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### **St. Mary's Alumna Granted a 2018 Fulbright Award to Ireland**

Portland, Ore. - St. Mary's alumna Madeleine Breshears '14 received a 2018 Fulbright U.S. Scholar award to Ireland for her research in Low-Dimensional Nano-Materials Applications. This award will enable Madeleine to continue her research at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland throughout the 2018-2019 academic year.

Madeleine attended St. Mary's Academy from 2010-2014, and was involved in the school's acclaimed Science Olympiad team, among other activities. The many opportunities to explore the concepts of math and science available at St. Mary's Academy motivated her to continue to pursue her interest in STEM as part of her undergraduate studies.

"We are very proud of Madeleine for her accomplishment and for representing the St. Mary's Academy community in this prestigious program. Madeleine's achievement demonstrates the impact that an all-women's education can have in nurturing young girls to not only pursue careers in STEM, but also become leaders in their field," said Principal Nicole Foran.

After graduating from St. Mary's Academy in 2014, Madeleine enrolled at Bard College in Annandale-On-Hudson, NY where she enrolled in the chemistry program as a Distinguished Scientist Scholar. In addition, Madeleine completed an internship at Oregon Health and Science University, participated in the Bard Summer Research Institute, and engaged in hands-on research as an AMGEN scholar at the University of California, Berkeley. Madeleine will graduate from Bard College with a degree in chemistry in May 2018.

Madeleine was selected for this prestigious award based on her academic and professional achievements, as well as her strong leadership skills. During the 2018-2019 academic year, she will join over 800 U.S. citizens who will teach and conduct research all over the world as they build relationships, knowledge and leadership that support the long-term interests of the United States. Madeleine will also be part of a community that includes 59 Nobel Prize winners, 82 Pulitzer Prize Winners and 37 individuals who have served as a head of state or government.

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award is one of the United States' most prestigious awards. St. Mary's Academy is extremely proud of Madeleine Breshears for her achievement as a recipient of this honor and for her continued leadership in the field of STEM.



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