St. Paul, Minn. - Eric Goldfischer ’13, from Havertown, Penn., has received the Newman Civic Fellow Award from Campus Compact. He was one of 135 students from 30 states who were honored as Newman Civic Fellows.

The Newman Civic Fellows Award recognizes inspiring college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country.

Goldfischer is a student leader at Macalester in the area of Economic Justice. His efforts encompass direct service, partnership building, research and policy work. He began a relationship between Macalester and two innovative organizations that address the issue of homelessness. He recruited other students to be involved and provided support for student volunteers. He worked with Minneapolis City Council members to pass a resolution recognizing Homelessness Awareness Month. Goldfischer has completed policy research on the issue of housing trusts for low-income people and this summer is a Chuck Green Civic Engagement Fellow through the Political Science Department.

“It’s an honor to receive national recognition for my work at Macalester and in the Twin Cities,” said Goldfischer. “Since I first arrived as a freshman in 2009, I have found an incredible community of people dedicated to ending homelessness and increasing civic engagement to address economic inequality in our larger community. I’ve felt privileged to be a part of these efforts, and look forward to continuing this work in community and in solidarity, both at Macalester and beyond.”

Through service, research, and advocacy, Newman Civic Fellows are making the most of their college experiences to better understand themselves, the root causes of social issues, and effective mechanisms for creating lasting change.

Campus Compact is a national coalition of more than 1,100 college and university presidents—representing some 6 million students—who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education to improve community life and to educate students for civic and social responsibility.

Macalester College, founded in 1874, is a national liberal arts college with a full-time enrollment of 1,958 students. Macalester is nationally recognized for its long-standing commitment to academic excellence, internationalism, multiculturalism and civic engagement. Learn more at macalester.edu

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