



Sen. Rupp Announces Senate Approval of Gubernatorial Appointments

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Scott T. Rupp, R-Wentzville, today announced that the Senate Gubernatorial Appointments Committee and the full Senate have approved the nominations of two St. Charles residents: Robert Kocher to the Elevator Safety Board and Ryan Sanders to the University of Central Missouri's Board of Governors.

Kocher, a longtime manager and account executive with the Otis Elevator Company in St. Louis, joins the 11-member Elevator Safety Board, which develops and interprets elevator statutes and certifies elevator inspectors. He is a graduate of the University of Dayton with a bachelor's degree in technology and is the current president of the St. Louis Rotary Club.

"Robert Kocher brings 37 years of professional experience and will be a great addition to the Elevator Safety Board," Sen. Rupp said.

Sanders, a 2006 graduate of Francis Howell High School in St. Charles, is a UCM junior pursuing a degree in aviation technology with an emphasis in flight operations management. He is currently a student ambassador in the admissions department and also serves the aviation department of the university's Max B. Swisher Skyhaven Airport.

In addition, Sanders is the recipient of the Saint Charles County Youth Salute Silver Star of the Year Award and represented the state of Missouri at the National Council on Youth Leadership in Washington, D.C. He also served as the president of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council for the city of O'Fallon and is currently holding an internship at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield.

"Ryan Sanders is a remarkable young man who will be a valuable student representative to the University of Central Missouri's Board of Governors," Sen. Rupp said. "I am proud of his academic and civic achievements and know he will represent his fellow students well."

Sanders will serve in the non-voting position through Dec. 31, 2009.

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Sen. Rupp with Robert Kocher, left, and Ryan Sanders, right, during the Senate Gubernatorial hearing.



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