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Exceptional Leaders and Athletes

Lisa Mutooni (Pharmacy ’20) won a scholarship to attend the New Leadership Pennsylvania Summer Institute. Though still a sophomore in 2016, she was one of only five Duquesne students to be honored with a leadership award from the Office for Multicultural Affairs.

Once again the President of our Student Government Association (SGA) is a member of Duquesne’s Honors College. James Daher (Economics ’17) was elected in spring 2016 to the highest student office at the University. James and the SGA executive committee represent the entire student body at all levels of the University’s administration, and direct efforts to enhance the student experience here at Duquesne.

Scott Heinemann (Pharmacy ’18) is conducting research on Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases, and is first author on the peer-reviewed article: “Synergistic Stress Exacerbation in Hippocampal Neurons: Evidence Favoring the Dual-Hit Hypothesis of Neurodegeneration” (Hippocampus, March 2016).

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Mariangela Gominho (Music ’17) was awarded the Honors College Endowed Fellowship in Creative Arts. She spent much of July 2016 in Iceland to study folk music for incorporation into her vocal performances.

Rachel Willis (International Relations ’18) is spending the fall 2016 semester in Chile as the Endowed Fellow in Women’s and Gender Studies. She will be taking courses in political science and conducting research on women and leadership in Latin America.

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