

## DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND REGIONAL PLANNING 2017 AWARDS

STEPHANIE B. KELLY REGIONAL PLANNING SENIOR AWARD

### Chelsey Pousland

Chelsey, from Millbury, MA is a Geography and Regional Planning major. Her minors are Geographical Information Systems and Applied Geography. After graduation, Chelsey will pursue full-time work in planning and advanced study for a Masters in Transportation planning. Long term, she would like to be a transportation planner with a focus on traffic design analysis, safety and engineering in large cities. Her most memorable experiences were serving as President of Lambda Sigma National Honor Society, and President of the Environmental Club. Chelsey studied abroad in Costa Rica.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

### Tameika Heathman

Tameika is a senior from Springfield, MA. She majored in Geography and Regional Planning with a minor in History. After graduation, she will move to Boston and work in a housing program. She has a passion for ensuring everyone has a stable home as a first step to meeting all of one's needs. Not having a stable home (being in foster care) inspires her to want to make sure everyone has a stable home. Her favorite Westfield experiences have been defined by the support she has received from the Geography and Regional Planning staff. The GARP Office is her safe place, and the staff, the village that takes care of her. The GARP Department, especially Marijoan Bull, provided her with so many opportunities and helped her to build on her potential.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

### Maxwell Goldman

Maxwell is a Geography and Regional Planning major from Hingham, MA. His favorite Westfield experience was a summer internship in 2016 when he worked with the town of Marshfield, MA to improve handicapped accessibility in public parks. The research and recommendations that he provided helped contribute to a series of improvements, and allowed people with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. He will always remember how great it felt to help others. Maxwell thanks Westfield for preparing him with the skills needed to make a difference.