



The Maddy Institute

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ANNOUNCING THE 2018 WONDERFUL PUBLIC SERVICE GRADUATE FELLOWS

*Program Recognizes Two Scholars for their Significant Achievements in
Public Administration and Regional Planning*

Fresno, CA (June 19th, 2018) – Now in its fourth year of investing in the next generation of San Joaquin Valley leaders, *The Wonderful Company* and *The Maddy Institute* announced the winners of the *2018 Wonderful Public Service Graduate Fellowship* today. These Fellowships are made possible by a generous gift totaling \$112,000 from Lynda and Stewart Resnick, co-owners of *The Wonderful Company*.

The *Wonderful Public Service Graduate Fellowship* provides financial assistance for Valley students to help them obtain an advanced degree from a top graduate program and then return to apply what they have learned to help make the San Joaquin Valley a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

The nominating process involved three levels of review. It began with *The Maddy Institute* seeking recommendations and accepting applications from universities, think tanks and honors programs throughout the United States. All applicants had to have achieved a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, been accepted into a graduate degree program in fields such as Public Policy, Public Affairs, Public Administration, Urban Planning, or an MBA program with a focus on public management for the Fall of 2018. Applicants were then required to participate in two panel interviews.

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For more information on the *Wonderful Public Service Graduate Fellowship* visit [here](#).

Introducing our 2018 Wonderful Public Service Graduate Fellows

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Jenna Chilingerian

Jenna is pursuing a Master's in Community and Regional Planning, with a specialization in Community Development and certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Oregon. Jenna received her B.A. in Political Science from University of California, Los Angeles in 2013, where she also minored in Civic Engagement.



In July 2014, Jenna chose to return to the San Joaquin Valley after working for a series of nonprofits in Cleveland and Washington, D.C. She served as Program Manager for the Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State for nearly three years where she managed the Community and Regional Planning Center, as well as the San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative.

In February 2017, Jenna joined the Downtown Fresno Partnership as a Program Manager to support economic development and community engagement within Fresno's central business district, while serving as the Executive Director of the organization's nonprofit entity, Downtown Fresno Foundation.

After graduate school, Jenna plans to return to the San Joaquin Valley to further her career in place-based community and economic development. She's particularly passionate about "place making" and "public space activation" and would like to do her part in facilitating better public space, design, and use to promote greater economic development in Valley communities.



Antony V. López

Antony is pursuing a Master of Public Administration within the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California. He was born in the San Joaquin Central Valley and raised in both Avenal, CA, and Huejuquilla El Alto, Jalisco México. In 2014, he graduated from Georgetown University, majoring in Women's & Gender Studies while also completing a double minor in Portuguese and Psychology. During his time at Georgetown, Antony dedicated himself to serving the Latino community on campus, striving to foster unity and personal growth for fellow Hoyas.

In March 2017, Antony returned to Avenal to serve as the City's Associate Planner, overseeing the Avenal Technology & Training Center, where the City is spurring economic development through courses in web coding and entrepreneurship. Antony is also actively involved with the community as a Rotarian and as a Board Member of the Avenal Historical Society & Museum.

In the fall, he plans to attend the USC Price School of Public Policy to pursue a Master in Public Administration. Upon graduation, Antony plans to return to Avenal and apply what he has learned to help make Avenal a Valley leader in economic development and quality of life.

About The Maddy Institute

The Maddy Institute was established to engage, prepare and inspire the next generation of government leaders and civil servants. Activities primarily focus on Citizen Participation, Policy Analysis and Leadership Training. Our Leadership Training programs include an extensive government intern program for college students throughout the Valley, as well as the *Wonderful Public Service Graduate Fellowship*.

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The Wonderful Company's connection to consumers has health at its heart and giving back in its DNA. The company has a long-standing commitment to corporate social responsibility, including more than \$200 million invested in environmental technologies and sustainability research, \$45 million in charitable giving and education initiatives every year, \$80 million toward the construction of a new charter school campus in California's Central Valley, and innovative health and wellness programs, including two new, free primary care clinics for employees and their dependents.

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