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Bryce Harlow Foundation Announces 2019-20 Fellowships

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 3, 2019 – The Bryce Harlow Foundation, the national capital’s premier organization supporting the profession of lobbying and government advocacy, today announced the 22 recipients of its prestigious graduate-school fellowships for the academic year 2019-2020.

Bryce Harlow fellowships are awarded annually to exceptional graduate students who aspire to have careers in government relations and lobbying. Bryce Harlow Fellows attend graduate school part-time while working full-time in a variety of settings, including Capitol Hill, government agencies, lobbying firms and trade associations.

The 2019-20 class of twenty-two Fellows was chosen from more than 65 applicants. The Fellows are pursuing graduate degrees such as law, business, and public policy at Washington, D.C.-area schools including American University, the College of William & Mary, George Washington University, Georgetown University and the Johns Hopkins University. The Foundation considers its Bryce Harlow Fellows to be the future of government advocacy. The fellows must be committed to practicing government advocacy with the highest levels of integrity. In addition to an \$8,000 award, Fellows are assigned mentors from the Foundation’s board of governors.

2019-20 Bryce Harlow Fellows

- Jon Ammons - *Director of Policy & Strategic Messaging, Utah House of Representatives*
- Madeleine Balkonis – *Senior Manager, Community Partnerships, National Park Foundation*
- Brian Callahan - *Congressional Relations Manager, The Borgen Project*
- Wayne Edmiston - *Congressional Fellow, Office of Marine Corps Legislative Affairs*
- Phillip Fordham – *Government Relations Representative, International Paper*
- Lauren Fresconi - *Legislative Associate, Nickles Group*
- Kayla Gebeck - *Senior Public Affairs Advisor, Native American Law Group, Holland & Knight LLP*
- David Gellman - *Inter Governmental Affairs Associate, Simon & Co*

- Ian Gray - *Legislative Assistant, Congressman. Tom Malinowski*
- Blake Major – *Director of Federal Government Affairs, AIG*
- Brian Malat - *Manager of Government Relations, Van Scoyoc Associates*
- Jeremy Marsh - *Associate, Klein/Johnson Group*
- Kristen Morse - *Global Reach Director, A21 Project*
- Jarrod Nagurka - *Advocacy and Public Affairs Manager, Association for Career and Technical Education*
- Daniel Nesvet – *Associate, Cornerstone Government Affairs*
- Anne Policastro – *Director of Public Affairs, UPS*
- Omri Rahmil – *Policy Advisor, small private consulting firm*
- Sara Ribakove - *Policy Coordinator, Center for Science in the Public Interest*
- Kevin Serafino – *Director of Federal Relations and Public Policy, Household and Commercial Products Association*
- Michelle Smolarski - *Account Executive, Kellen Company*
- Nick Sutter - *Director, Government Relations - Glover Park Group*
- Kimberly Wilson - *Director of Policy and Advocacy, The Feighan Team*

About the Bryce Harlow Foundation

The Bryce Harlow Foundation was established in 1981 in honor of the late Bryce Harlow to promote integrity in the lobbying profession and to increase the understanding of its role in the development of sound public policy. Bryce Harlow, who served with four U.S. presidents, established the first White House Congressional Liaison Office and served as its director during the Eisenhower and Nixon administrations. The Foundation provides scholarships to graduate students who work full time and foresee a career in government advocacy. The Foundation is dedicated to keeping Bryce Harlow’s values alive and to promoting high standards in lobbying, government relations and related professions. For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit www.bryceharlow.org.

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