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MARIA HESTER WINS INAUGURAL FOUSHEE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOOL FOR CREATIVE STUDIES GRADUATE HEADS TO UNC THIS FALL

7 July 2023 - CHAPEL HILL, NC - The Director and Executive Committee of the National High School Ethics Bowl are very proud to announce that Maria Hester is the inaugural winner of the program's Austin Foushee Alumni Scholarship.

Hester is a recent graduate of the School for Creative Studies in Durham, NC, and a competitor in the North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl. Her application essays stood out among over a dozen candidates, and we look forward to welcoming her to the UNC Chapel Hill campus later this Fall! Of the scholarship award and her matriculation to UNC in August, Hester said:

"I'm honored to be chosen for this scholarship! I thoroughly enjoyed my time being a participant in the National High School Ethics Bowl program and to represent my school's team from Durham, NC. I will be attending UNC Chapel Hill this fall with a major in anthropology where I'm excited to continue learning about other people and cultures and of course ethics!"

The NHSEB Alumni Scholarship is named for Austin H. Foushee, a 2023 Carolina graduate and incoming 1L at the UNC Law School. After founding an Ethics Bowl team at his high school in rural North Carolina, Austin moved to Chapel Hill, where he worked as the Undergraduate Assistant for the National High School Ethics Bowl while completing a dual degree program in Philosophy and Political Science at UNC. During his time at Carolina, Austin was a Parr Center Ethics Fellow, an event coordinator for the Center's NHSEB Academy program, in addition to working as a consulting coach for the NHSEB Bridge program, as well as his own high school and others in the area. Austin's time at the Parr Center has been marked by his creation and supervision of NHSEB's first Student Advisory Council, as well as his many other lasting contributions to the program. We are thrilled to award a scholarship in his honor, and to celebrate future students who will bring the spirit of the Ethics Bowl activity to our community at Carolina.

For more information about the Foushee Alumni Scholarship, please visit nhseb.org/foushee. Applications for the 2023-2024 award cycle will open on October 1, 2023.

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ABOUT THE NHSEB

The National High School Ethics Bowl (NHSEB) promotes respectful, supportive, and rigorous discussion of ethics among thousands of high school students nationwide. An Ethics Bowl differs from a debate competition in that students are not assigned opposing views; rather, they defend whichever position they think is correct, provide each other with constructive criticism, and win by demonstrating that they have thought rigorously and systematically about the cases and engaged respectfully and supportively with all participants. Data from NHSEB surveys shows that this event teaches and promotes ethical awareness, critical thinking, civil discourse, civic engagement, and an appreciation for multiple points of view. NHSEB's goal is to do more than teach students how to think through ethical issues: It is to teach students how to think through ethical issues *together*, as fellow citizens in a complex moral and political community. For more information, visit nhseb.org.

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