

MADÉLINE KANE

College of Arts and Science

Bachelor of Arts, May 2010

Concentration: Global Development, Spanish and Latin American Cultures

Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service

Master of Public Administration, May 2011

Dual Degree



Madeline Kane is pursuing a self-designed honors major in Global Development. She is interested in U.S. policy formation that promotes economic empowerment for poor women, both domestically and abroad.

Madeline became engaged in this issue through Oxfam America at New York University, where she advocated for equitable international trade and aid policies. Through her work with the New York City Fair Trade Coalition, she saw the power of entrepreneurship help poor artisans. While volunteering in a Costa Rican village, she saw an opportunity to put this principle in to practice, and helped a group of women develop their artisan business.

In order to take a closer look at the effects of trade liberalization and development aid in Latin America, Madeline studied rural development at the University of Guadalajara. After discovering a children's aid organization in the city, Madeline got involved to help the children's parents improve their financial situation. Her efforts helped spawn Mnini (www.mnini.org), an artisan cooperative for indigenous women living in the slums outside Guadalajara.

Back in New York, Madeline interned with Domestic Workers United, a legislative advocacy group for the nannies and housekeepers of New York. In the summer of 2009, she worked on Capitol Hill in the office of Senator Robert Casey, where she tracked international trade and labor legislation.

Madeline was named a Goldman Sachs Global Leader in 2008. She is pursuing her Masters of Public Administration in order to further her vision of changing U.S. policy to empower poor women.

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EDUCATION

New York University, College of Arts and Science, New York, NY

Candidate for Bachelor Science, May 2010

Major: Global Development

New York University, Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service, New York, NY

Candidate for Master in Public Administration, May 2010

HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS

- NYU Reynolds Undergraduate Scholarship in Social Entrepreneurship, 2008
- Goldman Sachs Global Leader, 2008
- CAS Merit Scholarship, 2006
- CAS Presidential Honors Scholar, 2006
- Dean's List, 2006-2007
- NYU Reynolds/Youth Venture "Be A Changemaker Challenge" \$1000 Seed Grant Winner, 2008
- Scholastic Art & Writing Awards National Silver Key in Journalism, 2006

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Office of Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr., Washington, DC

Intern, May – July 2009

- Covered legislative action on finance and international trade

Domestic Workers United, New York, NY

Intern, Feb. – Apr. 2009

- Lobbied in Albany, New York to amend state labor laws
- Organized students to spread awareness about pending bill

David Bornstein, New York, NY

Intern, Oct. – Dec. 2007

- Worked on Dowser.org, upcoming social innovation website
- Created blog content and international development tutorial

Projects Abroad Inc., New York, NY

Intern, Sept. – Dec. 2007

- Assisted in administrative tasks for international volunteer organization
- Completed a site visit at volunteer site in Rabat, Morocco

Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General, Harrisburg, PA

Communications Intern, Summer 2007

- Tracked media trends in statewide political transparency
- Wrote press releases on the results of agency audits

NYU Medieval and Renaissance Center

Office Assistant, Feb. – May 2007

- Assisted with Medieval and Renaissance Studies Department

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Mnini Cooperative (www.mnini.org), Guadalajara, Mexico

Mar. – June 2008

- Helped establish artisan cooperative for Otomi indigenous women potato chip vendors
- Collected data on personal spending habits of the women, helped coordinate assistance from government agencies

Amistad Institute, Barrio Jesús, Costa Rica

Mar. 2007

- Developed after-school youth program
- Created strategy for business development for women's fair-trade artisan cooperative

ACTIVITIES

Oxfam America @ NYU, New York, NY

President, Sept. 2008- May 2009; Vice President, Sept. – Dec. 2007

- Led general meetings and campus-wide events
- Led educational events in conjunction with NYC Fair Trade Coalition

Tulane Law School summer program, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Assistant, July 2008

- Teaching assistant to Judge Yvette Kane for summer course on international women's rights

NYU Reynolds/Youth Venture Grant Team: Kilimanjaro Health and Education Fund

East Coast Regional Representative, Jan. 2008 - Present

- East Coast regional representative for fund for medical care and training in Tanzania.