

Brief Description of the Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship

The Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship provides gifted New York City undergraduates with the chance to participate in internships and mentor relationships that will help shape their futures. The focus of the fellowship is to afford these high achieving students the opportunity to partake in on-the-job experiences by taking on leadership roles, teaching students to apply classroom lessons to the outside world, encouraging graduate school as a future option, and providing insight for career choices. The Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship runs from June 2011 through August 2013. During this period, the students are expected to successfully complete three summers of paid internships of up to 10 weeks that will enhance their occupational goals and individual interests.

SEEK Student Paul Olivier has been Welcomed into the Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship/Class of 2013

Paul Olivier is a SEEK student and a member of The Verrazano School at the College of Staten Island. He is majoring in International Studies and Creative Writing. Paul has received numerous recognitions, amongst them are the New York Needs You Fellowship, the STOCS Scholarship to study abroad in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and most recently, he was awarded the Institute for Mexicans Abroad Scholarship. He was selected for an internship at the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation.

As part of his educational experience at CSI, he participates in many on-campus activities. He was elected to the CSI Student Government where he was the representative to the CSI College Council, CSI Foundation, and CSI Association-Board of Directors.

He was hired as a mentor/tutor in the SEEK Program Strategies for Success Program because of his strong leadership skills and academic standing. Due to his outstanding academic record, Paul was inducted into the Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honors Society. He has also volunteered with such organizations as Habitat for Humanity and Million Trees NYC.

Paul has wide future interests, including possibly attending law school, becoming a Navy SEAL, and pursuing a career as a diplomat or defense analyst. He is the ideal candidate for this prestigious fellowship. The SEEK/CD Programs join together in celebration of this important accomplishment.