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**Eight South Dakota students chosen for Washington internship opportunity**

PIERRE, S.D. – Eight students from South Dakota institutions will pursue internships this summer in the nation’s capital under a pilot program established in 2006 by Gov. Mike Rounds.

The Governor’s Washington Internship Pilot Program provides financial support for students to pursue internships based on their academic work and career plans. The internships are arranged by the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars ([www.twc.edu](http://www.twc.edu)).

“The Washington Internship Pilot Program offers outstanding students an opportunity to gain professional experience in Washington D.C. for academic credit,” said Gov. Rounds. “Internships such as these provide students with excellent background for further learning and will help students when they seek employment or admission to graduate or professional school.”

The students chosen for the Washington internship program are:

- **Clayton Grueb**, Rapid City, a political science major at **Black Hills State University**
- **Scarlett Hahn**, Brandon, a marketing & management major at **Dakota State University**
- **Elizabeth Harvey**, Brookings, a global studies and Spanish major at **South Dakota State University**
- **Whitney Stockwell**, Parker, a global studies major at **South Dakota State University**
- **Joe Svec**, Vermillion, a political science and history major at the **University of South Dakota**
- **Laura Hibma**, Worthington, Minn., a government/international affairs and Spanish major at **Augustana College**

- **Angela Shubert**, Crookston, Minn., a journalism and government/International Affairs major at **Augustana College**
- **Kathleen Painter**, Montrose, a history major at the **University of Sioux Falls**

Each student will receive a \$5,475 award to cover the Washington Center program fee. The students are responsible for all tuition and fees paid for credit earned during the internship, for living costs and for travel to and from Washington.

Students were nominated by their college or university, which agreed to award academic credit for the internship experience. The students chosen agreed to return to South Dakota for at least one semester of full-time enrollment or one year of employment after the internship ends.