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WYOMING STUDENTS SELECTED FOR UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

WINNERS GO TO WASHINGTON, D. C., RECEIVE \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP

CHEYENNE - Senators Michael B. Enzi and John Barrasso have announced the names of the two students who have been selected as delegates to the 53rd annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP), held March 7-14, 2015 in Washington, D.C.

Eben Cowger of Upton and Elizabeth Winnop of Sheridan were chosen from across the state to be part of the group of 104 student delegates who will attend the program's 53rd annual Washington Week.

Eben is a senior at Upton High School and serves as the Senior Class treasurer/secretary. He was a Boys State delegate and attended Close-Up. He is the vice president of both the Upton Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter and Upton National Honors Society chapter. He has received recognition in state FFA competitions along with the State Agriscience Fair where he made it to the national finals. Outside of school, Eben enjoys riding and maintaining dirt bikes. He plans to pursue a career in criminal justice, the military, or government.

Elizabeth is a senior at Sheridan High School, and has been involved in Student Council for the past three years. She has served as vice president, president, and class representative. She was a member of the *We the People* state championship team from Sheridan, and has participated in Wyoming Girls' State and the Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp. Elizabeth is also a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist. She rounds out her time with Honor Choir, Honor Society, volunteering, youth group, and church functions, working as a tour guide at the Brinton Museum, and competitive figure skating.

Chosen as alternates to the 2015 program were Alondra Grover, a resident of Pinedale, who attends Pinedale High School and Emily Teter, a resident of Wheatland, who attends Wheatland High School.

WDE Superintendent Jillian Balow congratulates the students and said they "represent the best and brightest Wyoming has to offer."

Each year this extremely competitive merit-based program brings 104 of the most outstanding high school students to Washington, D.C. for an intensive week-long study of the federal government and the people who lead it.

While in Washington the student delegates attend meetings and briefings with Senators, House Representatives and Congressional staff, the President, a Justice of the Supreme Court, leaders of cabinet agencies, an Ambassador to the United States and senior members of the national media.

In addition to the program week, The Hearst Foundations provides each student with a \$5,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in government, history, and public affairs.

For questions about your state's delegates, alternates, or selection process, please contact your state selection administrator, Ms. Stephanie Brady at stephanie.brady@wyo.gov or (307) 777-3793. For additional information, visit www.ussenateyouth.org.