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Town of Hamden Welcomes 2016 Quinnipiac Presidential Public Service Fellows

HAMDEN - Mayor Curt Balzano Leng is pleased to announce the start of the 2016 Quinnipiac Presidential Public Service Fellowship, marking the twelfth year that Quinnipiac University and the Town of Hamden have collaborated to offer Fellowship positions in Town Offices.

The Presidential Public Service Fellowship is the result of a partnership which allows distinguished students the opportunity to work in local government, refine their personal and professional leadership skills, and assist with providing valuable services for the Hamden and North Haven communities. Six students were selected for the 2016 program, and each student has been assigned a mentor-supervisor who will oversee the Fellow's summer projects and provide guidance as the Fellow's learn the inner-workings of local government.

The 2016 Presidential Public Service Fellows and their respective department placements are: Wyatt Craig, Hamden Mayor's Office; Cathleen Dacey, Hamden Planning and Zoning Department; Chanele Davis, Hamden Economic and Community Development Department; Mariam Nozadze, Hamden Finance Department with specialization in risk management; Julian

De Olivera, North Haven First Selectman's Office; and Shamar McCrae, North Haven Public Works Department.

This year's Fellows were selected through a rigorous and highly competitive screening and interview process, conducted by both Quinnipiac Political Science Professor and Fellowship Coordinator Scott McLean and staff from the Hamden Mayor's Office and North Haven First Selectman's Office. Upon receiving their respective assignments, the Fellows are challenged with completing a number of projects within their respective departments with the goal of having a positive impact on the Hamden and North Haven communities over the course the summer.

Commenting on the program, Mayor Curt Balzano Leng said, "I am very pleased to continue our partnership with Quinnipiac University for the 12th consecutive year. Each and every year, some of Quinnipiac's brightest students share their skills and knowledge with our Town, and we are grateful for their positive impact on our community."

Additional information regarding the 2016 Presidential Public Service Fellows will be provided as the Fellowship moves forward throughout the summer. Special highlights on the Fellows and their projects will be released periodically throughout the length of the program.

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