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### For Immediate Release

#### **Zonta Club of Washington, D.C. and The Zonta Club of Washington Foundation Award \$60,000 in Scholarship Funds for 2020-2021**

**Washington, D.C., July 31, 2020 ...** The Zonta Club of Washington, D.C. (Club) and The Zonta Club of Washington Foundation (Foundation) are pleased to announce they have awarded scholarships to 15 outstanding women attending universities in the District of Columbia.

The Club awarded \$40,000 through its medical and nursing scholarship programs established by benefactors Edith SeVille Coale, M.D. and Virginia Longest, respectively. Edith SeVille Coale, M.D. Scholarships were awarded to nine women attending medical schools at Georgetown University School of Medicine, The George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Howard University College of Medicine, and John Hopkins University School of Medicine. The Virginia Longest Nursing Scholarship was awarded to Cheryl Durden, Doctor of Philosophy student at The Catholic University of America, Conway School of Nursing.

The Club and Foundation awarded \$20,000 through its undergraduate scholarship program to the following five recipients:

- Shayla Certain, Political Science major student at Howard University
- Simon Henry, Business Management major student at Howard University
- Gabrielle Rhoads, Photojournalism major student George Washington University
- Savannah Willard, Foreign Service major student at Georgetown University
- Serena Yang, Business Administration major student at George Washington University

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit, honors/community service and financial need.

The Zonta Club of Washington, D.C. is a member club of Zonta International, founded in Buffalo, NY in 1919, which is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. The Washington, D.C. Club has been serving women in the District of Columbia since it was formed in 1922.

The Zonta Club of Washington Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, was formed in 1981 to carry out the charitable objectives of the Club. Funds to support the work of the Foundation are derived from member donations, gifts from the Club, fundraisers, as well as public donations.

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