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INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT	STUDENT PICS	STUDENT BIOS
<p><b>MICHIGAN STATE POLICE</b></p>		<p><b>HARWAN ALAATRE</b> is a senior studying Public Policy at Michigan State University. Harwan has previously worked for the Coldwater Police Department and currently works for the Michigan State Police. His interests lie in the political and administrative policy process, federal-state dynamics, as well as state and local government operations. After graduation, Harwan plans to pursue a Master in Public Administration and J.D. with a law concentration in administrative law.</p>
<p><b>JUDGE ROSEMARIE AQUILINA (MI 30<sup>th</sup> CIRCUIT COURT)</b></p>		<p><b>REBECCA ALIOTTA</b> is a junior studying Political Science with a minor in Law, Justice and Public Policy. She is from Washington, Michigan. She has previously interned with the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office in the Summer of 2022. Rebecca is a foster volunteer with the Capital Area Humane Society, giving a temporary home and administering medication to animals in need. She also volunteers with her family during the holiday season in helping her community make the holidays special for all. Rebecca is interested in pursuing law school after she completes her undergrad degree. She also enjoys exercising, baking and reading.</p>
<p><b>JUDGE ROSEMARIE AQUILINA (MI 30<sup>th</sup> CIRCUIT COURT)</b></p>		<p><b>HANNAH ANTON</b> is a junior majoring in Political Science Pre-Law at Michigan State University. She is from Wixom, Michigan, and is proud to be so close to her Chaldean roots. She enjoys working out and being with her family. Hannah is a frequent volunteer with her high school volleyball team and enjoys helping out within her community. For the past two summers, she has interned with Guardian Medical Monitoring. Hannah is interested in seeing the government in action firsthand and hopes to work within it someday in the future.</p>
<p><b>MI STATE REP. TULLIO LIBERATI</b></p>		<p><b>LIZ ARMSTRONG</b> is a junior at Michigan State University and is studying Political Science and minoring in Law, Justice, and Public Policy. From Harbor Springs Michigan, Liz has frequently volunteered at Challenge Mountain working with people with disabilities. Previously, she worked as a teaching assistant for Dr. Hussain and led tutoring sessions for students. Liz is interested in environmental protection and climate change action to safeguard our future. She aspires to be an elected official one day and enjoys singing and helping others. Liz received one of the coveted MGSP Scholarships for Spring 2023.</p>





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<p><b>MI GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER</b></p>		<p><b>AVERY COOK</b> is a junior studying Political Science and Law, Justice &amp; Public Policy at Michigan State University. Avery frequently volunteers in her community through church-organized charities and has previously worked as a political campaign intern in Ohio. Avery recently accepted a position as a Legislative Affairs intern for Governor Whitmer to learn more about policymaking and advocate for her passions such as accessible healthcare, education, and state government operations.</p>
<p><b>JUDGE ROSEMARIE AQUILINA (MI 30<sup>th</sup> CIRCUIT COURT)</b></p>		<p><b>HANNAH HALL</b> is a Pre-Law junior studying History and Political Science at Michigan State University. She is from Annapolis, Maryland and previously interned for the Maryland Judiciary last summer. Hannah is a frequent volunteer for the MSU Center for Survivors of Sexual Assault and Gender-Based Violence and a Students Rights Advocate for ASMSU. Hannah is interested in pursuing a law degree to advocate for folks of all backgrounds and create a more equitable community for all. She is also a skilled opera singer and enjoys baking pastries in her free time. Hannah received one of the coveted MGSP Scholarships for Spring 2023.</p>
<p><b>MI STATE REP. TULLIO LIBERATI</b></p>		<p><b>JADE KOEHN</b> is a senior majoring in Political Science-Prelaw and minoring in Women and Gender Studies. She grew up in Iowa but moved to Eaton Rapids, Michigan in 2015 before her Freshman year of High School. She is currently a research assistant and has been dedicated to academics since she was in high school during her Early College career. Jade has also previously dedicated time to her community by canvassing for Clean Water Action. She eventually wants to obtain her PhD in Political Science and make politics more accessible to everyone to create an environment that promotes inclusion and acceptance. Jade enjoys reading novels and baking in her free time.</p>
<p><b>MI COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE MICHELLE RICK</b></p>		<p><b>DAVID KOSTER</b> is a junior studying political science-prelaw and economics at MSU. He is a member of the Honors College, a Social Science Scholar, and an Econ Scholar. He is from Wichita, Kansas, but spent five years living overseas in Singapore. He is an active member of the Michigan State University Intercollegiate Competitive Debate team, part of Kappa Alpha Pi prelaw fraternity, and involved with a Christian group on campus. He has previously interned with the New York-based, non-profit law firm The Good Counsel and the Borgen Project, a nationwide lobbying group focused on ending global poverty. He aims to become an antitrust lawyer and hopes to end his career as Supreme Court Justice. In his free time, he enjoys reading, soccer, and being outside.</p>
<p><b>MI STATE SENATOR SYLVIA SANTANA</b></p>		<p><b>JOLIE LAWRENCE</b> is a senior studying Political Science Pre-Law at Michigan State University. She has previously worked for Senator Sam Singh. She is very interested in policy issues such as climate change, capitol punishment, and women's rights. Jolie is also a part of MSU's student cohort for the Women's Leadership Institute. Once she graduates, she plans to attend law school so she can serve and fight for her community.</p>





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<p><b>LANSING CITY CLERK OFFICE</b></p>		<p><b>GRIFIN LEE</b> is a junior studying Public Policy with a Pre-Law Minor. He is from Oxford, Michigan, and very involved in his community. He has previously volunteered for "March is reading month" for preschoolers, and "Oxford Gives Back." Griffin is passionate about gun laws and making education more accessible to all. In the future, he plans on attending law school and working as a staff assistant or lobbyist. In his free time, Griffin enjoys gardening and golfing with family and friends.</p>
<p><b>CLEAN WATER ACTION</b></p>		<p><b>VERA LOVE</b> is a third year Michigan State University undergrad majoring in Political Science and History and minoring in Cognitive Science and Creative Writing. She is originally from Traverse City, Michigan, where she joined the local political group Grand Traverse Democrats and canvassed local communities to encourage voting. Currently, Vera volunteers with Cat Constellation Cafe and has canvassed for Elissa Slotkin's campaign. Vera is interested in going to law school so she can support fellow queer people in legal matters. She enjoys writing, playing music, and hanging with her lovely rats, Pumpkin, Curd, and Tart.</p>
<p><b>LANSING MAYOR ANDY SCHOR</b></p>		<p><b>SYDNEY MACNAUGHTON</b> is a junior at Michigan State University studying Public Policy and Journalism. She enjoys being involved in the community and advocating for equality through participating in Women*s Council and the Council of Progressive Students. Additionally, she reports for the Red Cedar Log on organizations and events around campus. She likes to meet new people and learn about current events. In the future, Sydney hopes to run for office in order to make positive change.</p>
<p><b>S.A.F.E. PLACE SHELTER</b></p>		<p><b>MARISSA MANDERNACH</b> is a senior studying Political Science with a minor in Law, Justice, and Public Policy. She interned at a criminal defense firm this past summer and it opened her eyes to the different aspects of the criminal justice system. Her passions include advocacy, wrongful convictions, and general analysis of the law. She is excited to work on a different side of the criminal justice system this semester, as a court legal advocate for domestic violence victims. She is from metro Detroit and enjoys listening to music and podcasts in her free time.</p>
<p><b>MI STATE REP. JOHN FITZGERALD</b></p>		<p><b>CLARISSA MATA</b> is a senior studying political science at Michigan State University. She is a proud first-generation student and queer Latina from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Clarissa has previously worked with Congresswoman Hillary Scholten and the Michigan Democratic Party. She is looking forward to being an intern for State Representative John Fitzgerald, who represents the 83<sup>rd</sup> district, near her hometown. Clarissa is passionate about the climate crisis, healthcare, and human rights. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, traveling, and spending time with her family.</p>

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<p><b>MI SENATE MINORITY LEADER ARIC NESBITT</b></p>		<p><b>MARISSA PIERCE</b> is a junior studying political science pre-law with minors in organizational leadership and public law, policy, and justice. She is interning for Senate Minority Leader Aric Nesbitt this semester. Marissa plans to attend law school with intentions of specializing in health care law or constitutional law. She aspires to work in Washington D.C. Marissa is a member of the Spartan Marching Band where she is one of the Feature Twirlers, and she is also a member of Delta Gamma where she holds multiple leadership positions for her MSU Chapter within the Executive Offices. She is extremely honored and excited to be apart of the Michigan Government Semester Program.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASSOCIATES</b></p>		<p><b>BRIDGET SAROLI</b> is a senior majoring in political science with a minor in international development. She is a Michigan native from Macomb Michigan. Bridget has previously interned for MSU Career Center and MSU Advancement. She has also studied abroad in Rome at the American University of Rome. Bridget is interested in social policies and also cannabis policies. She hopes to move to Washington D.C. after she graduates. She also enjoys cooking and painting.</p>
<p><b>BOYER LAW &amp; ADVOCACY, PLLC</b></p>		<p><b>CARL (CJ) SCHUMACHER</b> is a junior studying Political Science - Pre Law and minoring in Law, Justice, and Public Policy. He has lived in Dallas, Texas prior to attending Michigan State University. CJ is currently the communications director for the Michigan State University Pre Law-Society. CJ aspires to go to law school and practicing law in the future. He enjoys to cooking and traveling in his spare time.</p>
<p><b>U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN ELISSA SLOTKIN (MI-7)</b></p>		<p><b>MEGAN SMEJKAL</b> is a junior studying Political Science, Economics, and History at Michigan State University. She sits on the executive boards of the following diverse student organizations: the Asian Pacific American Student Organization, Professional Asian Student Association, Women's Leadership Institute Student Cohort, and Women and Minorities in Economics. Megan has previously interned with Ingham County Commissioner candidate Graham Diedrich and Michigan State Senate candidate Kelsey Heck Wood. She is passionate about advocating for marginalized groups and hopes to become a U.S. senator that passes legislation addressing income inequality and discrimination. Megan enjoys arranging and composing music.</p>

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<p><b>KELLEY-CAWTHORNE</b></p>		<p><b>DYLAN SNYDER</b> is a junior studying Political Science-Prelaw at Michigan State University. He has a passion for music and guitar and is also a founding member of Michigan State's Casual Music Club. Dylan is from Canton, Michigan. He hopes to peruse a career in either law, lobbying, or public service in the future and is currently interning at Kelley-Cawthorne, a premier lobbying firm, in Lansing.</p>
<p><b>CAPITOL AFFAIRS, INC.</b></p>		<p><b>NICK WIECHEC</b> is a sophomore Political Science major at Michigan State University. He has been interested in government ever since he visited Washington D.C during his high school junior year and walked the halls of Congress. While he has never worked in government before he knows the horrors of working in retail. Nick is unsure of what he wants to do with his degree but is interested in healthcare policy. He also loves animals and anything outside.</p>
<p><b>AUGUSTIN LAW OFFICES, PLLC</b></p>		<p><b>DAIAH WILLIAMS</b> is a junior at Michigan State University pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with Minors in Law, Justice, and Public Policy and Sociology. Daiah is passionate about helping others with aspirations of becoming a lawyer. This semester Daiah will be a legal intern at Augustin Law Offices assisting clients in the fields of Elder Law, Family Law, Probate Law, and Estate Planning. Daiah is an active student on campus serving as the Historian of African American Celebratory and Secretary of Sociology Club. Daiah will also be joining the Legal Internship Semester Program this Spring in order to cultivate her knowledge on government and law. She enjoys cooking, crocheting, and reading.</p>
<p><b>MI SENATOR MARK HUIZENGA</b></p>		<p><b>SPENCER WOODRUFF</b> is a senior studying Political Science with a minor in Law, Justice, and Public Policy. Spencer is from Grand Rapids, Michigan and attended Grandville High School. He previously interned for Okemos Legal Group in the Lansing area and is a board member of Kappa Alpha Pi Pre-Law Fraternity. Spencer plans on attending law school in the future and aiding the West Michigan community he grew up in.</p>