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GFOA Awards 2016 Scholarships

(Chicago, Illinois – April 22, 2016) The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has announced the recipients of its 2016 scholarships. GFOA’s mission is to enhance and promote the professional management of governments and the awarding of scholarships is one of the ways the GFOA accomplishes its mission.

The recipient of the **\$13,000 Daniel B. Goldberg Scholarship** is **Bo Daniel Weichel**, who will graduate in December 2016 with a Master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of North Carolina in Pembroke, North Carolina. Bo currently serves as the Purchasing Manager for the City of Hickory, North Carolina. He has managed the Purchasing Division for over two years, ensuring that the purchasing policies and procedures are consistent with federal and state laws, and participated in budget and multi-year improvement planning. Bo has improved the City’s bidding process, led public bid openings for various City departments, and reviewed contracts and agreements before presentation to the City Council. He previously served as a Staff Auditor/Accountant for Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Company, LLP, where he participated on an audit team for state and local government entities. Bo has a passion for local government finance policy and procedures and a goal of obtaining a financial leadership role with a North Carolina municipality, county, or school district. *Funded by the Girard Miller Foundation.*

The recipients of the two awards for the **Frank L. Greathouse Government Accounting Scholarship** are **Jean Iannuzzi and Cassandra J. Roush**. Each will receive **\$8,000**. *Funded by the Government Finance Officers Association.*

- **Jean Iannuzzi** will graduate in May 2016 with a Master of Science degree in

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Accounting, from Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut. She presently serves as a Community Development Block Grant Financial Analyst Auditor for the City of New Haven, Connecticut. In this position, Jean is responsible for preparing and drawing federal funds for several grant and loan programs, preparing quarterly reports for the Community Development Block Grant and the Lead Hazard Control Loan Program, performing bank reconciliations, and managing the capital assets of the City. Prior to obtaining her current position, Jean was an intern in the accounting office with the City of New Haven where she assisted in the preparation for several audits, performed bank reconciliations, and cash receipting. Jean would like to continue in an accounting position with the City of New Haven or a state or local government.

- **Cassandra J. Roush** will graduate in September 2016 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Phoenix. Currently, she is an Accounts Payable/Purchasing Card Specialist for the Prince William County Public Schools. Cassandra was responsible for the implementation of a new purchasing card program for the school district, training over 150 employees on the new software, and program maintenance. She also oversaw the implementation of the revenue generating ePayable payment program and is responsible for its ongoing maintenance and accounts payable activities. Cassandra plans to continue her employment with the Prince William County Public Schools in a supervisor position, and pursue her passion for improving the school division and community. Her goals include becoming a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Government Finance Manager.

The recipient of the **\$8,000 Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship** is **Angela G. Barner**, who will graduate in the spring of 2017 with a Master of Science degree in Accounting from the Keller Graduate School of Management-DeVry University in Orlando, Florida. Angela is currently a Senior Accountant for the School District of Osceola County in Kissimmee, Florida. Her duties include assisting with the District's accounting operations, administering the capital leasing program, assisting in the preparation of official statements for the issuance of long-term debt, and monitoring the District's long-term debt. Angela has also prepared sections of the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Prior to her relocation to Florida, Angela held the position of Finance Officer for the Town of Enfield, North Carolina, for almost nine years. Angela plans to continue her employment with the School District of Osceola County. Her goals include becoming a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Government

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Finance Officer, and the next Director of Finance for the School District of Osceola County.
Funded by Tyler Technologies.

The recipients of the four awards for the ***Government Finance Professional Development Scholarship*** are **Kaye M. Matucheski, Shonna Neary, Scott Smith, and Danielle Denise Young**. Each will receive **\$8,000**. *Funded by the Government Finance Officers Association Scholarship Reserve.*

- **Kaye M. Matucheski** will graduate in May 2016 with a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh. She is currently the Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Antigo, Wisconsin, a position she has held for over nineteen years. Kaye's responsibilities include preparing the budget and annual reports, and completing the requirements for debt issuances. She also oversees the payroll, human resources, insurance, and utility billing functions for the City of Antigo, as well as serving as Vice President for the Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company. Kaye's goal is to explore other employment opportunities with the City of Antigo or an administrative and finance position with another municipality.
- **Shonna Neary** will graduate in May 2019 with a Master in Business Administration from Lakeland College in Madison Wisconsin. She has been employed by Columbia County in Portage, Wisconsin, for sixteen years, currently as an Accounting Supervisor/Project Manager. In her current position, Shonna supervises two employees in the areas of grants, collections, accounts payable, budget, and audit accounting. She is responsible for the County's capital assets, including additions, disposals, depreciation and year-end reporting, and is a project manager for the computer system. Previously, she held other positions as Accounting Supervisor, Staff Accountant, and Accounting Assistant with the County. Shonna's career goal is to be a Comptroller or Co-Comptroller for Columbia County or another governmental entity.
- **Scott Smith** will graduate in August 2016 with a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Denver, Daniels College of Business, in Denver, Colorado. Scott is currently the Director of Budget for the Douglas County School District in Castle Rock, Colorado. In that capacity, he is responsible for the development, monitoring, and alignment of the District's \$700 million appropriated budget in accordance with the school district's long-term financial and strategic plans. Scott developed new financial forecasting models to manage the District's use of fund

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balance and ensure its long-term financial stability. Scott's ultimate goal is to be the Chief Financial Officer for a K-12 school district.

- **Danielle Denise Young** will graduate in May 2016 with a Master's in Public Administration degree from Wichita State University, Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, in Wichita, Kansas. She is currently the City Clerk for the City of Cheney, Kansas. Her responsibilities include managing the payroll, benefits, accounts payable, accounts receivable, accounting, and utility billing functions for the City. Danielle also previously served as a Cheney City Council member and a Cheney Planning Commission member. Her goals include pursuing job opportunities in finance and economic development within a larger municipality, with the ultimate goal of becoming a City Manager.

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