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Wisconsin Senate Scholars

Each year, high school juniors and seniors come to Madison for a week-long intensive educational program called the Wisconsin Senate Scholar Program. This year, my first year as a State Senator, I welcomed three students from the 14th Senate District; Logan Janssen and Henry Fries of Waupaca High School and Adam Huff of Wisconsin Dells High School.

Admission to this program is highly competitive and is limited to 33 exceptional high school students from across Wisconsin. Attendees engage in committee hearings, serve on the Senate floor, draft policy and learn about constituent communications. They are also given the opportunity to listen to seminars from lobbyists, reporters, staff from all three branches of government and professors and students from the Robert M. LaFollette School of Public Affairs at UW-Madison. My own staff has been able to serve on these panels to talk about their experience working in state government and help evaluate their mock legislative hearing.

Logan, Henry and Adam had some time to sit down with me and talk about their aspirations, where they are planning to attend college and their experience in the program. I can say that each one of them is smart and enthusiastic, and I look forward to see what they do in the future.

Although their curriculum is rigorous, not all of their experiences are academic in nature. Students were also able to explore UW-Madison, go to sporting and cultural events, movies and dine at local restaurants.

The application for the 2023 Senate Scholar Program will be available soon. Eligibility and application materials can be found at legis.wisconsin.gov/ssgt/senatescholar. Please feel free to reach out to my office if you have any questions and encourage your children, students and neighbors to apply.

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