

The Blanche and Frank Goldstein Building Bridges

The Blanche and Frank Goldstein Building Bridges Award will be granted to up to two students per quarter whose goals, while in the Washington Program, demonstrate an interest in increasing understanding and communication among disparate racial, ethnic and class groups. Student goals will be reflected in planned applications for internships, proposed research topics, or other intended activities in Washington, DC. Applicants for this scholarship program will be evaluated on the basis of how closely their goals for the quarter in Washington, DC match the ideals expressed in the lifelong work of Blanche and Frank Goldstein.

Almost sixty years after she was born to immigrant parents in a small rented house in downtown Sacramento, Blanche Goldstein returned to the very same block. While the tiny structure was gone, subsumed by a gleaming State of California high-rise, her return perhaps best symbolizes what she and her husband Frank were all about. On this spot, Blanche served as Deputy Director of the California State Department of Social Services where in addition to administering one of the largest social welfare budgets in the world she invented innovative programs that combined child care and college training to help welfare parents of all colors and ethnic backgrounds become self-sufficient.

For Blanche, this culminated a lifetime of caring about poverty and injustice through her and husband's work within government and with dozens of community and civic groups. But it also reaffirmed that caring has no boundaries. Poverty and injustice never have a face of only one color or speak only one language. At the time of their passing in 2000 and 2003, Blanche and Frank Goldstein were familiar and welcome in the Latino, African-American, and Native-American communities throughout Northern California, as well as in their own Jewish community. And it was no surprise that in Blanche's last years, she chose to reside in an assisted living facility of the Sisters of Mercy. For Blanche and Frank Goldstein, one of life's great lessons is that none of the issues of the day can be resolved without transcending barriers of class, race, and ethnicity.

This grant is dedicated to fulfilling this simple yet difficult lesson through the work of University of California, Davis students in Washington, DC. This scholarship was established by David Goldstein, Michael Goldstein, and Laurie Wood, in loving memory of their parents. Funding for the Blanche and Frank Goldstein Building Bridges scholarship is provided from an endowment operated by the Jewish Community Foundation of the West. Scholarship awards are overseen by the Hillel at Davis and Sacramento.

Each grant is for \$500

Requirements of the grant:

In Washington, DC

While in Washington, DC each grantee will have the opportunity to meet and have lunch with Michael Goldstein, Director and Professor University of California, Berkeley/Semester in Washington Program. Michael Goldstein will also be available to help with DC internship placements.

In Davis, CA

The quarter following completion of the Washington Program, there will be a dinner at the Hillel House honoring the grantees. The grantees will be invited to speak about their

experience in Washington and how it related to the goals of the *Blanche and Frank Goldstein Building Bridges Award*.

Quarter	Application Deadline	Notified
Winter 2008	November 15, 2007	December 2007
Spring 2008	February 2008	March 2008

Application Procedure:

Please write a one to two page essay explaining what you hope to do during your quarter in Washington D.C. and how this relates to the spirit of the Blanche and Frank Goldstein Building Bridges Award. The essay should be submitted to Joaquin Feliciano at jbfeliciano@ucdavis.edu

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