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**UNC Student Receives School Health Scholarship**

Camille McGirt, an undergraduate student at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health, has received a scholarship from the American School Health Association. She will be recognized at the association's annual conference in Louisville, Ky., October 12.

Ms. McGirt currently majors in public health, health policy and management and is creating a program to promote "healthy bodies, healthy minds and health relationships" to 8-16 year-old girls in her community. The program teaches proper nutrition, portion control, disease awareness, and exercise. She is enlisting female collegiate athletes to speak to the girls about the importance of diet and exercise.

While she sees the benefit of such programs, Ms. McGirt believes policy is the path to real change.

"The most effective way to sustainably create change in this country is through its laws. By creating legislation to benefit school health and community health programs, we can attain government funding, a strong base of constituency, and overall healthier communities," says McGirt.

In 2010, McGirt served as a White House intern in the Office of Presidential Personnel's Energy and Environment Cluster and participated in the White House Internship Service Project with the Boys and Girls Club After-School Program. There, she worked with inner city youth ages 8-16. That same year, she also was selected as one of 200 from a nationwide pool of minority candidates for Management Leadership for Tomorrow, an intensive one-year career development program.

In 2007, Ms. McGirt served as government affairs officer on the Durham Youth Council of Durham, North Carolina.

"While on the council, Camille came across as extremely energetic and full of life. Her personality was not only magnetic, but inspiring to myself and those around her," says Durham's Mayor Pro Tempore, Cora Cole-McFadden.

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Through scholarships, the American School Health Association provides financial assistance to students whose academic and professional goals include the health of youth. The Association awards three scholarships of \$500 annually, one each to students in School Health Education, School Nursing and Pediatric/Adolescent Medicine or Dentistry

In addition to the financial award, the American School Health Association provides complimentary benefits including one-year membership and registration to the organization's Annual School Health Conference, which will be held in Louisville, KY, October 12-15 2011.

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