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GIRLS ACTION NETWORK SALUTES 2012 FULBRIGHT INTERNATIONAL FELLOW

Spelman College Senior, Tangiah Royster from Newark, New Jersey awarded a 2012 Fulbright International Fellowship.

New York, NY – **Tangiah Royster**, an honors student at Spelman College in Atlanta Georgia, was selected as a 2012 Fulbright International Fellow. Tangiah hails from Newark, New Jersey where she attended Marylawn Academy for Girls. While attending Marylawn, Tangiah participated in various Girls Action Network, Inc. (GAN) programming, to include receiving a 2004 GAN – Smith College full scholarship to attend Smith’s Summer Science and Engineering Program and a 2005 GAN – Mount Holyoke College full scholarship to attend Mount Holyoke’s summer Math Camp. Tangiah comments that her GAN experiences and continued affiliation with the organization have helped prepare her for life’s personal, educational and professional challenges. She explains, “My experience with GAN cultivated my leadership ability, and encouraged me to be proactive, committed to academic excellence, and resolute in my pursuit of success.”

Upon high school graduation, Tangiah was awarded a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Fellowship, allowing her to attend undergraduate and graduate studies at the schools of her choice - tuition free. The Fulbright Fellowship will provide Tangiah with further opportunities to continue her education and exposure to leadership in the global community.

According to the program’s website, the Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas and is sponsored by the United States Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). After completing the Fulbright program, Tangiah plans to attend law school.

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