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[CITY] RESIDENT NAMED ROTARY WORLD PEACE SCHOLAR

Student one of 70 future leaders committed to peace

CITY, DATE-- While the world hopes for peace, Rotary works to make it a reality. [Name] of [city] has been named as one of 70 Rotary World Peace Scholars, selected from some 1,500 applicants worldwide, to study peace and conflict resolution at the master's degree level. The program was created to develop future leaders skilled in peace studies.

[Last name] will attend [university] in [city, country], one of seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. [He/She] will obtain a two-year master's-level degree in international relations, with a focus on the roots of conflict and successful solutions to the world's problems. [He/She] will participate in an annual Rotary Center seminar, and commit to a career devoted to national and international cooperation and cross-cultural understanding.

Direct quote from scholar.

[Add biographical information, including educational background, service work in the community, future goals in the field, etc. Please also indicate sponsoring Rotary Club/District.]

"Today, there are still far too few mediators who are experienced practitioners in conflict resolution. There is an urgent need to produce another generation of people who can play a mediating role in the future," said Professor Paul Rogers, University of Bradford. "This program is the most significant development in graduate work in conflict resolution in decades."

Rotary created the Centers in 1999, as part of its ongoing efforts to achieve national and international peace. While war, famine, poverty and disease are rampant worldwide, Rotary Centers give scholars the knowledge and tools to combat these obstacles.

The seven host sites for the Rotary Centers for International Studies involve eight university partners:

- Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA (both universities jointly host one Rotary Center)
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan

- Sciences Po, Paris, France
- Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- University of California- Berkeley, California, USA
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

All Rotary World Peace Scholarships are for two academic years and include round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, and other limited expenses.

Rotary conducts many programs to further international exchange, including Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, and Youth Exchange programs. Ambassadorial Scholarships provide university students with 3- to 6-month and one- or two-year scholarships to study abroad, serving as ambassadors of goodwill in the host country. Group Study Exchange programs send young professionals abroad for four to six weeks, to live and learn with professionals in their host country. Youth Exchange programs send 15-19 year-olds to another country, to study and live with a host family.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians who are members of more than 30,000 Rotary clubs in 163 countries. For more information, visit www.rotary.org.

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