MPLP Makes Strong Showing in Election 2014, Sets New Record

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Following weeks of knocking on doors, calling likely voters and getting out the Election 2014 vote, 11 MSU Michigan Political Leadership Program alumni will be taking seats in the state House and Senate.

Four MPLP graduates will be serving together in the Michigan Senate, a new record for alumni serving at one time in a single legislative chamber.

Seven MPLP graduates will serve together in the Michigan House after Tuesday’s midterm vote.

“MPLP’s record of public service is excellent,” said Douglas B. Roberts, Ph.D., director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research which houses the 10-month Michigan State University program. “We extend our congratulations to each and every candidate who took the risk to run for public office and the families and communities who extended their tireless support.”

Of the MPLP alumni elected to the 98th Michigan Legislature, four are Democrats and seven are Republicans.

“Some of the races involving MPLP alums weren’t decided until well into the next morning,” said MPLP Co-Director Anne Mervenne. She is chief executive office of governmental relations consulting firm Mervenne & Company and former executive in the administration of Gov. John Engler.

“In one case, less than a hundred votes separated the two candidates,” she said.

MPLP is one of the nation’s premier training programs, offering 24 Fellows each year the opportunity for specialized training in personal leadership, policy analysis and good governing strategies. New Fellows are selected in late winter and begin their training in February. Applications are due each spring and available online. MPLP is bipartisan.

The complete list of MPLP alumni elected to the 98th Michigan Legislature can be found online. See a complete list of MPLP graduates serving in elective or appointed office.