MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO ANNOUNCES FULBRIGHT FINALIST FOR THE 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

March 20, 2017 — The Office of University Fellowships at Minnesota State University, Mankato is pleased to announce that Megan Sandberg (Environmental Science, ’17) has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program English Teaching Assistantship in Ecuador for the 2017-2018 academic year from the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Megan is one of over 1,900 U.S. citizens who will teach, conduct research, and provide expertise abroad for the 2017-2018 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement as well as record of service and demonstrated leadership in their respective fields.

In addition to her English Teaching Assistantship, Megan hopes to combine her passions for culture, language, and medicine by volunteering in a local public health setting. After completing her Fulbright, she hopes to earn a Master’s degree in public health and a Medical Doctorate. “With my formal education and the Fulbright experience, I hope to practice medicine in underserved communities and create public health policy. My experience interacting with and learning from a different culture will provide a solid foundation for my interactions with patients of diverse backgrounds,” said Megan.

“We are very excited that Megan has been chosen for this prestigious opportunity. She represents the best that Minnesota State University, Mankato has to offer and we know she will represent our institution and the United States of America extremely well during her time abroad,” said Ginny Walters, University Fellowship Coordinator and Fulbright Program Advisor.
The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is administered at Minnesota State University, Mankato through the Office of University Fellowships. For more information about the Office of University Fellowships, please visit http://www.mnsu.edu/fellowships.

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 370,000 participants—chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential — with the opportunity to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Over 1,900 U.S. students, artists and young professionals in more than 100 different fields of study are offered Fulbright Program grants to study, teach English, and conduct research annually. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program operates in over 140 countries throughout the world. Lists of Fulbright recipients are available at: www.fulbrightonline.org/us.

The Fulbright Program is funded through an annual appropriation made by the United States Congress to the Department of State. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations, and foundations in foreign countries and in the United States also provide direct and indirect support.

In the United States, the Institute of International Education administers and coordinates the activities relevant to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program on behalf of the Department of State, including conducting an annual competition for the scholarships.

The Fulbright Program also awards grants to U.S. scholars, teachers and faculty to conduct research and teach overseas. In addition, some 4,000 new foreign Fulbright students and scholars come to the United States annually to study for graduate degrees, conduct research and teach foreign languages.

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