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### **Governor Honored by Wheaton College with Creation of Public Service Fellowship**

Governor Christie Whitman this evening was honored with the establishment of a fellowship at her alma mater, Wheaton College, for her long-term commitment to public service. The Governor also recognized its first recipient - Wheaton College sophomore Frederick Marks of Chelmsford, Mass.

"For a young person, an internship is one of the best ways to discover the enormous satisfaction and value of public service, said Gov. Whitman. "Many years ago, I had the honor of interning in the Washington office of U.S. Senator Clifford Case."

A political science major, Frederick Marks will begin his internship in the Governor's Office of Policy and Planning during his upcoming January winter break. His internship will run until over several vacation periods until Summer 2001.

"Over the years, internships have helped countless other young women and men make a personal commitment to public service. Many of the members of my staff in Trenton are former interns, and we always enjoy having interns work with us," the Governor said.

"The strength of our communities, our state, and our nation depends on the active involvement and interest of our citizenry," said Gov. Whitman. "When people allow their apathy to trump their interest, the entire body politic suffers. My experience has been that once students intern in politics or government, they will always maintain an interest in public service."

The Christine Todd Whitman Fellow in Public Service includes a \$5,000 stipend award and living allowance. It will allow a Wheaton College student interested in a career in public service to serve on her staff over a 15-month extended internship.

According to the Governor, Frederick Marks wrote in his application that this fellowship will enable him to enrich his "studies with both practical and hands-on learning situations." But added Gov. Whitman, "Wheaton College is also giving my administration the benefit of having a bright, talented Wheaton student in our midst. As I often tell my staff - and they always agree with me on this

point - you can really count on someone with a Wheaton education!"

