Macalester student is Udall Foundation 2016 Scholar

St. Paul, Minn. - The Udall Foundation has selected Macalester student Henry Kellison '17 (Austin, Texas) as one of 60 students from 49 colleges and universities to be a 2016 Udall Scholar. A 15-member independent review committee selected this year's group of Udall Scholars on the basis of commitment to careers in the environment, American Indian health care, or tribal public policy; leadership potential; record of public service; and academic achievement.

“Receiving the Udall Scholarship is a tremendous honor,” said Kellison. “Given my own interests in environmental politics and renewable energy, the Udall Scholarship will help me focus my academic interests while continuing my studies at Macalester next year.”

This highly qualified class of Udall Scholars was selected from 482 candidates nominated by 227 colleges and universities. Forty Scholars intend to pursue careers related to the environment. Fifteen American Indian/Alaska Native Scholars intend to pursue careers related to tribal public policy; five American Indian/Alaska Native Scholars intend to pursue careers related to health care.

The 2016 Udall Scholars will assemble August 9-14, 2016, in Tucson, Ariz., to meet one another and program alumni; learn more about the Udall legacy of public service; and interact with community leaders in environmental fields, tribal health care, and governance.

“The scholar orientation will be a great opportunity to connect with other students who share my interests, and we'll get to work to solve specific case studies related to environmental and tribal policy,” said Kellison.

Each scholarship provides up to $7,000 for the Scholar’s junior or senior year. Since the first awards in 1996, the Udall Foundation has awarded 1,524 scholarships totaling $7,740,000.

After he graduates, Kellison would like to pursue a career in public service. “I want to work for a few years in environmental advocacy or policy research before returning to graduate school, ideally for law or public administration,” he said.

Learn more about the Udall Undergraduate Scholarship (https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.udall.gov_OurPrograms_Scholarship_Scholarship.aspx&d=CwMFAw&c=JL-fUnQvtjNLb7dA39cOQucamjBVITE8MbOdX7Lx6ge8&r=T1br-Qxt_gNB9EmeqhbSrpXuXAtnuzHZ3q2-QM8&m=Mf0Aa26nQ1iMaOUUtDbeIkjHLowTFL8OSvKb99DsPTE&s=R165yRuwsDkxeI9qPFoAsjr4-QIU96Q7zRoCQnIdWU&e=) and meet the 2016 Scholars (https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.udall.gov_OurPrograms_Scholarship_MeetScholars.aspx&d=CwMFAw&c=JL-fUnQvtjNLb7dA39cOQucamjBVITE8MbOdX7Lx6ge8&r=T1br-Qxt_gNB9EmeqhbSrpXuXAtnuzHZ3q2-QM8&m=Mf0Aa26nQ1iMaOUUtDbeIkjHLowTFL8OSvKb99DsPTE&s=e22LIn053yx9tBL3uctyMgAPIn93J6-blGop_8fObR0&e=).

Established by Congress in 1992, the Udall Foundation awards scholarships, fellowships and internships for study in fields related to the environment and to American Indians and Alaska Natives in fields related to
health care and tribal public policy; provides funding to the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy and to the Native Nations Institute to conduct environmental policy research, research on American Indian and Alaska Native health care issues and tribal public policy issues, and training; and provides assessment, mediation, training and other related services through the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution.

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