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IDA Science Policy Fellow Named as 2019 Rhodes Scholar

ALEXANDRIA, VA (November 2018) – Katie Kowal, a science policy fellow at the Institute for Defense Analyses' (IDA's) Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI) was named one of 32 U.S. Rhodes Scholars.

"Katie's recognition as a Rhodes Scholar is an extraordinary honor, and we are so proud of her" said Mark Lewis, STPI Director. "Her success is a testament to the quality of young scholars we attract to our fellows program, as well as the richness of the experience they have at IDA."

Kowal was selected from a pool of 880 applicants nominated by their colleges and universities for their academic excellence, great personal energy, ambition for impact, and an ability to work with others and to achieve one's goals. She is one of 21 women in this year's class; the greatest number ever elected in an American Rhodes class. Kowal will commence her studies at Oxford in October 2019.

At IDA, Kowal has conducted research on federal policies associated with space weather and nuclear power. Her focus is on strengthening society's capacity to prepare for extreme weather and to develop a better understanding of the connection between extreme weather and climate.

Kowal earned her bachelor's degree in physics and political science from Lewis & Clark College in 2017.

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