



**New Leader Scholarship Announcement  
May 15, 2006**

**April Joy Damian awarded a Truman Scholarship**

APRIL JOY DAMIAN was awarded a Truman Scholarship for 2006-2007. She received her bachelor's degree with honors this spring, majoring in ethnic studies, while simultaneously completing a pre-med curriculum at U.C., Berkeley. April was the commencement speaker for the Pilipino graduating class. Following her year of service at a V. A. hospital in Washington, D. C., she plans to apply to medical school with an emphasis in public health.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation awards merit-based scholarships to college students who plan to pursue careers in government or elsewhere in public service. Truman Scholars receive up to \$30,000 for graduate or professional school, participate in leadership development activities, and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government.

All applicants for the scholarship must be in the upper quartile of their class. To compete successfully, students must have an extensive record of public and community service, outstanding leadership potential and communication skills. They must additionally show commitment to a career in government or elsewhere in public service. The Foundation typically selects up to 25 at large scholars annually.