

# THE B.A. RUDOLPH FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



*B.A. Rudolph with Board Members (and goddaughters) Meredith Moore, Rebecca Cook, and Maggie Moore.*

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### About the Foundation

Throughout her life, B.A. Rudolph showed by example what it meant to be a strong, generous, progressive, humorous, independent woman.

The B.A. Rudolph Foundation provides support to young women who, like B.A., seek to make a difference in the world. The mission of the B.A. Rudolph Foundation is to advance and/or benefit young women through educational and general support for whom a small amount of support could make a significant difference.

Currently, the B.A. Rudolph Foundation lends support to women through internship scholarships.

The B.A. Rudolph Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization.

### Meet the Directors

#### Maggie Moore, President

Maggie Moore currently serves as the President of the B.A. Rudolph Foundation. Through the Foundation, Maggie seeks to empower women to become steel magnolias like her godmother B.A. taught her to be. In addition to her work with the Foundation, Maggie works as the Operations Officer for Democracy International (DI), a small business that implements democracy and governance programs worldwide on behalf of the U.S. Agency for International Development and other partners. In 2010, Maggie served as DI's Media Liaison for the Wolesi Jirga (Parliamentary) elections in Afghanistan. Prior to joining DI, she worked as a regional field organizer for the Louisiana Democratic Party's coordinated campaign in the 2008 presidential campaign. Maggie has also worked for Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Representative Edward Markey (D-MA), Representative Heath Shuler (D-NC), and Italy's Council of Ministers. She graduated from Tufts University with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations. This fall, Maggie will begin her candidacy for a Masters of Arts in International Relations and Masters of Science in Public Relations at Syracuse University.

#### Rebecca Cook, Treasurer

Rebecca is the current Treasurer of the B.A. Rudolph Foundation. Outside of her work with the Foundation, she works as a Genetic Counselor at the Cleveland Clinic, where she hopes to specialize in hereditary cancer risk. She received her Master of Science in Genetic Counseling from Arcadia University in 2011. She has been the Programs Intern for Genetic Alliance, a non-profit organization that works to support the disease-specific organizations through education, advocacy and support of research. She graduated from Rhodes College in Memphis, TN with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

#### Meredith Moore, Secretary

Meredith Moore is the current secretary for the B.A. Rudolph Foundation as well as one of B.A.'s many godchildren. Beyond the Foundation, Meredith teaches chemistry and psychology at the Roland Park School, an all girls' institution, in Baltimore, MD. Recently she has collaborated with her colleagues to create the STEM Institute, a certificate program within Roland Park to engage young women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The STEM Institute is part of the National Girls Collaborative Project. In 2011, Meredith was awarded a fellowship to participate in the Klingenstein Summer Institute. The competitive program brings together gifted teachers with less than five years' experience for an intense exploration of teaching styles, educational philosophies, and educational issues in order for participants to better master their craft. Prior to teaching at Roland Park, she taught at Emma Willard School, a boarding school for young women, for the 2008-2009 school year after receiving the prestigious Sara Lee and Tillie K. Lubin Intern in Science Award. Meredith graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of the Arts in Psychology with honors in research and double minored in chemistry and educational studies.

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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, June 23, 2012**

DC Summer Intern Scholar Welcome Party, Washington D.C.

We will be hosting a Welcome-BBQ for our three scholars to introduce them to the Foundation Directors, donors, and friends of the Foundation local to the Washington Metropolitan Area.

**August 2012**

Scholar Send-Off Party- TBD

## What's Next

### **Website Launch**

We are looking forward to launching the B.A. Rudolph Foundation website later this year! The site will allow students access to information about the Foundation and scholarship, and the ability to apply to the scholarship electronically.

### **Outreach**

We continue to reach out to students through their colleges and universities to provide information about the DC Summer Intern Scholarship. We have enlisted the help of various departments within the institutions, including Political Science, Women's Studies, International Studies, Peace and Justice Studies. We are also contacting non-profit organizations, Women's Rights organizations, and congressional offices so they may pass on information about our Scholarship opportunity to their accepted interns.

## What can I do to help?

If you would like to be a summer mentor to one of our scholars this year or in the future, please contact us by email. Mentor will be asked to provide professional and personal guidance to our scholars during their time in Washington.

Donations to the B.A. Rudolph Foundation are gratefully accepted. Please send your donation to the address provided. All checks should be made out to The B.A. Rudolph Foundation.

# DC Summer Intern Scholarships Awarded

After much consideration, the B.A. Rudolph Foundation settled on their first program: a scholarship to support undergraduate women pursuing unpaid summer internships with Washington-based organizations. The scholarship will help offset living expenses and other financial barriers, allowing talented young women to develop new skills, make valuable connections, and explore their future career interests in public service.

Applicants had to be a rising Junior, Senior, or recent graduate; demonstrate financial need; and be interested in pursuing a career in public service through government, non-profit endeavors, and/or women's rights. The goal of the Foundation's program is to provide a small amount of financial support in an effort to make a significant difference in the lives of the recipients and those they will help through their bright futures.

After a competitive application process, three young women were awarded the inaugural B.A. Rudolph Foundation Summer Scholarships: Alexa Stevens, Ciara Chivers, and Kelsie Cox.

In addition to the financial support that the B.A. Rudolph Foundation will extend to these young women, it also plans to provide mentorship from its Board Members and friends of the Foundation willing to act as mentors on the Boards' behalf. Mentorship is an opportunity for these women to seek professional and personal advice outside of their Washington internships; it is also an opportunity for those of us participating as mentors to pass on words of wisdom that B.A. herself would have provided. Please reach out to the B.A. Rudolph Foundation if you live in the Washington Metro Area and would be interesting in serving as a mentor to one of these young women or future B.A. Rudolph Foundation Scholars.



### **Alexa Stevens**

Alexa is originally from San Rafael, California. She is currently a rising Senior Tufts University, and is majoring in Middle Eastern Studies and Arabic. This summer she will be at intern at the American Task Force on Palestine.



### **Ciara Chivers**

Ciara is from Elko, Nevada, Ciara studies Peace & Justice Studies and Religion at Tufts. In the fall she will be attending a study abroad program in Ghana. She is passionate about education policy, particularly accessible, high-quality education equality. She is excited to be able to explore education reform this summer as a Urban Education Leaders Intern with the D.C. Public School System. As one of her recommenders so aptly put it, "Ciara is the kind of young woman who would have touched B.A.'s heart."



### **Kelsie Cox**

Kelsie is a rising Senior at Rhodes College, originally from Bentonville, Arkansas. She studies Political Science and Gender Studies, and is interested in pursuing a career in women's services, particularly reproductive rights. She has had past internships at Choices, Memphis Center for Reproductive Health, a crisis center, a women's shelter, and Planned Parenthood. This summer Kelsie will be interning at Rachel's Women's Center.