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WYOMING STUDENTS SELECTED FOR UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

Students Headed to Washington, D. C. will Receive \$5,000 Scholarship

CHEYENNE - Senators Michael B. Enzi and John Barrasso today announced Dakota Frederick of Guernsey and Joseph Rubino of Laramie have been chosen as delegates to the 52nd annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) that will be held March 8 – 15, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

The chief educational officer in each state selects the delegates after nomination by teachers and principals. This year's delegates were designated by Richard Crandall, Director of the Wyoming Department of Education.

Each year this extremely competitive merit-based program brings 104 of the most outstanding high school students — two from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity — to Washington, D.C. for an intensive week-long study of the federal government and the people who lead it. The overall mission of the program is to help instill within each class of USSYP student delegates more profound knowledge of the American political process and a lifelong commitment to public service. In addition to the program week, The Hearst Foundations provide each of the 104 student delegates with a \$5,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in government, history and public affairs. Transportation and all expenses for Washington Week are also provided by The Hearst Foundations and no government funds are utilized for the US Senate Youth Program.

Frederick is a senior at Guernsey-Sunrise High School and serves as her senior class president

and the Future Business Leaders of America Wyoming state president. Her extracurricular activities include Girls State, Girls Nation, International Spanish Club, band, National Honor Society and track and field. Outside of school, Dakota enjoys reading to residents at the local nursing home, participating in church activities, running, and spending time with family. After high school, Dakota plans on obtaining a degree in pre-medicine and language.

Rubino is a senior at Laramie High School and serves as the student body vice president and the Wyoming Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) state president. Rubino is involved in Nordic skiing, and is a Big Brother in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization. Outside of school, Joe enjoys fly-fishing, hunting, backpacking, skiing, and spending time with friends and family. After graduation, Joe plans to attend college and pursue a major in economics and criminal justice.

Chosen as alternates to the 2014 program were Stephin Littleshield, a resident of Kinnear, who attends Wind River High School and Stephen Wright, a resident of Green River, who attends Green River High School.

“Every year I am impressed by the caliber of students that we see,” said Stephanie Brady of the Wyoming Department of Education. “These juniors and seniors exemplify the hard work that happens across the state in Wyoming’s classrooms. The Senate Youth Program is a unique educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service and diplomacy.”

While in Washington the student delegates will attend meetings and briefings with senators and congressional staff, the President, a Justice of the Supreme Court, leaders of cabinet agencies, an Ambassador to the United States and top members of the national media. The students will also tour many of the national monuments and several museums and they will stay at the historic Mayflower Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C.

In addition to outstanding leadership abilities and a strong commitment to volunteer work, the student delegates rank academically in the top one percent of their states among high school juniors and seniors. Now more than 5,000 strong, alumni of the program continue to excel and develop impressive qualities that are often directed toward public service.

For questions about Wyoming’s delegates, alternates or selection process, contact Stephanie Brady at (307) 777-3793 or stephanie.brady@wyo.gov. For general information about the United States Senate Youth Program, please contact Program Director Rayne Guilford at 800-425-3632 or rguilford@hearstfdn.org. Also see www.ussenateyouth.org.