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### **Danni Zhou of University of Pittsburgh selected as Pennsylvania's News Fellow**

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 2, 2017 – Danni Zhou, a junior at the University of Pittsburgh, has been selected as the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation's 2017 News Fellow.

Beginning in 2017, the PNA Foundation has partnered with the National Newspaper Association Foundation for its fifth annual NNAF News Fellows Program. The program will be held March 15-17, 2017, in Washington, D.C. A small number of college journalists from across the country will join Zhou at the nation's capital to cover the Supreme Court and its impact on local communities. Assisted by professional mentors and veteran journalists, Fellows spend an intense two-and-a-half days interviewing experts and leaders in Washington, then return home to publish a story in their respective student publications or local newspapers.

Zhou was selected from college applicants across Pennsylvania. A communications major, with minors in political science and Chinese, Zhou writes for *The Pitt News* and serves on the editorial board of *Forbes&Fifth*, an undergraduate journal featuring interdisciplinary works. She has held internships at both NBC and NPR affiliates and has shadowed reporters at the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and *The New York Times*.

In selecting Zhou as Pennsylvania's Fellow, judges commented, "While we received impressive applications for this program, Danni's thorough and well-written letter of interest made her shine. Her passion for exploring and growing a journalism career were paramount. We are confident that she will enhance her already varied and impressive journalism experience with this prestigious opportunity."

NNAF limits the number of News Fellows to eight students each year. The purpose of the program is to develop news literacy skills in young journalists by looking at issues from a community newspaper perspective. Previous issues have tackled national security as well as terrorism.

The PNA Foundation, through its Fellows Fund for the Future, is sponsoring Zhou's participation as part of its mission to develop the next generation of journalists. Sponsorship includes hotel accommodations, travel costs and tuition fees. Fellows will enjoy dinner at the National Press Club, with other meals and local transportation also provided.

**About PNA:** The PNA, founded in 1925, is the nonprofit trade association for print and digital news media in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Its mission is to advance the business interests of Pennsylvania news media organizations and to promote a free and independent press. It has more than 300 newspaper and media-related members, including daily, weekly, and college newspapers and online publications.

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