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Legislative Interns Join Sen. Pearce's Capitol Staff

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) has three interns in his Jefferson City office for the spring legislative session to assist his staff with various legislative, communications and administrative assignments.

“We are thrilled to have three enthusiastic interns this session, all with connections to the 31st District,” Sen. Pearce said. “The legislative internship program provides a great opportunity for students to gain an inside look at state government and the political process, and can be an invaluable experience for them.”

Cody Sumter of Warrensburg, a full-time intern, is the son of George and Beverly Sumter. He is a senior Computer Science major at Truman State University, and will be graduating in May 2010. Sumter serves as the Student Representative to Truman State University's Board of Governors, chaired the campus Technology Committee, is a member of both the Presidential Search Committee and Honorary Degrees Committee, and has been published twice for work on asteroid observational analysis and variable star research. He plans to pursue a graduate degree in science and technology policy.

Laine Shay of Clinton, a participant in the University of Central Missouri's internship program, is the son of Patrick and Jaylene Shay. Currently, he serves as a part-time intern. Shay is a Political Science major and Business Administration minor. He will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in May 2010 from UCM. After he graduates, he plans on furthering his education and pursuing a higher degree.

Enola-Riann White of Knob Noster, a part-time intern, is the daughter of Leroy and Rita White. She is a graduate student at the Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri in Columbia. White will graduate with a master's degree in Public Affairs, with a non-profit management specialization, in August 2010. She earned her undergraduate degree at MU in Interdisciplinary Studies with minors in Political Science and Music History. A member of the Association of Masters of Public Affairs Students (AMPAS), White serves as a Graduate Student Association Representative (GSA), chairs the Professional Development Committee and has served on various GSA committees. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a career in advocacy for fine arts education programs.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for a legislative internship with Sen. Pearce, go to www.senate.mo.gov/pearce and click on “Apply to be an Intern” under “Constituent Services” to fill out an application.



Pictured from left to right is Enola-Riann White of Knob Noster, Sen. David Pearce, Cody Sumter of Warrensburg, and Laine Shay of Clinton.

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