fellowship honors the legacy of Frank Karel, who established, led and nurtured the field of strategic communications during his 30 years as chief communications officer for the Robert Wood Johnson and Rockefeller Foundations. Among Karel’s strong beliefs was that racial and ethnic minorities were underrepresented in the public interest communications field and that foundations and public interest organizations needed to be proactive in recruiting and nurturing broader participation and leadership in public interest communications and advocacy.

After Macalester, Lacy wants to travel, work, and get a better understanding of the world around her and of herself before committing to graduate school.

“I’d like to pursue a Master of Public Health,” said Lacy. “I have a long-term goal of establishing my own nonprofit organization that focuses on serving women and children because they are the ones who globally have less access to health, education, and justice systems.”

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students. Macalester is nationally recognized for its long-standing commitment to academic excellence, internationalism, multiculturalism, and civic engagement. Learn more at [macalester.edu](http://www.macalester.edu) (<http://www.macalester.edu/>).

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