Colin Powell Undergraduate Fellowship in International Diplomacy

The Center continued to provide administrative and financial support for the Colin Powell Undergraduate Fellowship in International Diplomacy. The program, in its twelfth year, places Baruch undergraduate students for 8 – 10 week unpaid internships with the U.S. Department of State in Washington D.C. or at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York City or an embassy overseas. A generous stipend of $3,000-4,000 is offered to cover living expenses. Applicants must be U.S. citizens in their junior or senior year at Baruch with a 3.4 GPA.

Where Are They Now?

Over the twelve years the Colin Powell Fellowship program has been running, twenty-two students have received awards. Fellows have gone on to pursue careers in diplomacy and many other fields as well. Here are a few of our alumni.

Andreea Ursu was a Fellow in the summer of 2004, is now a Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Department of State. She is currently posted in Sao Paolo, Brazil. Prior to joining the State Department, Andreea received a Master’s Degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. Andreea was the recipient of a Rangel Fellowship at Fletcher. She graduated with BA in Business Communications from Baruch College.

Pietro Barone was a Fellow in the summer of 2013. Pietro recently completed an MSc in International Relations with a concentration in the Middle East at the London School of Economics and Political Science awarded with Merit and a Dissertation of Distinction. He graduated with BA in Political Science and a minor in English from Baruch College.

Igor Norinsky was a Fellow during the summer of 2005. After graduation from Baruch, he attended the University Pennsylvania Law School and is now an attorney at Vinson & Elkins in Houston, Texas. He graduated with a double Major in English and Political Science from Baruch College.

Zoie Blackwood was a Fellow during the summer of 2010. After graduation she worked for Credit Suisse in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and now serves as a Specialist in Global Learning & Development at McGraw Hill Financial. She graduated with a BA in Political Science and a minor in Sociology from Baruch College.

Colin Powell (born April 5, 1937, New York, New York, U.S.), U.S. general and statesman. He was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1989–93) and secretary of state (2001–05), the first African American to hold either position.