

The German Society of Maryland Awards to college and university students

Although the GSM/AATG Award Ceremony for May 2020 had to be cancelled because of the Coronavirus, the GSM will still present cash awards to college students from Maryland who excel in their study of German as a major or minor.

This year cash awards of \$1000.00 will go to Anna Kuhn of McDaniel College and Agnieszka Bieganowska the University of Maryland: College Park, who are majoring in German.

Anna Kuhn has a double major in German and Biology. Her German instructor Dr. Mohamed Esa, says she is "one of the best students he has ever had." Anna is sad to be one of the last students in the German program at McDaniel College.

Agnieszka has a double major of German and Russian. She grew up in a Polish speaking household and realized early that languages opened doors for communication with others. She would like to become a translator and help people across the world reach understanding with one another. Dr. Julie Koser added, Agnes "exemplifies all the qualities we look for and hope to instill in German majors at the university level."

Awards of \$500.00 each will go to two outstanding students who are minoring in German. One student is Caroline Pugh from the University of Maryland; College Park. Caroline wants to study medicine and has Biological Sciences as her major. Caroline loves German and has had the opportunity to study in Germany with The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program. Her German professor Dr. Josh Alvizu says Caroline is "one of the most talented students he has ever had the opportunity to teach."

The other student receiving a \$500.00 check as a German minor is James Eberwein of Towson University. James has a major of Business Administration with an interest in International business. His instructor at Towson, Dr. Annette Budzinski-Luftig says he is: "one of the most passionate and dedicated students I have met at Towson University. He is not only passionate about German culture and very knowledgeable about German history, he is also one of the most critical thinkers I have taught".