Minnesota State Mankato Junior Awarded HCCS Student Congress

Minnesota State junior Mara Soupir (History/Anthropology, ’18) was recently awarded a position in the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship Student Congress. Mara will spend a week this June in Lexington, Kentucky with fifty other college students, deepening her skills of public dialogue and leadership.

The Student Congress gather students together with lawmakers, academics, journalists, and business leaders to discuss the importance of applying the art of compromise in every aspect of their activities. Carefully-chosen guest speakers engage with the students throughout the week. Curriculum is designed by the University of Kentucky Martin School of Public Policy and Administration and by Dr. Michael Cairo and his team at Transylvania University, and capped off with a debate in the Old State Capitol.

Mara applied for the HCCS Congress because of the institution's focus on compromise in policymaking. This is something she thinks is not only essential to developing her personal political philosophy, but also for helping better prepare her for work with her Anthropology and History degrees.

Last fall, Mara worked as an intern with the MNSU History Department and the Mankato YWCA on a project that recorded the oral histories of past Women of Distinction and Leaderdinner honorees. She also worked as an AVID tutor in Fall 2016 at Mankato East High School as well as a History Day Tutor since November. She is working on an undergraduate research project with Dr. Schalge, and volunteers at the Blue Earth County Historical Society.

Mara utilized resources in the Office of University Fellowships in her pursuit of this award.

For more information on the Office of University Fellowships at Minnesota State Mankato, see www.mnsu.edu/fellowships.

For more information on the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship Student Congress, see http://www.henryclaycenter.org/site/studentcongress/.