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SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM CONCLUDES AT MMRI

The Masonic Medical Research Institute Celebrates the 2021 Class of Summer Fellows

UTICA, NY — Over the past ten weeks, nine students from local universities and colleges were immersed in the world of biomedical research at the Masonic Medical Research Institute (MMRI). The Summer Fellowship Program has promoted Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) awareness and fostered STEM opportunities in the Mohawk Valley Region since its conception in the 1960s. “One of the values of the Institute is to foster an environment in which we can help mentor, teach, and inspire the next generations of scientists. We are proud to host the summer fellowship program and play a part in shaping the bright futures of these students. All of which would not be possible without the generous donors who make it possible each year,” said Dr. Maria Kontaridis, Executive Director and Gordon K. Moe Professor at the MMRI.

On July 29, 2021, the Summer Fellowship Program will conclude with a graduation ceremony at the MMRI facility, located on the Masonic Care Community grounds in Utica, NY. The program will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in MMRI’s Bond-Trosin Auditorium. The keynote speaker, Dr. John DeTraglia, retired physician and medical director, and former summer fellow (1965-66), will be presenting on how his time at the Institute set the trajectory for his successful career. Following will be presentations from each student and the awarding of certificates.

Graduating this year is: Emma Zupan (St. Lawrence University), Katherine Jankowski and Maurice Tang (Hamilton College), Yuriy Milobog (SUNY Polytechnic Institute), Emily Marshall (University at Albany), Katherine Nelson (Vassar College), Samantha Tavarez (Rochester Institute of Technology), Joseph Wu (University at Buffalo), and Joseph Hoskins (Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences).

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