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SEVEN OUTSTANDING CAPITAL INTERNS NOMINATED FOR ROSENTHAL AWARD

Seven young men and women have been nominated by members of the Michigan Legislature and their staff to be considered for the 2014 Daniel Rosenthal Legislative Intern Award.

The nominees’ duties ranged from answering constituent letters to researching, analyzing and drafting legislation.

“They all call their work in the state Capitol inspiring,” said Douglas B. Roberts, director of Michigan State University’s Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR).

“The interns also call their work empowering, not to themselves, but to the constituents they help,” said Roberts.

IPPSR and MSU’s James Madison College co-sponsor the awards named for one of the first participants in MSU’s Legislative Student Intern Program. Rosenthal’s family supports the program in honor of Daniel, who died unexpectedly in 1977, a short time after his internship.

The Rosenthal award winner will be named April 10. A runner-up will receive the Ehlers Intern Award, established by former U.S. Rep. Vernon Ehlers of Michigan. Both awards carry a cash stipend.

Rosenthal nominees are:

- Joseph Brennan, of Howell, a political theory and constitutional democracy major. The MSU junior was nominated by the office of Rep. David Rutledge, D-Ypsilanti.

- Emily Bruinsma, of Grand Rapids, an economics and Spanish major, interning in the office of Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton. She is a senior at MSU.

- Allison Gilbert, of Grand Rapids, majoring in political theory and constitutional democracy. A freshman at MSU, her internship was in the office of Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township.
• Noelle Lufkin, of Houghton, whose internship was in the office of Rep. Marcia Hovey-Wright, D-Muskegon. She is a graduate student in social work at Grand Valley State University.

• Allisyn Mattice, of Bad Axe, earning bachelor’s degrees in economics and psychology at MSU. The senior was also nominated by Colbeck’s office.

• Keegan Nixon, of Howell, a graduate of Lansing Community College. His internship took him to the Republican House Policy Office.

• Christine Pattison, of Plymouth, was also nominated by Colbeck’s office. The MSU junior is majoring in political theory and constitutional democracy and professional writing.

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