

The Jérôme Lohez 9/11 Scholarship Foundation

*14th Annual Awards Reception,
Concert and Dinner*

May 1, 2019



*The National Arts Club
15 Gramercy Park South
New York, NY 10003*

Welcome



Dear M. le Consul Général adjoint, Distinguished Academics, Laureates and Friends,

It is a pleasure to welcome you tonight to the 14th Annual Concert and Awards Ceremony of the Jérôme Lohez 9/11 Scholarship Foundation and I thank all who have contributed to making this evening, and our work over these 14 years, possible.

The frontiers of culture do not, in fact, coincide with national boundaries. The latter divide people according to loyalties and customs, but not according to what makes them happy, what makes one a genuine human being. Technology has made it easy to cross national frontiers physically, but there has been no invention of new mental habits to enable people to relate to others who have different world views. For that to happen, we must encourage young people to travel, to study and to live in countries different from their own. When individuals look beyond their familiar surroundings, they discover that many strangers share their emotions and interests.

Our foundation's objective is to give students opportunities to find connections between what seems to have no connection, linking applied science with culture, people and places by fostering communications, encounters and exchanges.

Very warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jérôme Lohez". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Program & Menu

7:00

Francis Dubois
Master of Ceremonies

Welcoming Remarks
Ms. Dening Wu Lohez

A Study of Pears: Bartlett, Anjou & Bosc Salad

7:20

Scholarship Awards

Ms. Diana Wege

7:40

Filet Mignon with Wild Mushrooms
or
Miso-glazed Salmon on Bok Choy

8:00

Classic Piano Selections and French Chansons
Jeremy Ng

8:30

Closing Remarks

Chocolate Mousse Cake

About the Foundation

Founded in 2005, the Jérôme Lohez 9/11 Scholarship Foundation is the only charitable organization established after the 9/11 tragedy that is dedicated specifically to promoting cultural and educational exchange among the United States, France and China.

By providing scholarship awards to multinational students, enabling them to study in one another's homelands, the Foundation aims to shape the next generation of global citizens, along with a new class of international policy makers.

The Foundation also seeks to develop a pool of highly-trained multicultural business leaders to serve as innovators in global commerce.

of the International Advisory Council of China's sovereign wealth fund, China Investment Corporation or CIC, in 2009.

The Board

Dening Wu Lohez
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2019 Event Committee

Ellie Abdi, George Calhoun, Sharen Glennon,
Dening Lohez, Emily Wexler

The Scholarships

Jérôme Lohez 9/11 Foundation applicants are screened by the Foundation's executive board of internationally qualified professionals and academics.

The Foundation provides scholarships to students, regardless of their nationalities, who participate in dual-degree programs at universities that are associated with the Lohez 9/11 Foundation:

The Alliance Program at Columbia University — Columbia University / Sciences Po / École Polytechnique Palaiseau / Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

The Fudan School of Journalism (China) /Sciences Po Dual Degree Program on Global Communications and Media

The Fudan School of International Relations and Public Administration (China) /Sciences Po Dual Degree Program on Asia, Europe, Global Affairs

Stevens Institute of Technology / EPITA (Paris) Dual Degree Program on Information Systems, Business, Engineering.

The scholarship will be an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply.

All recipients are required to participate in the Ambassadors Program for one year.

Ms. Diana Wege

Founder, Board Chair, and Artist

WOVEN

We Oppose Violence Everywhere Now



“We Oppose Violence Everywhere Now” (WOVEN), is a nonprofit organization based out of New York City that aspires to end violence in our lifetime. Built on the belief that rejecting violence is not insurmountable, WOVEN is designed to serve as a platform for the world to collaborate and take action with innovative, new solutions for solving today’s issues of violence, as well as act as a vehicle for peaceful advocacy.

Diana’s work in conflict resolution began when she formed CrUSAdE in New Canaan, Connecticut in 1998. The foundation’s work on issues related to conflict resolution in public schools was taken seriously after the shootings at Columbine High School in 1999. The organization was then asked to create conflict resolution training programs across Connecticut.

In 2013, Diana created lithographs for advertisements in kiosks in New York City with the words, “REJECT VIOLENCE REJECT VIOLENCE REJECT VIOLENCE REJECT VIOLENCE.”

2019 Scholarship Recipients



Doïna Becker – Fudan University /Sciences Po



Pauline Deschryver –Columbia University/ Sciences Po



Vincent Wesselmann – Columbia University/Sciences Po



Annie Whitney – Columbia University/Sciences Po

About the Recipients

Doïna Becker is a Franco-Russian student currently studying at Fudan University as part of the dual master's degree with Sciences Po in Global Media and Communications. Following her undergraduate degree in English and Art History at the University of St Andrews, she worked in Spain as Assistant Product Manager for the brand Carolina Herrera, before taking a gap year to travel and discover Asia.

With a proclivity for stepping out of her comfort zone, studying in China is allowing her to be more daring in her creativity, as well as discover the communication etiquette and culture of a key market with a fascinating heritage.

Pauline Deschryver holds a dual master's degree from HEC Paris and Sciences Po in Business and Public Administration, which equipped her with advanced problem-solving analytics and an understanding of public and private interactions. She is a mission-driven woman, with a passion for the nexus between private sector mobilization and development outcomes to solve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Motivated by new challenges, she is now studying in the MPA Program in Development Practice of the School of International and Public Administration at Columbia University. Her curriculum focuses on infrastructure development and international economics. She is dedicated to solving today's world most pressing issues, with a focus on renewable energy and access to water in emerging countries.

Vinzent Wesselmann is a German-American student from Birmingham, Alabama in the Sciences Po – Columbia University Dual BA Program. Having done a gap year at the German School of Kuala Lumpur and studied Korean in Seoul as a National Language Initiative for Youth scholar, his passion

for history and international relations led him to study at Sciences Po's Europe-Asia Campus in Le Havre, France where he is currently finishing his second year. While his native languages are German and English, he is thankful for the ability to move towards professional working proficiency in French during his studies at Sciences Po.

Annie Whitney, a student in the Dual BA Program with Columbia University and Sciences Po, was recently admitted to the Junior Deferral Program (JDP) at Harvard Law School. This is the first year that students outside of Harvard College have been accepted into the program. The program allows students to apply during their junior year of college, and if admitted, defer enrollment at Harvard for a minimum of two years, allowing them to pursue other interests immediately after graduation. "Once I decided that wanted to go to law school, I knew that I did not want to go directly out of college. I was planning on spending at least a couple of years gaining work experience before applying, so I was excited to find a program like the JDP that afforded me the security of not having to go through the application process while working and the flexibility of taking time to gain some field experience before matriculation," Whitney said.

Whitney is now a senior in the Dual BA Program and will graduate this May with a degree in human rights. She is currently applying for a Fulbright Scholarship, and is considering AmeriCorps. "Take advantage of the graduate school support that GS offers—they're the ones with good advice—especially the Grad School Coaching Series run by Dean Tiffany Decker. It's all thanks to her that I was able to navigate the law school application process," Whitney said.

Musical Performance



Yi Da Jeremy Ng *Classical Piano and French Chansons*

Jeremy Ng is an Investment Associate at Bridgewater Associates. He was a Jérôme Lohez 9/11 scholarship recipient last year.

In addition, he is a gifted virtuoso musician, playing classical piano and extemporaneous compositions, as well as the traditional Chinese erhu.

“College, for me, served as a time to explore new interests,” reflects Jeremy. “Having studied politics and social sciences at Sciences Po, I decided to take a more quantitative approach to my studies at Columbia and am now majoring in information science.”

His desire to chart new waters also led Jeremy to undertake internships in France, China, Singapore, Tajikistan, the United Kingdom, and the United States, working in sectors such as finance and international development. As a result of his work experience, he developed a strong desire to leverage private capital to finance projects in the developing world, particularly in under-served areas such as Central Asia.

Academic Partners



Alliance Program – Columbia University



Columbia University – SIPA



Ecole Polytechnique



Fudan Shanghai University



Stevens Institute of Technology



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