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Minnesota State Mankato First-Year Awarded Public Policy & International Affairs Program

Minnesota State first-year Sophia Hoiseth (Political Science & Women and Gender Studies, ‘21) was recently invited to participate in a Public Policy & International Affairs (PPIA) Public Service Weekend at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. The conference is titled “Activism and Resilience: Addressing Grand Challenges through Public Policy”. Only twenty-five students were selected to participate from an applicant pool from around the country; quite a commendable achievement for a first-year student.

PPIA’s mission and overall focus is to increase the participation and inclusion of traditionally underrepresented groups at the highest level of public sector leadership. NASPAA, the membership association of graduate programs in public administration, public policy, and public affairs, supports these goals and shares PPIA’s vision in creating a new generation of diverse students to enter graduate programs and pursue careers in public service. PPIA implemented the Public Service Weekends in 2017 to introduce more students to the broad range of opportunities available in the field of public service.

Hoiseth said she “chose to apply because it seemed like a great opportunity to learn about how to use public policy to advocate for human rights.” She is the founding president of For Girls’ Education (ForGE), which aims to fundraise and advocate for the education of girls.

Hoiseth 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.

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