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The Stouffer Report: The Search Is on for Interns and Job Shadows

The start of a new legislative session brings lawmakers back to the Capitol to pass laws that are beneficial to the folks they serve. The beginning of the session also signifies a great opportunity for individuals to learn about the legislative process and have an opportunity to get an exclusive look at the inner workings of the Missouri General Assembly.

My office is now accepting applications for legislative interns and job shadows. These positions are responsible for writing press releases, handling constituent concerns, assisting with drafting legislation, and performing other various duties that will help my office run more effectively for the citizens of the 21st Senatorial District.

I'm looking for individuals who will be a strong supplement to my already hard-working team. In fact, we will be short one person during the first half of the legislative session, as Heidi Kolkmeyer is expecting her first child in January. Our interns and job shadows must be able to mesh with our office and offer valuable judgment regarding issues that affect our constituents.

For young folks interested in some of the issues we debate in the Senate, such as agriculture, personal property rights, business development, or transportation, there is no better way to learn the ins and outs of these very important subjects. If you have an opinion or a passion about any issue, we want you on our team. We know a thing or two about opinions.

Past interns have gained valuable experience in our Capitol office and have included Whitney Wallace, Clinton; Kelly Brandt, Concordia; Shana Atkinson, Glasgow; Chris Cain, Carrollton; Kyle Fowler, Richmond;

Lindsey Grotjan, Keytesville; Sarah Jackson, New Cambria; Joey Hoflander, Higginsville; Sarah Lewis, Marshall; Michael Maxwell, Excelsior Springs; Jessica McCormick, Higginsville; Whitney Miller, Richmond; Allison Staples, Sweet Springs; Madelynn Thomas, Richmond; Clayton Thompson, Richmond; and Nathan White, Norborne.

Typically, interns work during their winter semester in exchange for credit hours through their university. A link is available on my Senate website for high school and college students to apply for an intern or job shadow position. A full time internship requires more than 30 hours a week versus a part time internship, which requires fewer than 30 hours a week. A job shadowing experience, which is available to high school students, requires one week or less.

In the past, I have had students come to work for my office who have had a wide variety of backgrounds — from students studying agriculture to political science majors. If you or someone you know is interested in seeing first-hand how your state government works, please visit www.senate.mo.gov/stouffer and apply online.

Senator Stouffer serves the counties of Carroll, Chariton, Cooper, Howard, Lafayette, Macon, Ray, Saline, and a part of Clay.

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