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## **Maureen Connelly selected as 2018 Dale Yasukawa Scholarship Winner**

June 1, 2018 – Charlotte, NC – OPAF & The First Clinics is pleased to announce that Maureen Connelly has been selected the winner of the 2018 Dale Yasukawa Scholarship. Maureen is expected to graduate from Northwestern University’s Master program in Prosthetics & Orthotics in March 2019. She holds a Bachelor of Science Engineering in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering) from the University of Notre Dame, where she graduated in May of 2014, Cum Laude. She has teaching and clinical and volunteer experience, both here and abroad.



“We are thrilled with the selection of Maureen Connelly as the 2018 scholarship winner. Maureen continues a long line of excellent candidates from NUPOC to focus on both education and clinical care” said OPAF Executive Director, Robin Burton.

Maureen will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship to further her education by attending a national, regional or local chapter or society meeting. Funds can also be used for education purposes.

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**About OPAF:** Serving as the philanthropic arm of the US orthotic and prosthetic community, the Orthotic & Prosthetic Activities Foundation (OPAF), develops, implements, partners and hosts adaptive recreational clinics for those with physical challenges. The First Clinics are recognized as leaders in adaptive recreation. Whether this is the first time a participant is trying an activity after illness, injury or episode or the first time they are ever trying, First Clinics offer top notch adaptive instruction specifically for them. Founded in 1995 to support the Paralympic Games in Atlanta, OPAF & The First Clinics have moved forward to offer introductory level adaptive recreation opportunities to everyone, not just the elite athlete. For more information on OPAF and The First Clinics, visit [www.opafonline.org](http://www.opafonline.org).