UIHP Scholarships & Fellowships Program

Congratulations to our 2012 Truman Scholarship Finalists!

**Conner Spinks • Political Science & GWS**
Native Iowan Conner Spinks is a Political Science major with a Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies minor at the University of Iowa. She is committed to the needs of those marginalized even in typical service provision as shown by her work in people of color outreach with LGBT advocacy group One Iowa or street outreach with community-based Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive in Washington, DC. Though she enjoys the challenges of the work she’s chosen to do, she practices self-care by listening to standup comedy and attending drag shows. She plans to pursue her Masters of Social Work to gain the skill set necessary for the management and development of a culturally relevant social agency.

**Nicholas Pottebaum • Economics & Political Science**
A native of Marion, Iowa, Nicholas Pottebaum is a junior pursuing an Economics and Political Science double-major at the University of Iowa. Having a passion for public policy at the state and local government level, he participated as a student and undergraduate teaching assistant for the Iowa Policy Research Organization (IPRO). In IPRO, he began his research on county collaboration practices in Iowa and has since authored two policy reports, received the Jacob A. Swisher Award for political science research with an Iowa focus, and presented his research to numerous elected officials in Iowa. Nicholas also interned in the Iowa Governors’ Office where he was a recipient of the Governor’s Volunteer Award. He is the Speaker of the Senate for student government and serves on the General Education Curriculum Committee and Student Activity Fee Committee. Nicholas was an Honors Program Student Ambassador in summer 2010 and currently serves as an Honors Peer Advisor. He plans to pursue a Masters in Public Policy upon graduation and continue working on inter-government affairs to improve service delivery at the state and local level in Iowa.

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- government,
- education
- the nonprofit or advocacy sectors,
- elsewhere in public service

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- financial support for graduate study
- leadership training
- fellowship with others committed to making a difference

For more information on our Finalists or the upcoming 2013 Truman Scholarship Competition, contact Kelly Thornburg, UIHP Fellowships Director at 319.335.1874 or kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu