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**St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School Graduate
Chosen to Work in Washington, D.C.**

COLLEGE STATION – Lucia Winkeler, a 2014 graduate of St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School and an International Studies major at Texas A&M University, recently began a spring 2017 internship in Washington, D.C. Lucia will spend the spring as an integral part of the Office of Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia within the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Lucia is one of 15 students selected for a policy internship through the Public Policy Internship Program (PIIP) at Texas A&M University. Her duties include monitoring legislation, attending hearings and briefings, preparing reports, and researching policy issues for senior staff members. Lucia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith and Ekaterina Winkeler.

“The Public Policy Internship Program is one of few in the nation specifically geared toward transforming today's students into tomorrow's leaders,” said Stephanie McMillen, director of PIIP. “Through this opportunity, students use what they have learned in the classroom in a professional work setting. Not only will this D.C. experience be attractive to future employers, but our students are also providing valuable assistance to the offices in which they intern.”

The program is in its 17th year of sending students to Washington, D.C. to work in policy-related organizations such as governmental offices, think-tanks, and nonprofits. Since its inception, almost 700 Aggies have worked in Washington through the program. Each student receives course credit for their internship as well as a scholarship in the form of housing. To learn more about Lucia and her experiences, please visit the program's website at ppip.tamu.edu.