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## 2023-2024 David A. Winston Health Policy Fellows Announced

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship is pleased to announce that Katarina Morgan, a student at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and Ari Panzer, a student at Duke University’s Sanford School of Public Policy, have been selected as the 2023-2024 Winston Health Policy Fellowship recipients. They will be joining the over fifty past recipients of the Fellowship who have continued to help shape health policy throughout the United States.

The Winston Fellowship offers a twelve-month post-graduate experience in Washington, D.C. to students from health administration programs housed within accredited colleges and universities. Through systematic exposure to organizations, associations, and coalitions in the private sector, as well as key offices in Congress and the Executive Branch, the program offers Fellows unparalleled opportunities to expand their knowledge of the political system and to learn how health policy is shaped. They will have two months of orientation visits with key policy stakeholders and institutions in Washington and surrounding areas, followed by a ten-month placement in government offices that allows each Fellow to explore current health policy issues in depth while gaining invaluable firsthand experience in bipartisan policymaking. The selection process, as always, was extremely competitive.

**Katarina (Katja) Morgan** attends Harvard University’s T.H. Chan School of Public Health as a Presidential Scholar and will graduate this spring with her Master of Public Health in Health Policy. She currently works with the oral health team at the Boston-based consumer advocacy group Health Care For All as a Policy Intern. Prior to attending Harvard, Katarina received her Bachelor of Science in Biology and Spanish from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as well as her Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry. Her policy and research interests include medical-dental integration and gender-affirming healthcare.

*Katja shared the following regarding her selection: “I feel so honored and humbled by my selection as one of the next David A. Winston Health Policy Fellows. I am excited to incorporate my unique lived experiences as a trans woman and my clinical training as the first dentist selected for the Fellowship. I hope to dedicate my career to advancing oral health access and equity through policy, and I am confident this Fellowship will provide me with the mentorship and exposure to the political process necessary to achieve that goal. Thank you to the Board for this transformative opportunity to build upon David A. Winston’s legacy.”*

**Ari Panzer** attends Duke University’s Sanford School of Public Policy and will graduate this spring with a Master of Public Policy. He is a Duke-Margolis Scholar in Health Policy and Management as well as a 2022 David A. Winston Health Policy Scholar. Prior to Duke, he was a Researcher and Project Manager at the Center for the Evaluation of Value and Risk in Health (CEVR) at Tufts Medical Center. Ari received his Bachelor of Science in Community Health and Psychology from Tufts University. His policy interests include health equity, health care delivery, payment reform, and public health preparedness and prevention.

*Ari stated: "I am honored, humbled, and thrilled the David A. Winston Fellowship Board selected me as a Fellow from a group of brilliant and talented applicants. The Fellowship will provide an unparalleled opportunity to learn from leading health policy experts and continue growing professionally. I am thankful for the Board investing in my career, and I am excited to engage with all the Fellowship has to offer."*

Julie Goon, Winston Board Chair, said, "Since its inception, the David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship has highlighted the role of both public and private sector engagement in policymaking, along with the importance of bipartisan collaboration. It speaks to the caliber of these two Fellowship recipients that they emerged from a field of extraordinarily impressive and accomplished candidates to be chosen as next year's Fellows. The Winston Board strongly believes that with support and guidance from all of us in the health policy community - public and private, Republican and Democrat -- they will build upon the impressive and growing legacy established by previous Winston Fellows."

The current Winston Fellows will be completing their placements this June. Allison Crha is working with the United States Senate Finance Committee and Samantha Burkhart is working at The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation.

For more information on the David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship, its history, and the application process, please visit [www.winstonfellowship.org](http://www.winstonfellowship.org) or contact the Fellowship by email at [info@winstonfellowship.org](mailto:info@winstonfellowship.org).