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Caitlyn Leiter-Mason is a junior at UMBC, studying gender and women's studies and political science. Much of Caitlyn's activities and leadership at UMBC occur at the intersection of these two academic interests – women's policy issues and political representation.

One of those policy issues is pay equity. As a first year student and member of Women Involved in Learning and Leadership, Caitlyn organized the annual pay equity bake sale which raised money for the Public Justice Center and inspired many conversations about pay inequities. The next year, Caitlyn organized a panel to follow the bake sale – bringing together lawyers, activists, and human resource officers to talk about pay equity issues. And as a junior, Caitlyn helped bring the \$mart \$tart Salary Negotiation program to UMBC to teach young women how to advocate for themselves in future employment.

For two years, Caitlyn served as President of the College Democrats, and in April 2012, she was elected from her home Congressional district to be a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Caitlyn has volunteered with numerous campaigns, and this past fall, she helped coordinate the marriage equality and DREAM Act activism at UMBC. She has also interned with Delegate Anne Kaiser of the Maryland General Assembly, the Women's Media Center in Washington D.C., and Heartly House, a domestic violence shelter in Frederick.

Additionally, Caitlyn has been active in student government, serving in the SGA's Office of Community and Government Affairs, as the chair of the 2012 SGA Election Board, and on the University System of Maryland Student Council.

Currently, Caitlyn is spending the semester abroad in Tunisia, where she is studying the country's political history and completing an independent study project on the experiences of young women with political activism before, during, and after the Jasmine Revolution.