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Eastern Student Wins Next Generation Award

Willimantic, Conn. —Julie Cappa of Enfield, a senior majoring in political science who is the vice president of the American Humanities Student Association (AHSA) at Eastern Connecticut State University, has been awarded the NextGen Leaders award from the American Humanities alliance. The award, a \$4,500 scholarship, is intended to help her complete a 300-hour internship in a nonprofit organization.

“Receiving this award culminates my experience at Eastern,” said Cappa. “Since coming to Eastern, I have discovered my passion for service. My involvement in organizations like American Humanities and Habitat for Humanity has helped me realize the amazing career prospects for nonprofit professionals. This award reinforces my enthusiasm for working in the nonprofit sector after graduation. In addition, receiving this award gauges my personal and academic accomplishments and gives me confidence as I begin to tackle my future endeavors.”

This summer, Cappa will attend the Institute on Philanthropy and Volunteer Service in Washington, D.C., where she will complete two courses at Georgetown University and intern at a nonprofit organization in the city. The Institute on Philanthropy and Volunteer Service is a program offered through The Fund for American Studies.

The Next Generation Nonprofit Leaders Program (NextGen) is an American Humanics initiative. American Humanics certifies students in nonprofit management. Certification involves 12 hours of coursework, attendance at the American Humanics Management Institute annual conference and the completion of a 300-hour internship at a nonprofit organization.

NextGen is funded by a \$5 million, multi-year grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Recipients are expected to participate in a program evaluation and a multi-year longitudinal research study designed to illustrate the positive effects of competitive internship stipends on the recruitment and retention of skilled entry-level professionals prepared to enter the nonprofit sector.

“Without the guidance of Dr. Martin and Dr. Bachiochi, I would not have obtained the knowledge or drive to pursue a career in the nonprofit sector,” said Cappa. “They exposed me to amazing experiences and opportunities. Their fervor for service is inspiring.”

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