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Melanie Moore, Rotary Peace Fellowship, District 7570

Melanie Moore of Roanoke, VA, has been select as a Peace Scholar by Rotary International. Each year, up to 100 Rotary World Peace Fellowships are offered on a competitive basis at six Rotary Centers, which operate in partnership with seven leading universities. Fellows can earn either a master's degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

This fall, Moore will enter into the International Christian University Rotary Peace program in Tokyo, Japan, to earn a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Peace Studies. She currently has a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from University of South Carolina.

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg sponsored Moore for this program. Moore's grandfather, the late Jim Moore, is a former Rotary President of that club.

Moore is originally from Roanoke, but has lived, studied, and worked in many other areas, both in the USA and abroad including South Carolina, California, Mexico, and Argentina. Since graduating, she has held a number of humanitarian positions. Moore is currently the Program Coordinator for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Southwest Virginia, a job she will relinquish when she departs for Japan in June.

About her fellowship, Moore comments, "It is a scholarship given by Rotary to applicants wishing to pursue Peace Studies in a Masters Degree program. There are six universities involved in the program; two in the USA and others in Argentina, Brazil, Japan, Australia, and England. The mandate is to practice what Rotary stands for; goodwill, community building, and international peace. The school I am attending was formed after World War II to promote good will between the United States and Japan. I want to intern in Uganda and help the child soldiers



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emerging from war to rehabilitate into society. After my studies, I hope to live abroad, have a family, and work in the trenches – the front lines – promoting peace and cooperation.”

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders who promote national and international cooperation and peace in their careers and throughout their lives. Rotary clubs participate in a broad range of cultural, educational, and service activities in their own communities and abroad to provide health care and medical supplies, clean water, food, job training, schooling, and youth outreach to millions of people in need. Rotary is one of the world’s largest humanitarian organizations, with over 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs in more than 2000 countries and geographical areas.

About Rotary: Rotary International is a global network of community volunteers united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The Rotary Club of Blacksburg (www.blacksburgrotary.org) began in 1978 and today consists of over 110 members who meet at noon on most Thursdays at the Blacksburg Country Club.

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