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2016-2017 David A. Winston Health Policy Fellows Announced

WASHINGTON, DC – The David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship is pleased to announce that Olivia Pham, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Kripa Sreepada, Cornell University, are the 2016-2017 Winston Health Policy Fellowship Recipients.

The Winston Fellowship offers a twelve-month post-graduate experience in Washington, DC to students from member universities of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA). Through systematic exposure to organizations, associations and coalitions in the private sector, as well as policy development centers in Congress and the Administration, the program offers Fellows unparalleled opportunities to expand their knowledge of the political system and how health policy is shaped. Three months of orientation visits to key policy development centers in Washington and surrounding areas are followed by a nine-month placement that allows each Fellow to explore current health policy issues in depth while gaining invaluable, firsthand experience in policy making. The selection, as in past years, was extremely competitive, with 48 applicants and 6 individuals selected for interviews.

Olivia Pham currently attends the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and will graduate in May 2016 with a Master of Science in Public Health. She has experience as a health navigator for the Affordable Care Act in North Carolina, and, served an internship with Ascension Health in Washington, DC.

"I am honored and grateful to have been selected as a David A. Winston Health Policy Fellow. This fellowship provides an exceptional experience in the health policy field, offering the opportunity to interact with health policy leaders in both the public and private sectors. I eagerly anticipate this next step in my career and look forward to the opportunities that await me." Olivia Stated.

Kripa Sreepada attends Cornell University’s Sloan Program in Health Administration and will graduate in May 2016 with a Masters of Health Administration. Previously working with the National Council on Aging, Kripa has worked with several agencies dealing with the frail elderly, and has a particular interest in health policy issues affecting seniors.

According to Kripa, “I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a Winston Health Policy Fellow and am honored to have been selected from a group of highly qualified, impressive, and passionate candidates. I know the year will prove to be formative of my future place in the health policy space, and it is such a privilege to learn from the network formed to honor David Winston's bridge-building legacy.”

“Although the choices were difficult this year, the Winston Board is excited about introducing these two outstanding young health policy professionals to the national health policy discussion. We look forward to working with our new fellows this year and in the future,” said David S. Abernethy, the Winston Fellowship’s Managing Director.

For more information on the David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship, its history and application process, please visit www.winstonfellowship.org or contact the Fellowship by Email: info@winstonfellowship.org.