

Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby Recognized as National Bonner Fellow by the Bonner Foundation

St. Paul, Minn. - This year, **Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby**, Civic Leadership Coordinator within the Civic Engagement Center (CEC) and broader Institute for Global Citizenship at Macalester College, has been recognized as a second-year National Bonner Fellow for the Corella & Bertram F. Bonner Foundation. The fellowship seeks to leverage and support leadership for civic engagement and campus-community partnerships. Gutierrez-Crosby has already shared ideas and resources, including leading the way for the integration of more significant capacity-building community placements and projects, with the Bonner Foundation's national network of colleges and universities.

Gutierrez-Crosby, a 1998 Macalester graduate who also earned a master's degree in public policy from the Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs with a concentration in non-profit management, enjoys the opportunity to network with and mentor other professionals.

"Being part of a cohort of energetic and passionate individuals has been an inspiration to me in my learning, work, and leadership personally and in my work at Macalester and with the Foundation," Gutierrez-Crosby said. "Professionally, this has been an opportunity to hone in and further develop my skills in resource development, workshop facilitation, and consultation with campuses."

Two cohorts of National Bonner Fellows now involve representatives from 10 colleges and universities including:

April Backus, Siena College
Brad Brewer, Christopher-Newport University
Marisa Charley, Washington & Lee University
Matt Cummings, DePauw University
Savannah-Jane Griffin, Stetson University
Shannon Hoffman, Rhodes College
Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby, Macalester College
Travis Proffitt, Emory & Henry College
Caroline Twiggs, Mars Hill University
Krystal Woolston, Montclair State University

Each individual brings a proven track record on campus. In addition to professional development opportunities, National Bonner Fellows play a leadership role in resource development and national meetings, including those sponsored by the Bonner Foundation and partners like the Association of American



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Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) and Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education (also known as NASPA). Fellows are exposed to national trends – such as assessment – for increasing the effectiveness of campus-wide integration and engagement.

The Bonner Foundation announced this new program to bolster the leadership and professional recognition of campus civic engagement professionals throughout its national network of more than 65 colleges and universities.

The Bonner Foundation has since 1990 worked with undergraduate institutions to support the development of service-based scholarships and infrastructure for higher education's public mission. To date, more than 10,000 students have graduated from 65 institutions as Bonner Scholars and Leaders. Program evaluation suggests the model boosts student persistence and lifelong engagement.

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