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Senator Wanggaard Seeking Applicants for Senate Scholar Program High School Students Eligible for Week-Long Look into Legislative Process

MADISON - Senator Van Wanggaard is seeking Racine and Kenosha County high school students for the 2017 annual Senate Scholar Program. The Senate Scholar Program is an intensive, week long educational program offered by the Wisconsin State Senate, teaching high school juniors and seniors about the legislative process.

“This program is an excellent opportunity for students that are interested in the legislative process,” Wanggaard said. “It provides an overview and inside look at different careers and educational paths that are open to students they may not have otherwise known about.”

Senate Scholars engage in mock legislative activities, bill and amendment drafting, policy analysis, fiscal analysis, constituent communications, and lobbying. On the final day, Senate Scholars hold a mock legislative hearing where the Senate Scholars provide and obtain testimony, and then hold an executive session to vote a bill out of committee. Senate Scholars will also have the opportunity to work with and be advised by State Senators, The Wisconsin Supreme Court, legislative staff, lobbyists and University of Wisconsin faculty.

The Senate Scholar Program is open to Wisconsin high school juniors and seniors ages 16-18, as well as individuals who are homeschooled. Each Senate Scholar applicant should have outstanding academic qualifications and experiences that demonstrate an ability to perform tasks with a high degree of responsibility.

“I would encourage all students to apply to this program. Programs like the Senate Scholar Program are necessary to introduce students to the legislative process, as well as establish a relationship between the students and legislators and legislative staff,” said Wanggaard. “In fact, one of my current staffers started as a Senate Scholar.”

If you or a student that you know is interested in applying to be a Senate Scholar, please visit the Senate Scholar Program website to download an application: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/ssgt/senatescholar>. All application materials must be received by January 16, 2017. Applicants will be notified of their admission status by February 3, 2017.

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